Microsoft Azure Certifications Guide (2026)

A comprehensive guide to Microsoft Azure certifications and recommended career paths.

Fundamentals Certifications

- AZ-900: Microsoft Azure Fundamentals
- AI-900: Azure AI Fundamentals
- DP-900: Azure Data Fundamentals
- SC-900: Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals

Associate Certifications

- AZ-104: Azure Administrator Associate
- AZ-204: Azure Developer Associate
- DP-203: Azure Data Engineer Associate
- AI-102: Azure AI Engineer Associate
- SC-300: Identity and Access Administrator Associate
- AZ-500: Azure Security Engineer Associate

Expert Certifications

- AZ-305: Azure Solutions Architect Expert
- AZ-400: DevOps Engineer Expert
- SC-100: Cybersecurity Architect Expert

Specialty Certifications

- AZ-140: Azure Virtual Desktop Specialty

Recommended Certification Paths

1. Cloud Engineer: AZ-900 → AZ-104 → AZ-400
2. Solutions Architect: AZ-900 → AZ-104 → AZ-305
3. AI Engineer: AI-900 → AI-102
4. Security Engineer: SC-900 → AZ-500 → SC-100

Suggested Learning Roadmap

Begin with Fundamentals certifications, move to role-based Associate certifications, and then pursue Expert or Specialty certifications aligned with your career goals.