Write‑Host ">>> Step 0: ensure pool exists"

$endpoint = "https://$(BatchAccount).$(Region).batch.azure.com"

# Run 'show' and capture exit code

az batch pool show `

--pool-id $(PoolId) `

--account-name $(BatchAccount) `

--account-endpoint $endpoint

if ($LASTEXITCODE -eq 0) {

Write‑Host "Pool already exists"

}

else {

Write‑Host "Pool not found – creating …"

az batch pool create `

--id $(PoolId) `

--vm-size $(VmSize) `

--target-dedicated-nodes 1 `

--image $(ImagePublisher):$(ImageOffer):$(ImageSku) `

--account-name $(BatchAccount) `

--account-endpoint $endpoint `

--start-task-command-line "/bin/echo pool ready"

if ($LASTEXITCODE -ne 0) {

throw "Pool creation failed"

}

}