

Introduction to the Microsoft Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals (SC-900) Exam

Introduction to the SC-900 Exam and How to Prepare for It



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Overview



Benefits of getting Microsoft certified

- Especially in the security, compliance, and identity domain

SC-900 exam overview

Learning materials



Benefits of Getting Microsoft Cybersecurity Certified



Why Get Certified?

Microsoft Certification can help give you a professional advantage by providing globally recognized and industry-endorsed evidence of mastering skills in a digital and cloud businesses.



Why Get Certified?

91%

of certified IT professionals say certification gives them more professional credibility.

94%

of decision makers agree certified employees provide added value.

52%

of certified IT professionals say their expertise is more sought after within their organization.



Why Get Certified?

28% of technical professionals said getting certified led to **salary or wage increases**

21% of technical professionals reported **job promotions**



The International Information System Security Certification Consortium

The shortage of cybersecurity professionals is estimated to be around 3.4 million empty positions in companies and organizations, according to the 2022 (ISC)2 Cybersecurity Workforce Study.



Microsoft is a recognized leader in cybersecurity

Industry analysts consistently name Microsoft a leader in security, compliance, identity, and endpoint management.

Industry recognition



A Leader in three Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ reports.



A Leader in seven Forrester Wave™ categories.



A Leader in two Engenuity ATT&CK® Evaluations.



A Leader and #1-ranked market share in two IDC reports.



The Security, Compliance, and Identity Certification Portfolio



1 fundamentals level certification



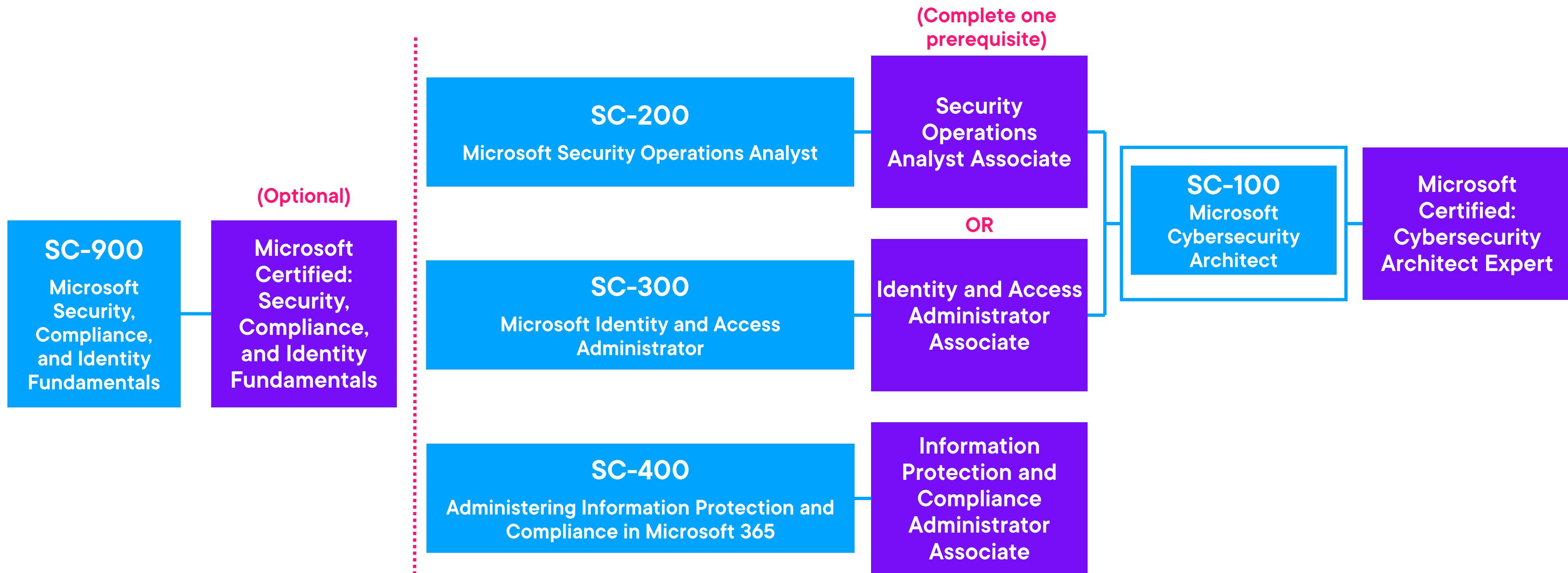
3 associate level certifications



1 expert level certification



Security, Compliance, and Identity Certifications at a Glance



SC-900 Exam Overview



Microsoft Certified: Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals

Whether you're a student, business user, or IT professional, this certification ensures you have a firm grasp of a range of topics in the rapidly growing field of cybersecurity. This fundamentals certification can serve as a steppingstone if you're interested in advancing to role-based certifications in security operations, identity and access management, and information protection.



