Other Tips and Tricks to Get Ready for the SC-900 Exam

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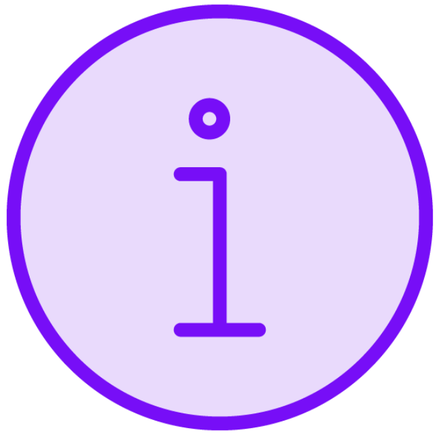
SC-900 Exam Information

SC-900 Exam Basics



Microsoft does not share exactly how many questions are in each certification

- It might even differ from person to person

Microsoft provides guidelines for each exam category

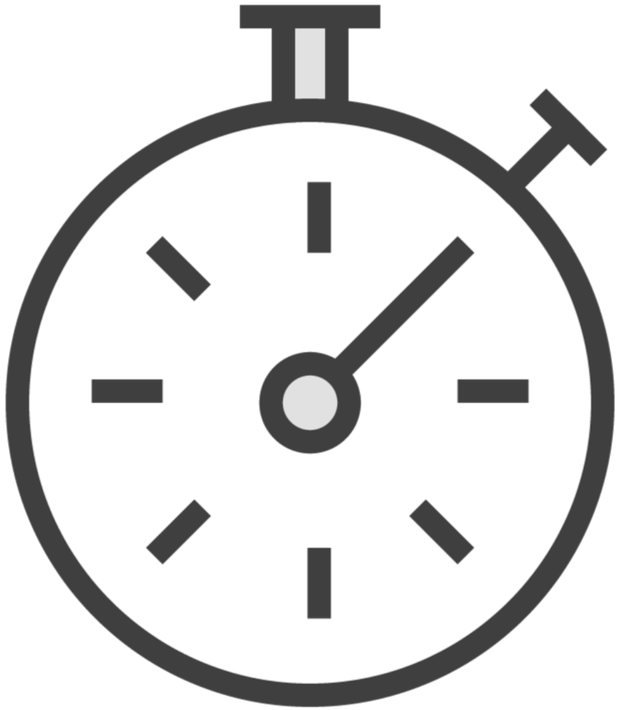
Exam Details: Microsoft Fundamental Exams

40-60 questions

45 minutes

(Plan for 65 minutes)

Wait – One Question Per Minute?



