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This document contains answers for many of the questions we receive during our monthly Learning Partner Community Calls. To review previous calls and presentations, search for “community” on the Microsoft Learning Resources Page. We will continue to update this document and make it available to our Learning Partner community each month.

Microsoft Learning Blog:

Microsoft Learning Yammer Page:
https://aka.ms/MicrosoftLearningYammer

Microsoft Learning Resources Page:
https://partner.microsoft.com/en-us/marketing/learning-resources#/ 

Regional Service Center (MPN Support)
https://partner.microsoft.com/support

Courseware Marketplace (Content and Skillspipe support)
https://shop.courseware-marketplace.com/

Certification

Q: What will happen to the “old” certifications now that the new job role-oriented courses have been released?
A: The old certifications will be retired as new certifications become available. Old certifications will continue to show on student transcripts.

Q: Will the exam vouchers that are currently used for the 70-series exams work for the AZ-exams as well?
A: Yes.

Q: What exam voucher do I purchase for the AZ-900 exam?
A: The Fundamentals courses have their own exam product ID as they are not tied to certification. You can search for PPM-00001 on Courseware Marketplace.
Q: Is there an exam to replace the Windows 10 Exam that will expire in March?
A: Yes, please see the MD-100 and MD-101 exams.

Q: Why are you releasing AZ-103 to replace AZ-100 and AZ-101 certifications?
A: We heard the feedback around requirements for the certifications and adjusted to meet the needs of our learners. AZ-100 and AZ-101 will retire May 1, 2019 and be replaced by AZ-103. Users who have passed or will pass AZ-100 before May 1 will earn the Azure Administrator Associate certification. For additional information please see the related blog on the Learning Community page (releasing 3/20).

Courseware

Q: What is changing in the Azure Administrator courseware?
A: AZ-100 and AZ0101 series will be retiring on June 30, 2019. The new 4-day AZ103 course will be released May 3, 219 and replaces the old content. There are no plans right now to offer single day classes.
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Q: How likely is the AZ-300 level courseware to change
A: We have no plans to change the Azure Solutions Architect offering - still 2 exams and aligned courses.
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Q: When can we expect courseware for Windows Server 2019?
A: Windows Server 2019 content will be available approx.. FY20Q1 (Jul-Sept). We will continue to refine the date as we get closer and make that information available via our monthly community calls, yammer page, and monthly Learning Partner newsletter. Also, refer to the Courseware Title Plan that is posted to the Learning Resources site approximately mid-month.
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Q: Will Windows Server 2019 courses follow the old process of MCSA / MCSE, or will it be part of a job-task analysis?
A: This is still being determined and we will share more when we can.

Q: When will SQL Server 2019 courses be available?
A: The job-task analysis for these courses is underway, but there is no assigned release date yet.

Q: What does the roadmap look like for SQL 2019 and SharePoint 2019? Will they be addressed in titles currently slated for release?
A: SQL 2019 will be separate curriculum; SharePoint will be addressed in MS300-T02 scheduled for an April 1st release.

Q: When can we expect courseware for Data & AI?
A: AI-100 (April 3), DP200 (April 4), and DP201 (May 2). Refer to the Courseware Title Plan that is posted to the Learning Resources site approximately mid-month.
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Q: When can we expect the Azure Security course?
A: AZ-500 will be available April 1st. Refer to the Courseware Title Plan that is posted to the Learning Resources site approximately mid-month.

Q: AZ-500T01 is 5 days while most other new courseware is 1 day. Why?
A: Certain courses covering Data & AI topics have lab scenarios that build and make them more conducive to being presented in a multiple-day format.

Q: Will the AZ300-T05 course that is being phased out change the naming convention of the other courses in the series?
A: No. The AZ300 series will now include AZ300-T01, AZ300-T02, AZ300-T03, AZ300-T04, and AZ300-T06.

Q: When will courses around web applications with ASP.NET MVC Core be updated?
A: 20487 was just published and 20486 “D” version is now underway. We expect that course to be available in late H2 (May-June).

Q: Will the 1-day fundamentals courses have labs?
A: Azure Fundamentals will not. M365 Fundamentals will have hands-on labs but not a hosted solution. Dynamics is TBD.

Q: Will the new role-based courses be released in On Demand format?
A: No, the new content will not be available as On Demand.

Q: Will you include information in the monthly Title Plan update regarding when hosted labs are available for each course/track in Learning as a Service (LaaS)?
A: This is something we are investigating operationally, but nothing to share at this time.

Q: Can MCTs “buy” the new role-based courseware from Courseware Marketplace in digital format at no cost?
A: Yes, MCTs can order one copy of each role-based training for free. They must be logged in under their MCT account. If they do not see this option they should reach out to arvato for support. Log into Courseware Marketplace and then click on “contact”.

The online versions of these courses are available to MCTs here: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/learning/mct-readiness.aspx

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Q: I have questions about labs for a specific course, where can I find additional information?
A: We published additional information in the February Community Call. If you need access to that presentation please search for “Community” on the Learning Resources site.

Q: Labs for future courses will be hosted-only?
A: Yes, this allows us to be more nimble and update and deliver content more frequently.
Q: When will the LaaS catalog be refreshed?
A: The LaaS catalog was refreshed February 15th. See the Learning Resources page for more information.

Q: When can we expect training materials for new courseware?
A: Our goal is to make training materials available at least 2 weeks prior to the launch of a course.

Q: Are there data courses that contain Databricks content?
A: Not today, but this is something we are looking into for future releases. You can find additional information on this topic on the MS Learn site.

Software Assurance Training Vouchers

Q: Can SATV be used on the transition exams?
A: Yes, 74-999 is the ID you can use. For additional information regarding SATV program and changes make sure you visit SATV News.

Q: Are Dynamics courses SATV eligible?
A: Yes. For an overview of what is or is not eligible for SATV please visit the SATV course eligibility page.

Q: How can I get SATV support?
A: If your problem is around enrollment, VVR tool access, reservations, redemptions, or payments your first step is to contact the Regional Service Center at https://partner.microsoft.com/support. If you question is around policy, courses, or exception contact satvsup@microsoft.com.

Skillspipe

Q: Can Skillspipe be used offline?
A: Our new content requires an “always on” internet connection. We are working on an update for offline support but have no firm date yet.

Program & Marketing

Q: Can we migrate to the new Partner Center if we have not received an invite?
A: Short answer is no. However, you should check Partner Center in case the invite email was delivered to another registered owner or someone who has left your organization. You can find a full getting started guide here.

Q: Are marketing assets available in languages other than English?
A: At this time all assets are made available in English.

Q: Who can I contact if I have problems with my Microsoft partner account, access issues, or other aspects of the program?
A: Start at https://partner.microsoft.com/support. From there you will be able to provide specific information regarding your issue and get network support.

End of FAQ