Microsoft Certified: Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals



Great fit if you would like to

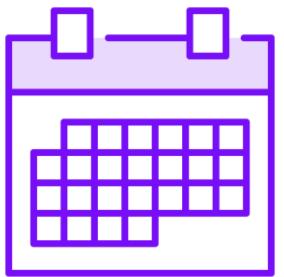
- Demonstrate your knowledge of Microsoft security, compliance, and identity (SCI) solutions
- Highlight your understanding of how Microsoft SCI solutions provide holistic, end-to-end cybersecurity capabilities



Exam Details



Exam cost – \$99 USD



Fundamentals certifications do not expire



3 American Council on Education (ACE) credits

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/credentials/certifications/college-credit>



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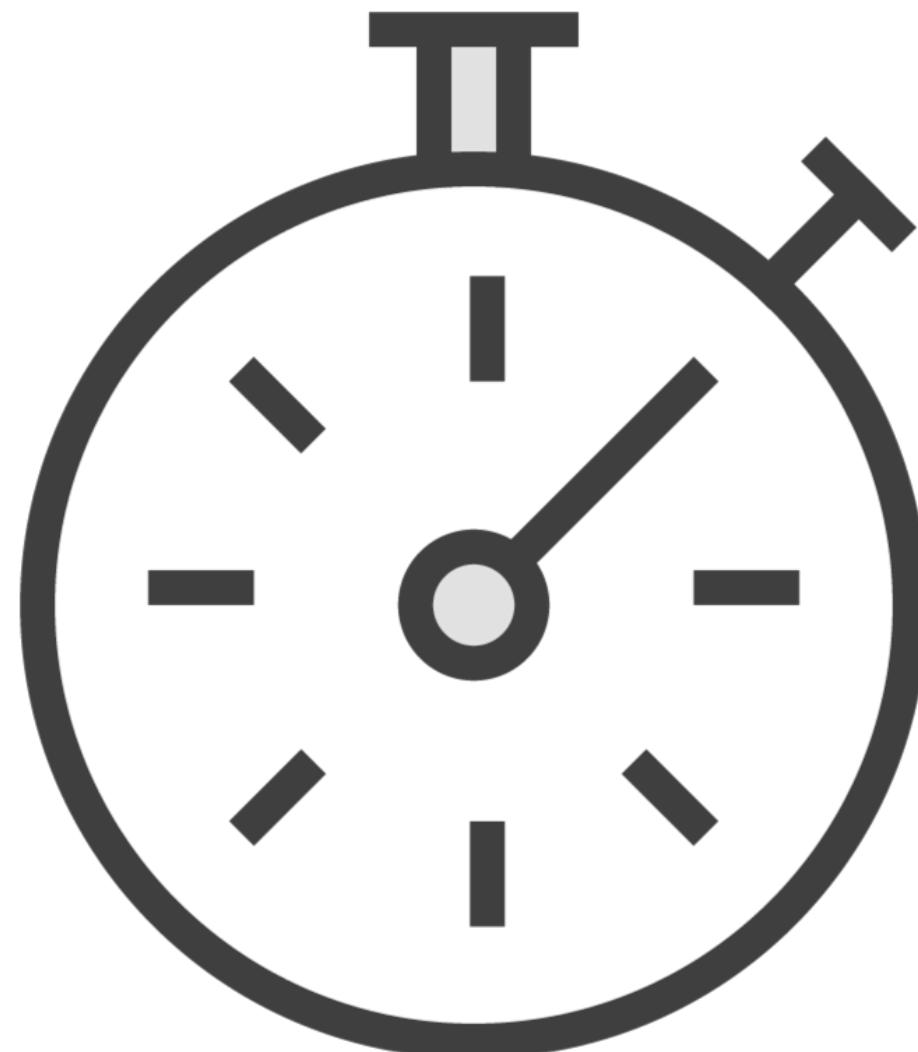
40-60 questions

45 minutes

(Plan for 65 minutes)



Wait – One Question Per Minute?



For fundamental exams – Yes
Expect short questions



We will have a full course dedicated to exam prep in which we will cover what kind of questions to expect in the exam!



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What Does “Describe” Mean?

You **do not** need to know how to **configure**, **manage**, or **implement** features – you need to know **what the features are** and **what business problems they solve**.

The goal of this exam is for you to understand what SCI challenges can be solved by what Microsoft solution. This is why it's a great learning challenge for everyone working in the Microsoft ecosystem.



Skills Measured

Always review the detailed Skills measured

Part of the Microsoft SC-900 Study Guide

Provides you the full list of tools and objectives you need for the exam

This is your checklist of things to study!