For fundamental exams – Yes

Expect short questions

- Like the ones we have seen in the practice assessment

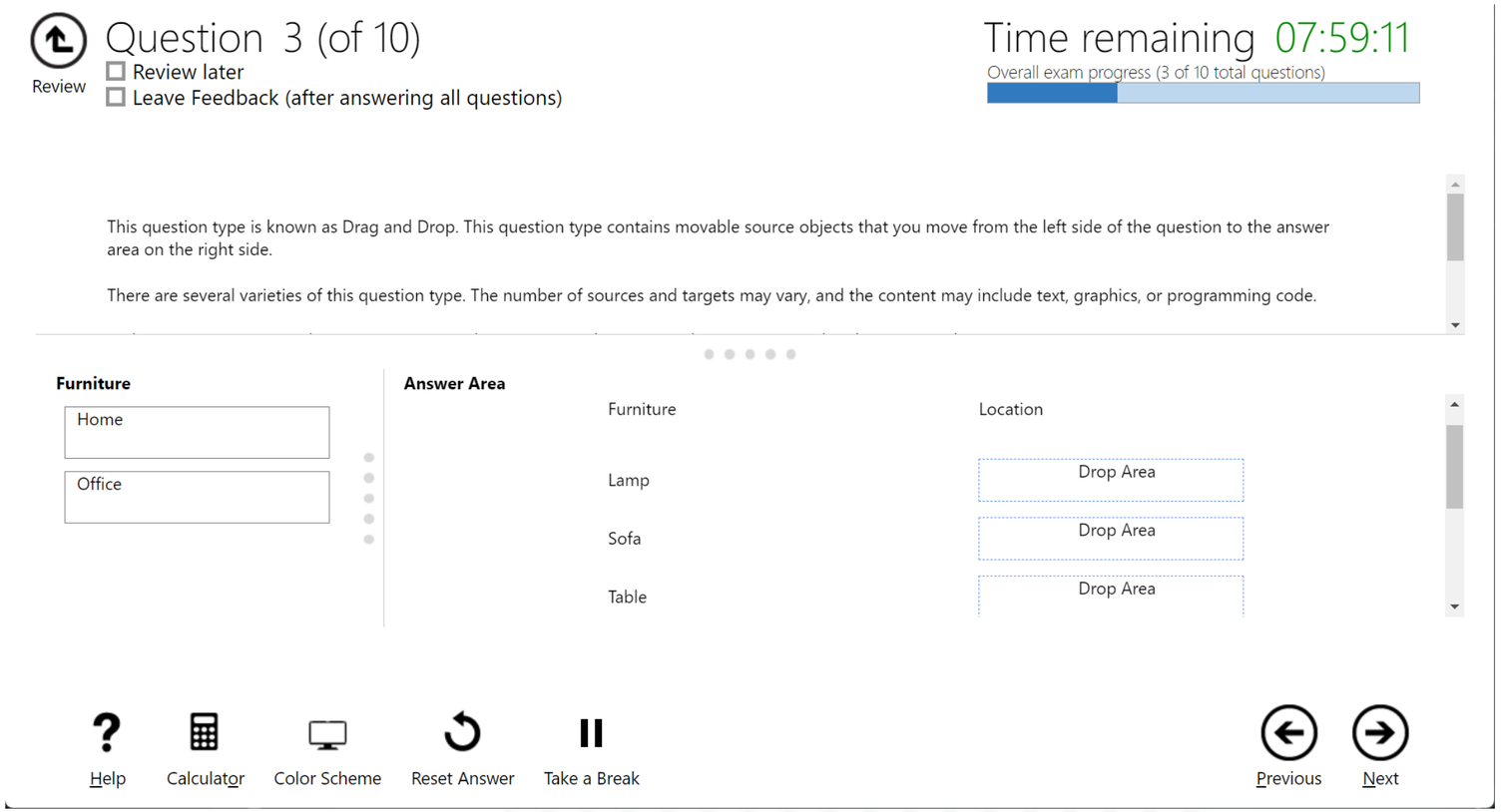
Microsoft allows you to mark questions for review later

- Use this functionality if you're not sure and want to spend more time on it at the end
- Allows you to better manage time

Get used to question types and the exam UI by using the exam sandbox

Allows you to take some stress off on exam day

Available from the exam page

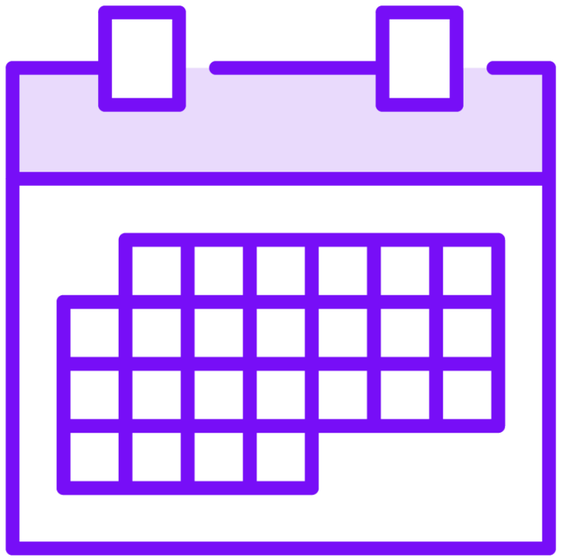


Demo

Exam sandbox

Registering for the Exam

Registering for the SC-900 Exam



You need a Microsoft account

- If you've done Microsoft certifications before use the same one

If it's your first certification, you will need to create a certification profile

- Make sure to enter your name exactly as it appears on your government-issued identification

Two Exam Providers for SC-900

Pearson VUE

Certiport
For students or instructors

Only Pearson VUE is a provider for associate and higher exams

You need to start the registration from the exam page

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/credentials/certifications/exams/sc-900/

Schedule exam

Exam SC-900: Microsoft Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals

United States

$99 USD*

Price based on the country or region in which the exam is proctored.

Languages: English, Japanese, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, French, Spanish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Arabic (Saudi Arabia), Indonesian (Indonesia), German, Chinese (Traditional), Italian
Retirement date: none

This exam measures your ability to describe the following: concepts of security, compliance, and identity; capabilities of Microsoft Entra; capabilities of Microsoft Security solutions; and capabilities of Microsoft compliance solutions.

