



# Solutions Partner Benefits Guide

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The information in this document is intended to help partners understand the updated benefits for Solutions Partner designations. Note that eligible Solutions Partners who renew a legacy competency by September 30, 2022, may choose instead to retain their legacy competency benefits (by paying the aligned fee) as outlined in [Partner Center and the FAQ](#).

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Learn more about the Solutions Partner designations in [Partner Center](#) or [on the Microsoft partner website](#).

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# Benefits included with all Solutions Partner designations

Benefits included with all Solutions Partner designations, otherwise known as common benefits, are provided once irrespective of which Solutions Partner designation(s) are attained.

These benefits are generally provided at the same quantities as those for legacy gold competency partners. Details are subject to change.

## Marketing benefits (or 'go-to-market')

Name or description	Quantity
Partner Go-To-Market Toolbox	✓ *
How to Market with Microsoft Consultation	✓
Profile Optimization and Referral Management	✓
Digital Marketing Content OnDemand (DMC)	✓
Ready-to-Go Marketing Assets (Partner Marketing Center)	✓
Geo Expansion Readiness Assessment	✓

## Support and advisory benefits (formerly 'technical benefits')

Name or description	Quantity
Technical presales and deployment services (TP&D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisory hours to help plan, build and implement solutions</li><li>• Assistance with technical sales prep and deal enablement</li></ul>	50 hours Unlimited
Signature Cloud Support incidents	Unlimited
Microsoft Product Support (on-premise) incidents	20

\*Refer to the [Change log](#) item no. 1 for more details.

# Solutions Partner designation specific benefits (incremental)

Benefits which are specific to and depend on the designation(s) attained, otherwise known as incremental benefits, are additive (exceptions apply) to each other and to common benefits. In particular, product benefits (formerly 'Internal Use Rights', or 'IURs') are aligned to the Solutions Partner designations and to specialization and expert programs.

Product and offer terms and conditions apply. Details are subject to change.

## Incremental product benefit categories (with links)

### Solutions Partner designations

[Business Applications](#)

[Data & AI \(Azure\)](#)

[Digital & App Innovation \(Azure\)](#)

[Infrastructure \(Azure\)](#)

[Modern Work](#)

[Security](#)

Note: Solutions Partner product benefits for Data & AI, Digital & App Innovation, and Infrastructure (Azure) have a set of benefits which are 'core' across the three.

### Specializations and expert programs

[Azure](#)

[Business Applications](#)

[Modern Work](#)

[Security](#)

Notes: The classification of specializations and expert programs for the purposes of benefits provisioning is based on the specialization classification listed [here](#). Product benefits for specializations and expert programs are capped at a particular amount by category as set out in this document.

# Solutions Partner designation product benefits

## Business Applications product benefits

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise*</i>	Delayed*	
Dynamics 365 Business Central Premium	100	users
Dynamics 365 Customer Insights	1	tenant
Dynamics 365 Customer Service Enterprise	100	users
Dynamics 365 Finance	100	users
Dynamics 365 Human Resources	100	users
Dynamics 365 Marketing (Base Pack)	1	tenant
Dynamics 365 Project Operations	100	users
Dynamics 365 Sales Enterprise	100	users
Dynamics 365 Team Members	100	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Operations Application	25	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Operations Application Tier 2 Add on	1	tenant
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Sales, Field Service and Customer Service	25	users

\*Refer to the [Change log](#) item no. 2 for more details.

## Business Applications product benefits (continued)

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Sales Insights	5	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Marketing	1	tenant
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – eCommerce and Cloud Scale Unit	1	tenant
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Fraud Protection	1	tenant
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Guides	1	user
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Intelligent Order Management	1	tenant
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Human Resources	5	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Customer Service Digital Messaging	5	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Business Central	5	users
Microsoft 365 E3	100	users
Microsoft Project Online (Plan 5)	20	users
Power BI Premium	100	users
Visio Online (Plan 2)	5	users
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	25	users
Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise - per core (2019, or current)	16	licenses

\*Refer to the [Change log](#) item no. 2 for more details.

