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

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

az batch pool show `

--pool-id $(PoolId) `

--account-name $(BatchAccount) `

--account-endpoint $endpoint | Out-Null

if ($LASTEXITCODE -ne 0) {

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." }

} else {

Write‑Host "Pool $(PoolId) already exists"

}