Describe the concepts of security, compliance, and identity (10-15%)

Describe security and compliance concepts

- Describe the shared responsibility model
- Describe defense in-depth
- Describe the Zero Trust model
- Describe encryption and hashing
- Describe Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) concepts

Define identity concepts

- Define identity as the primary security perimeter
- Define authentication



Demo



SC-900 exam page
SC-900 skills measured





Learning Materials



SC-900 Learning Path on Pluralsight



PLURALSIGHT

Study for the exam using the Pluralsight certification path

SC-900 path includes 6 courses

- This one 😊
- 4 courses that cover the content
- 1 course focused on exam prep

SC-900 Certification Path on Pluralsight



Microsoft Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals: Concepts

Microsoft Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals: Identity and Access Management Solutions

Microsoft Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals: Security Solutions

Microsoft Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals: Compliance Solutions

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



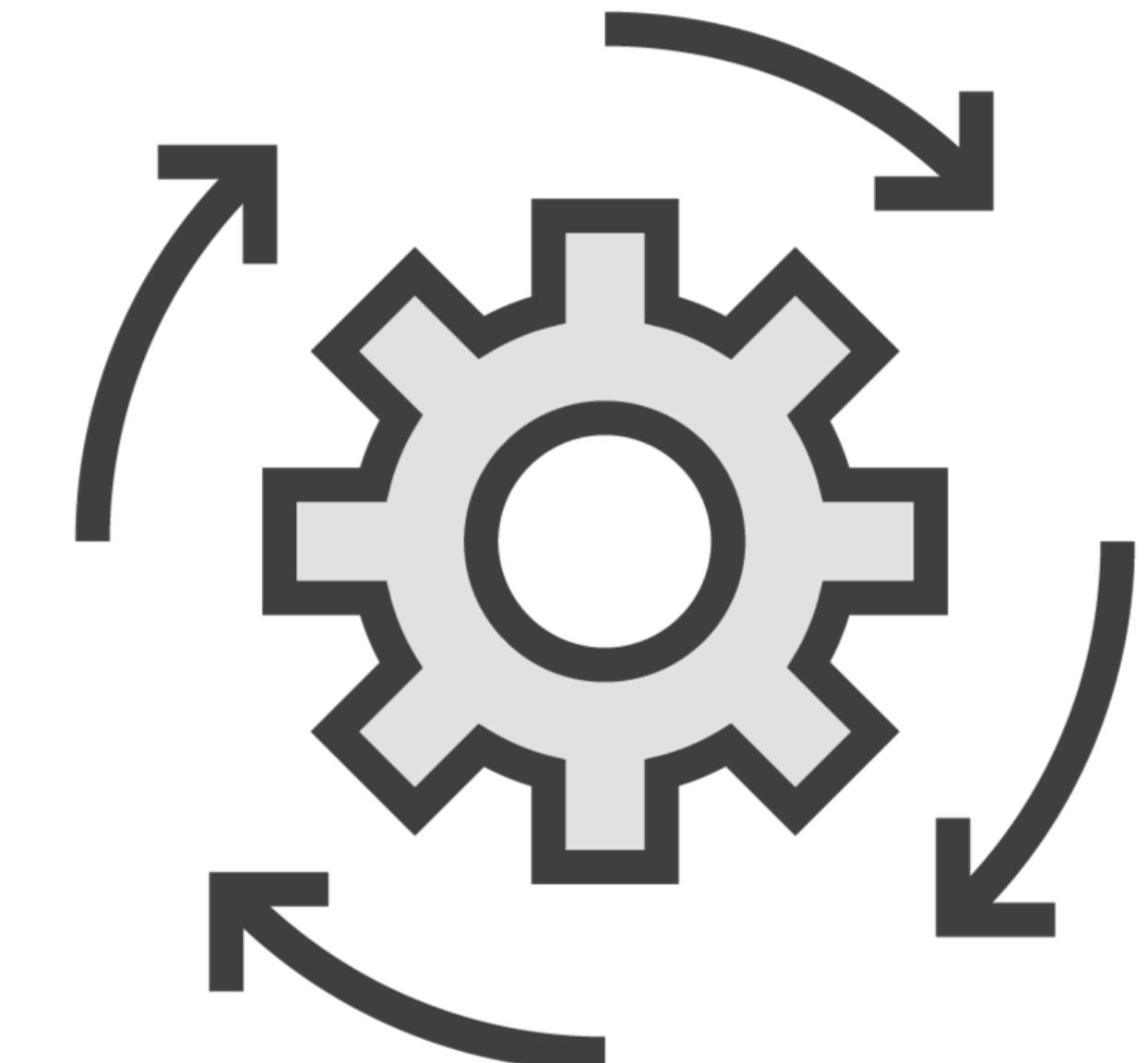
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Happy Learning!