## Business Applications product benefits (continued)

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
System Center Client Management Suite (2022, or current)*	100	licenses
Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager (2019, or current) (formerly <i>System Center Configuration Manager Suite</i> )	100	licenses
System Center Endpoint Protection (2019, or current)	100	licenses
System Center Standard (2022, or current)*	32	licenses
Windows 11 IoT Enterprise	Not yet in market*	
Windows Server CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Datacenter (2022, or current)	32	licenses
Windows Server Remote Desktop Services (RDS) CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Standard (2022, or current)	100	licenses
Windows Storage Server Workgroup (2016)	2	licenses



\*Refer to the [Change log](#) items no. 3 and 6 for more details.



## Data & AI (Azure) product benefits

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise</i> *	Delayed*	
Azure Bulk Credits (Production)	\$6,000	per year
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	25	users
Products listed below are 'core' (granted once and not incremental) across only the Data & AI, Digital & App Innovation, and Infrastructure (Azure) Solutions Partner designations		
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Operations Application	25	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Sales, Field Service and Customer Service	25	users
Microsoft 365 E3	100	users
Microsoft Project Online (Plan 5)	20	users
Power BI Premium	100	users
Visio Online (Plan 2)	5	users
Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise - per core (2019, or current)	16	licenses
System Center Client Management Suite (2022, or current)*	100	licenses
Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager (2019, or current) <i>(formerly System Center Configuration Manager Suite)</i>	100	licenses
System Center Endpoint Protection (2019, or current)	100	licenses

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## Data & AI (Azure) product benefits (continued)

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
System Center Standard (2022, or current)*	32	licenses
Windows 11 IoT Enterprise	Not yet in market*	
Windows Server CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Datacenter (2022, or current)	32	licenses
Windows Server Remote Desktop Services (RDS) CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Standard (2022, or current)	100	licenses
Windows Storage Server Workgroup (2016)	2	licenses



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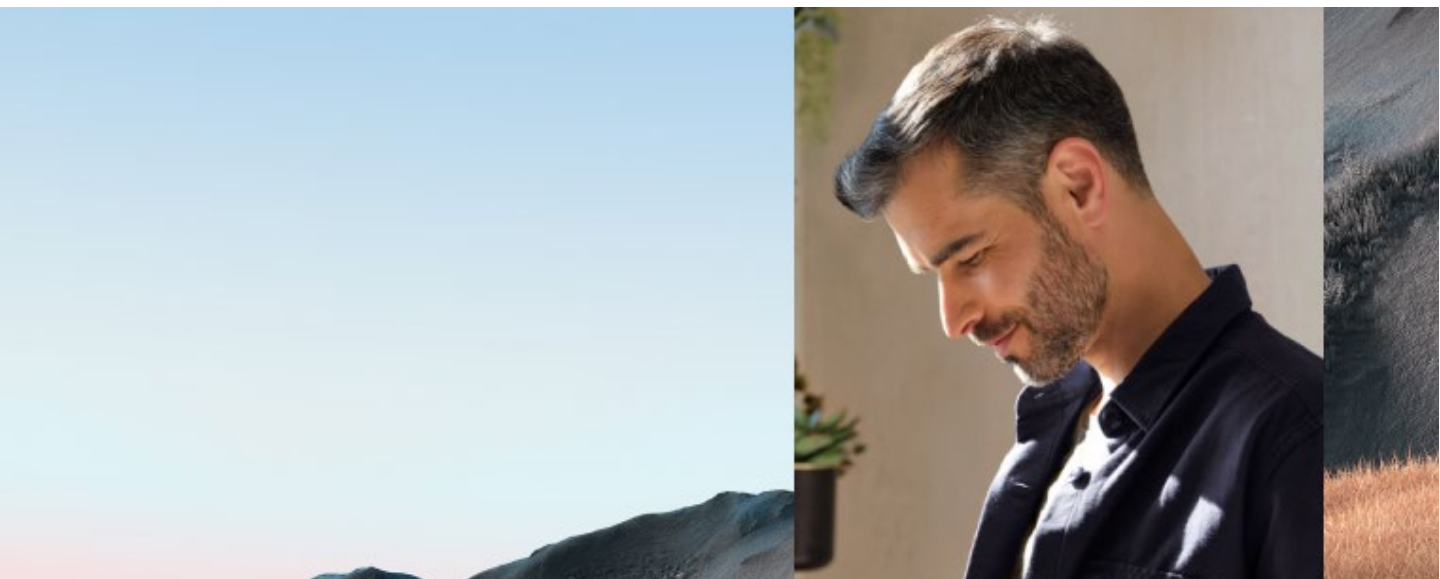
## Digital & App Innovation (Azure) product benefits

