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New Microsoft Certifications
Designed for the Next Generation



Certified Talent

Microsoft® Certification has always been the mark of undeniable expertise. Managers and potential employers know they can entrust their projects to Microsoft Certified Professionals. These individuals have acquired critical on-the-job skills. They've proven their commitment to professional excellence. And they've validated their knowledge of Microsoft products and platforms.

The benefits of Microsoft certification include:

- Increased breadth of knowledge** — Following the path to certification enables IT professionals to learn new technologies in a structured and comprehensive way.
- Increased opportunities on the job** — From salary and bonuses to project involvement and promotion, certified individuals reap rewards for their commitment to excellence.
- Increased value to the organization** — Managers trust Microsoft Certified Professionals to complete projects on time, within budget, and with higher user satisfaction.

And now a good thing just got better.

New Microsoft Certifications are:

Targeted

Each certification focuses either on job-specific technical or professional skills so IT professionals can get the certification that meets their precise needs.

Cost-effective

A shorter and more straightforward exam path costs less and enables individuals to acquire relevant expertise without consuming valuable business time.

Rigorous

New advanced testing technologies more accurately validate the skill set of certification applicants.

Relevant

Certifications are now more relevant to the latest technologies. And the new streamlined credential structure makes it easier for managers to recognize candidates that have the right skill set for the job.

A New Generation of Microsoft Certifications

In the arena of technology, nothing stands still. That's why Microsoft Learning recently redesigned its entire Certification Program from overall structure right down to the individual certification offerings.

The Microsoft Certification program now consists of two series of credentials:

The Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist Series. The certifications available in this series are focused on a single technology or product, require one to three exams, and are retired when product support for a technology expires.

The Microsoft Certified Professional Series. This series includes an IT Professional Credential and a Professional Developer Credential. Certifications in both of these credential areas are focused on a single job role and require one to three exams, as well as re-certification to maintain active status. Individuals must also complete one or more prerequisite certifications from the Technology Series to be eligible for a credential in the Professional Series.

IT Professionals can earn one or more highly specialized certifications within each of these two credential series. And each new certification takes professional skills to a whole new level of performance.

The Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist



A Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS) certification validates an IT Professional's core technical skills on a specific Microsoft

product. Microsoft Certified Technology Specialists have demonstrated in-depth knowledge and expertise in implementing, building, troubleshooting, or debugging a particular Microsoft technology.

For more information about Microsoft Technology Specialist certifications, go to: <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/default.aspx>

The Microsoft Certified IT Professional



From constructing more secure and stable databases to designing business intelligence solutions, data transformations, and reports, a Microsoft IT

Professional (MCITP) certification highlights an IT Professional's specific area of expertise in the IT environment.

For more information about Microsoft IT Professional certifications, go to: <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/itpro/default.aspx>

The Microsoft Certified Professional Developer



A Microsoft Certified Professional Developer (MCPD) certification validates a comprehensive set of skills required to be successful

on the job. These skills include design, project management, operations management, and planning. Because it is contextual to the job role, each MCPD provides hiring managers with a reliable indicator of on-the-job performance.

For more information about Microsoft Professional Developer certifications, go to: <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/developer/default.aspx>

Classic Microsoft Certifications Maintain Their Value

Every Microsoft Certification is a mark of undeniable expertise. Individuals who have already earned Microsoft certification will not lose their valuable credentials.

Under the new program, a convenient upgrade path will be provided for any certifications that may be affected by a newer technology. For example, a Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician (MCDST) will be provided with an upgrade path for certification on Windows® Vista. A Microsoft Certified Database Administrator (MCDBA) will have an opportunity to upgrade to a certification for Microsoft SQL Server 2005.

Other certifications, such as MCP and MCT, will not be affected at all by the new certification program. They will retain their value as an industry-standard for IT Professionals worldwide.

New Microsoft Official Courseware Supports Certification

Microsoft Learning now offers new highly effective Microsoft Official Courseware tailored to help IT Professionals through the certification process. Each course focuses on a specific set of skills for a specific technology. For example, Course 5115 teaches participants how to install and configure the Windows Vista operating system. Course 5050 teaches administrators how to recover message servers using Microsoft Exchange Server 2007.

Other new courses help individuals who already have a Microsoft certification upgrade their skills from an older technology to a newer product release. And every course maps to a specific certification exam. The result? A faster and more efficient certification path.

Customers Notice a Difference:

75% of managers believe certifications support team performance.

66% of managers believe certifications improve service levels and end-user support.

Source:
IDC, Value of Certification Study:
Team Certification and Organizational Performance,
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