Schedule with Pearson VUE >

For students or instructors

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Take a free practice assessment
Test your skills with practice questions to help you prepare for the exam. Learn more about practice assessments.

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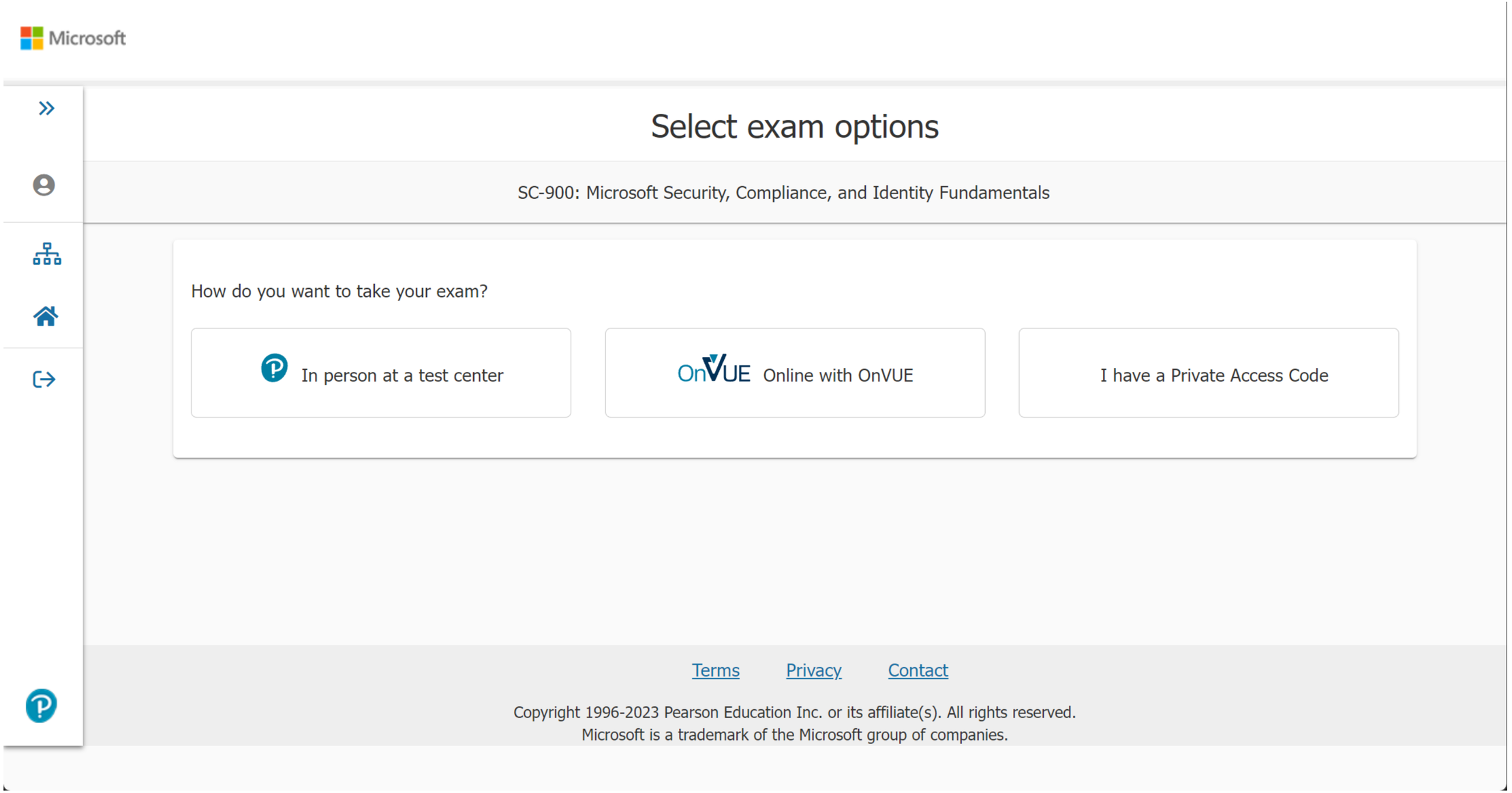
Decide Where You Want to Take Your Exam



If You Need an Accommodation

Both Pearson VUE and Certiport can provide appropriate arrangements for individuals who demonstrate a documented need

- Extra testing time
- Separate testing room
- Additional breaks

Special accommodations take ~10 business days to be approved

Make sure to schedule your exam extra time in advance if you need to make a request