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise</i> *	Delayed*	
Azure Bulk Credits (Production)	\$6,000	per year
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	25	users
Products listed below are 'core' (granted once and not incremental) across only the Data & AI, Digital & App Innovation, and Infrastructure (Azure) Solutions Partner designations		
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Operations Application	25	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Sales, Field Service and Customer Service	25	users
Microsoft 365 E3	100	users
Microsoft Project Online (Plan 5)	20	users
Power BI Premium	100	users
Visio Online (Plan 2)	5	users
Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise - per core (2019, or current)	16	licenses
System Center Client Management Suite (2022, or current)*	100	licenses
Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager (2019, or current) <i>(formerly System Center Configuration Manager Suite)</i>	100	licenses
System Center Endpoint Protection (2019, or current)	100	licenses

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## Digital & App Innovation (Azure) product benefits (continued)

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
System Center Standard (2022, or current)*	32	licenses
Windows 11 IoT Enterprise	Not yet in market*	
Windows Server CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Datacenter (2022, or current)	32	licenses
Windows Server Remote Desktop Services (RDS) CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Standard (2022, or current)	100	licenses
Windows Storage Server Workgroup (2016)	2	licenses



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## Infrastructure (Azure) product benefits

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise</i> *	Delayed*	
Azure Bulk Credits (Production)	\$6,000	per year
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	25	users
Products listed below are 'core' (granted once and not incremental) across only the Data & AI, Digital & App Innovation, and Infrastructure (Azure) Solutions Partner designations		
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Operations Application	25	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Sales, Field Service and Customer Service	25	users
Microsoft 365 E3	100	users
Microsoft Project Online (Plan 5)	20	users
Power BI Premium	100	users
Visio Online (Plan 2)	5	users
Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise - per core (2019, or current)	16	licenses
System Center Client Management Suite (2022, or current)*	100	licenses
Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager (2019, or current) <i>(formerly System Center Configuration Manager Suite)</i>	100	licenses

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## Infrastructure (Azure) product benefits (continued)

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
System Center Endpoint Protection (2019, or current)	100	licenses
System Center Standard (2022, or current)*	32	licenses
Windows 11 IoT Enterprise	Not yet in market*	
Windows Server CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Datacenter (2022, or current)	32	licenses
Windows Server Remote Desktop Services (RDS) CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Standard (2022, or current)	100	licenses
Windows Storage Server Workgroup (2016)	2	licenses



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## Modern Work product benefits

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise</i> *	Delayed*	
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Operations Application	25	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Sales, Field Service and Customer Service	25	users
Microsoft 365 Business Premium	25	users
Microsoft 365 E5	200	users
Microsoft 365 EDU A5	25	users
Microsoft Project Online (Plan 5)	20	users
Visio Online (Plan 2)	5	users
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	25	users
Viva	50	users
Windows 365 Enterprise (Premium)	5	users
Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise - per core (2019, or current)	16	licenses
System Center Client Management Suite (2022, or current)*	100	licenses
Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager (2019, or current) <i>(formerly System Center Configuration Manager Suite)</i>	100	licenses
System Center Endpoint Protection (2019, or current)	100	licenses

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## Modern Work product benefits (continued)

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
System Center Standard (2022, or current)*	32	licenses
Windows 11 IoT Enterprise	Not yet in market*	
Windows Server CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Datacenter (2022, or current)	32	licenses
Windows Server Remote Desktop Services (RDS) CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Standard (2022, or current)	100	licenses
Windows Storage Server Workgroup (2016)	2	licenses



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## Security product benefits

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise</i> *	Delayed*	
Azure Bulk Credits (Production)	\$6,000	per year
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Operations Application	25	users
Dynamics 365 Partner Sandbox – Sales, Field Service and Customer Service	25	users
Microsoft 365 Business Premium	12	users
Microsoft 365 E5	100	users
Microsoft 365 EDU A5	12	users
Microsoft Project Online (Plan 5)	20	users
Visio Online (Plan 2)	5	users
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	25	users
Windows 365 Enterprise (Premium)	2	users
Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise - per core (2019, or current)	16	licenses
System Center Client Management Suite (2022, or current)*	100	licenses
Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager (2019, or current) <i>(formerly System Center Configuration Manager Suite)</i>	100	licenses
System Center Endpoint Protection (2019, or current)	100	licenses

