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# Do Microsoft Azure & Amazon AWS Certifications Expire?

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Microsoft Azure Certifications no longer expire. Previously Microsoft certifications used to expire and most of them were good for three years, and some of the required a re-certification after 2 years. Microsoft has overhauled its certification process and now these certifications are good for life.

Rather confusingly, Microsoft also state that 'Role-based certifications do not expire but have a validity of two years', basically meaning that the exams required for a role based certification will be updated every 2 years.

For example the original AZ-103 Azure Administrator exam has now been replaced by the AZ-104 Azure Administrator exam. If you took the AZ-103 more than 2 years ago, the exam is considered no longer valid but you will keep the role based certification for life. It is recommended to take the new exam to keep your skills up to date every 2 years, or when the exam gets updated. You will also get a another entry on the the acclaim badge platform to show you have taken the new exam (the same badge but with the new exam name in brackets!)

To be updated with the upcoming exam/certificate retirement dates, please check [Retired exams](#) and [Retired Certifications](#) page.

What about AWS Certifications?

Much more straightforwardly, AWS certifications expire after 3 years. More details can be found here: <https://aws.amazon.com/certification/recertification/>

Happy re-certifying!

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