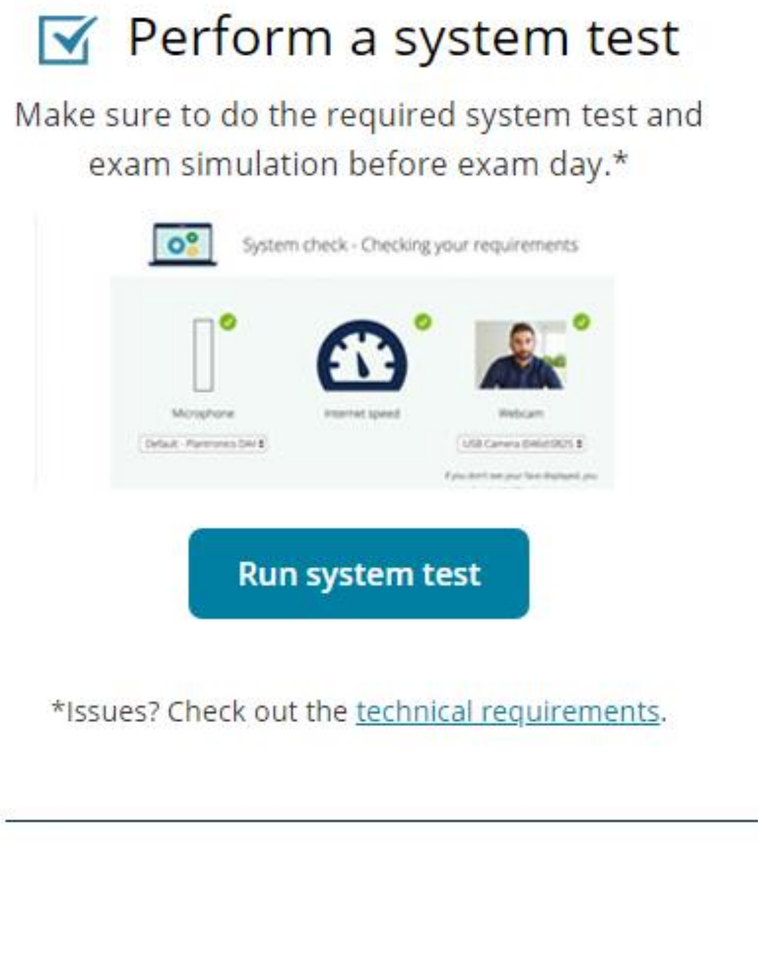
Taking Your Exam from Home

A few extra tips and tricks for doing your exam at home!

A Few Days Before the Exam

Perform a system test with the machine you intend to take the exam with

https://home.pearsonvue.com/microsoft/onvue



Before You Start the Exam

Clean up your desk space/room

- Make sure there are no papers, electronics, etc. within arms length of your device

Tell your family/co-workers to not interrupt you during the exam

- If anyone interrupts you, it's an automatic failure

Have your smartphone and a piece of ID nearby

- You will need them for the check-in process

Close all apps/unnecessary services on your machine

Don't forget to plug in your laptop

How I Do Exams At Home

I take my exams on the dining table instead of the office

- Less things to clean up
- More space around me

I use an old laptop with a base Windows install

- Less apps/notification/services to worry about during the exam

Pearson VUE Prep Guidance

Taking a Microsoft exam using OnVUE online delivery

https://home.pearsonvue.com/microsoft/onvue

What Happens After the Exam

Right After the Exam

You will get your score at the end of the exam

- Max Score: 1000
- Passing Score: 700
- Score is only visible to you

You will get a printed version of the score report if you did the exam at a testing center

The score report will show how you did for each objective

Score Report Example

Microsoft

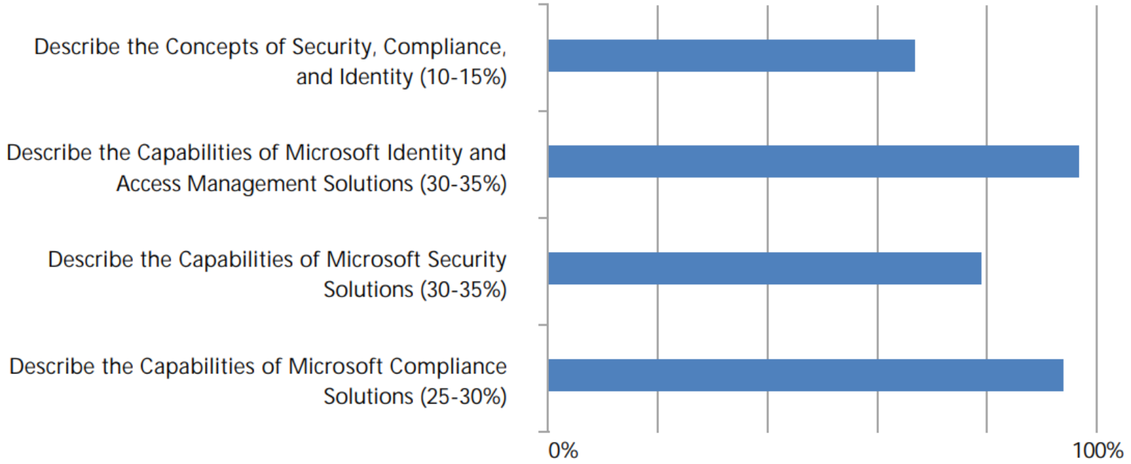
SC-900
Microsoft Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals