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## Security product benefits (continued)

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
System Center Standard (2022, or current)*	32	licenses
Windows 11 IoT Enterprise	Not yet in market*	
Windows Server CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Datacenter (2022, or current)	32	licenses
Windows Server Remote Desktop Services (RDS) CALs (not edition-specific)	100	licenses
Windows Server Standard (2022, or current)	100	licenses
Windows Storage Server Workgroup (2016)	2	licenses



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# Specializations and expert programs product benefits

As part of the Solutions Partner benefits, if you have earned a specialization, you will receive incremental product benefits to help further accelerate your business. Incremental benefits for specialization and expert programs are only available with Solutions Partner benefits and can not be added to legacy benefits.

Each category of the specializations and expert programs (Azure, Business Applications, Modern Work and Security) has individual maximum cap amounts for benefits provisioning: the number of specializations or expert programs in that category which will be eligible for incremental product benefits. Refer to the table of [specializations and expert programs benefits categories](#) at the end of this section for the classification. The max cap amounts are outlined in the following tables. Details are subject to change.

Specialization and expert program benefits will be provided at the time of purchasing Solutions Partner benefits, or at the time of attainment through the remainder of the Solutions Partner membership year for additional specializations and expert programs attained (within the respective max cap amounts). Refer to the illustrative example for more details.

## Azure specialization and expert program product benefits

Max cap amount: 5 specializations or expert programs

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise</i> *	Delayed*	
Azure Bulk Credits (Production)	\$12,000	per year
GitHub Enterprise Cloud subscriptions (Note: Only provided for the DevOps with GitHub on Microsoft Azure specialization)	NA*	
Microsoft 365 E3	30	users
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	10	users

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## Business Applications specialization product benefits

Max cap amount: 1 specialization

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise</i> *	Delayed*	
Azure Bulk Credits (Production)	\$4,500	per year
Dynamics 365 Business Central Premium	25	users
Dynamics 365 Customer Service Enterprise	25	users
Dynamics 365 Finance	25	users
Dynamics 365 Human Resources	25	users
Dynamics 365 Marketing (Attach) (includes additional contacts and interactions)	1	tenant
Dynamics 365 Project Operations	25	users
Dynamics 365 Sales Enterprise	25	users
Dynamics 365 Team Members	25	users
Microsoft 365 E3	50	users
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	10	users

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## Modern Work specialization product benefits

Max cap amount: 3 specializations

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise</i> *	Delayed*	
Azure Bulk Credits (Production)	\$4,500	per year
Microsoft 365 E5	50	users
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	10	users
Viva	50	users

## Security specialization product benefits

Max cap amount: 3 specializations

Microsoft product name or description	Quantity	Type
Azure Bulk Credits (Dev/Test) – <i>delayed – in interim, dev/test credits are provided with Visual Studio Enterprise</i> *	Delayed*	
Azure Bulk Credits (Production)	\$9,000	per year
Microsoft 365 E5	50	users
Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions*	10	users

\*Refer to the [Change log](#) item no. 2 for more details.

## Specializations and expert programs benefits categories

The classification of specializations and expert programs for the purposes of benefits provisioning and capping is based on the current advanced specialization classification and includes the Azure Expert MSP program. For clarity, these classifications and the associated specializations and expert programs are listed below. Details are subject to change.

Category	Specialization or expert program name
Azure	Azure Expert MSP
	Infra and Database Migration to Microsoft Azure*
	SAP on Microsoft Azure
	Data Warehouse Migration to Microsoft Azure
	Kubernetes on Microsoft Azure
	Modernization of Web Applications to Microsoft Azure
	Microsoft Windows Virtual Desktop
	Analytics on Microsoft Azure
	Microsoft Azure VMware Solution
	AI and Machine Learning on Microsoft Azure
	DevOps with GitHub on Microsoft Azure
	Hybrid Operations and Management with Microsoft Azure Arc
	Hybrid Cloud Infrastructure with Microsoft Azure Stack HCI
	Networking Services in Microsoft Azure
Business Applications	Microsoft Low Code Application Development
	Small and Midsize Business Management
Modern Work	Adoption and Change Management
	Calling for Microsoft Teams
	Customer Solutions for Microsoft Teams
	Meetings and Meeting Rooms for Microsoft Teams
	Teamwork Deployment
Security	Cloud Security
	Identity and Access Management
	Information Protection and Governance
	Threat Protection

\*Refer to the [Change log](#) item no. 7 for more details.

# Illustrative example

Review this illustrative example to better understand how the benefits are provided to Solutions Partners for their Solutions Partner designation(s) and specialization(s) or expert program(s). In this example, 'benefits' refers to the items listed in this document and excludes other provisions such as badging. Details are subject to change.

This example follows the fictional company 'Contoso', that has attained a legacy gold competency with a single Azure specialization, whose annual legacy competency anniversary date is January 1.

Date	Contoso action	Benefits provided
Oct 2022	Contoso meets the requirements for, and attains, the Solutions Partner for Infrastructure (Azure) designation.	No change. Contoso continues to receive and be able to activate their legacy gold competency benefits until their next anniversary date (Jan 1, 2023).
Dec 2022	Contoso earns an additional Azure specialization (total of two).	No change (incremental benefits for specialization are only available with Solutions Partner benefits).
Jan 2023	At renewal, Contoso meets the requirements for the Solutions Partner for Infrastructure (Azure) designation, selects the benefits for Solutions Partners and pays the aligned fee.	Contoso is provided the common benefits, the Infrastructure (Azure) product benefits, and two sets of the Azure specialization product benefits (assuming continued enrolment and eligibility of both specializations).
Feb 2023	Contoso meets the requirements for, and attains, the Solutions Partner for Data & AI (Azure) designation.	Contoso is provided the incremental Data & AI (Azure) product benefits (i.e., Azure credits, Visual Studio subscriptions), with an expiry date of Contoso's next membership anniversary date (Jan 1, 2024).
Mar 2023	Contoso meets the requirements for, and is awarded, four additional Azure specializations (total of six).	Contoso is provided three additional incremental sets of the Azure specialization product benefits (considering the max cap of five Azure specialization benefits) with an expiry date of Contoso's next membership anniversary date (Jan 1, 2024).



# Change log

The following is a summary of the latest updates made to the Solutions Partner Benefits Guide.

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Date	Update number and title	Details
August 2022	1) GTM Toolbox points	While the GTM Toolbox – used to create co-branded assets – will remain active, the 18 points for editorial review of the assets will no longer be offered.
	2) Azure dev/test sponsorship and credits	The planned launch of an Azure dev/test bulk sponsorship has been delayed until further notice. In the interim, dev/test credits will be re-introduced to the Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions. The features of these Visual Studio Enterprise subscriptions will be the same as those offered as benefits for silver and gold competencies.
	3) Windows 11 IoT	Product keys are only provided for software available via volume licensing. Currently Windows 11 IoT is not available in market via volume licensing.
	4) GitHub Enterprise Cloud subscriptions for the DevOps with GitHub on Microsoft Azure specialization	GitHub Enterprise Cloud subscriptions for the DevOps with GitHub on Microsoft Azure specialization will not be available until further notice.
December 2022	5) Updates to language for clarity	A) Updated the name of System Center Configuration Manager Suite to Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager. B) Updated the introduction of the Specialization section.

# Change log (continued)

Date	Update number and title	Details
January 2023	6) Updated System Center Standard, and Client Management Suite to 2022 versions	Product keys and media for the 2022 versions of System Center Standard and System Center Client Management Suite and been added in Partner Center.
	7) Updated list of applicable Azure specializations to reflect updates with new Infra and Database Migration to Microsoft Azure Specialization	<p>As of January 9, 2023, the new <a href="#">Infra and Database Migration to Microsoft Azure Specialization</a> will combine and replace the Windows Server and SQL Server Migration to Microsoft Azure specialization and the Linux and Open-Source Database Migration to Microsoft Azure specialization.</p> <p>Any incremental products benefit packages that have already been provisioned for enrollment in either the Windows Server and SQL Server Migration to Microsoft Azure specialization and/or the Linux and Open-Source Database Migration to Microsoft Azure specialization will not be affected during your current organization's solutions partner designation year. Please note, however, that at your organization's next solutions partner designation anniversary date, only the Infra and Database Migration to Microsoft specialization will be eligible for incremental product benefits against the maximum cap of five Azure specializations.</p>