Candidate: VLAD CATRINESCU
Candidate ID: [redacted]
Result: PASS
Passing Score: 700
Your Score: 912

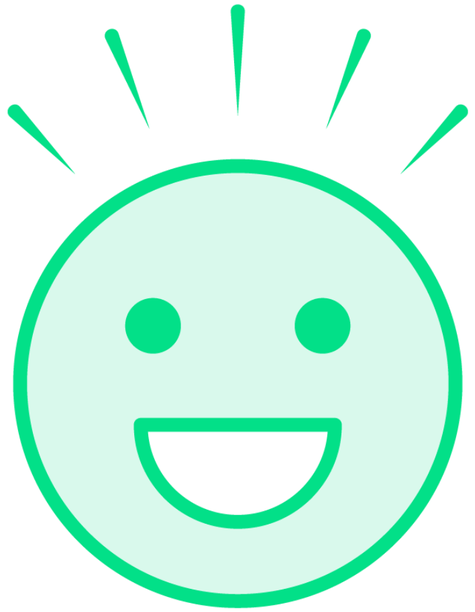
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021
Site Number: Proctored
Registration: [redacted]

Performance by exam section

Each section, and its corresponding percentage of the exam, appears to the left of the chart. The length of the bars represents your section-level performance. Shorter bars reflect weaker performance, and longer bars reflect stronger performance.



If You Pass the Exam



You get some digital assets to share your accomplishment

- Digital certificate
- Exam and certification will show on your official transcript

Make sure to add it on LinkedIn and in your CV!

If You Fail the Exam

Failed exams do not show up on your transcript

- Only you know

Use the score report to identify your weak areas and focus on those

You Will Not Pass Every Single Exam the First Time

Online Exam History

Description	Details	Order Information
Exam PL-200: Microsoft Power Platform Functional Consultant Language: English Exam Length: 220 minutes	**Exam Completion Date** October 23, 2020 11:52 EDT	**Order Number/Invoice** [redacted] **Registration ID** [redacted] **Status** Fail

Microsoft Policies

System Requirements

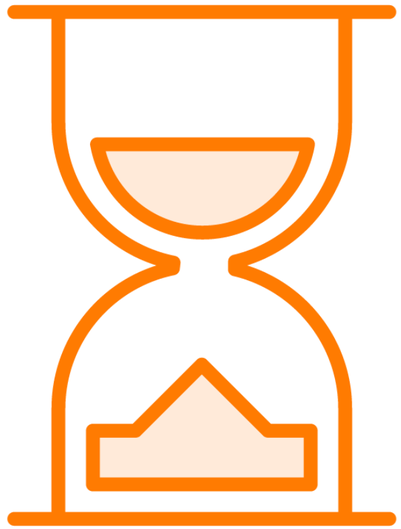
ALERT: Before you register for an online proctored exam, review the system requirements, check the list of participating countries, read about the testing protocols, and complete the required system test: Online Proctoring Required Information

Admission Policy

This exam is only proctored in English. There is not an option for local language proctoring at this time.

Before exam day:

General Microsoft Retake Policy



If you fail the first time

- Wait 24h before retaking the exam

If you fail a second time

- Wait 14 days before taking the exam a 3rd time
- 14 day pause between 3rd, 4th, and 5th time as well

You cannot attempt an exam more than 5 times in a 12-month period

Module Conclusion

SC-900 exam information

- 40-60 questions in 45 minutes
- Manage time with the “mark for review” functionality

Registering for the exam

- Pearson Vue option recommended
- At a testing center or at home

What happens after the exam

- Make sure you share your achievement
- Failed exams do not show up on the transcript

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