

## Microsoft Learn Fact Sheet

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**Helping job-seekers by providing skills needed to find jobs in a changing economy, along with employees who need to skill and reskill throughout their careers.**

Microsoft is launching a global skills initiative aimed at bringing more digital skills to 25 million people worldwide by the end of 2020.

This initiative will be grounded in three areas of activity:

- (1) The use of data to identify in-demand jobs and the skills needed to fill them;*
- (2) Free access to learning paths and content to help people develop the skills these positions require;*
- (3) Low-cost certifications and free job-seeking tools to help people who develop these skills pursue new jobs.*

### **Learn on your own schedule**

Explore a topic in-depth through guided paths or learn how to accomplish a specific task through individual modules with step by step guidance. Explore Microsoft's learning paths and modules [here](#).

### **How much does it cost?**

Microsoft Learn is a free, interactive, hands-on training platform that helps people develop in-demand technical skills related to widely used Microsoft products and services including Azure, Microsoft 365, Power Platform, Microsoft Dynamics, and more.

### **How is the training delivered?**

Microsoft Learn combines short step-by-step trainings, browser-based interactive coding and scripting environments, and task-based achievements to help learners advance their technical skills and prepare for Microsoft Certifications. With millions of registered learners, Microsoft Learn offers over 225 learning paths, more than 1,000 modules, and is localized in dozens of languages. Microsoft Learn is great for individual users to advance their skills, as well as organizations that want to create curated employee training paths.

## **What is Microsoft Learn in Teams?**

Microsoft has a new learning app in Microsoft Teams to help employers upskill new and existing employees.

The Teams learning app will allow employers to integrate world-class content from LinkedIn Learning, Microsoft Learn, a customer's own content, and other content providers all in one place, ranging from instructor-led training to shorter, micro-learning content. Find more information [here](#).

## **Microsoft Certifications**

Microsoft are offering low-cost access to industry-recognized Microsoft Certifications based on exams that demonstrate proficiency in Microsoft technologies. Exams for these Microsoft Certifications will be available at a significantly discounted fee of \$15 (normally \$100) available to those who self-attest that their employment has been impacted by COVID-19.

Participants will have the ability to schedule an exam from September to the end of the year, and exam takers will have until March 31, 2021 to complete the exam. This will provide access to the exams that provide five fundamentals certifications and eight role-based certifications.

These will include:

- Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Data Fundamentals
- Microsoft Certified: Azure AI Fundamentals
- Microsoft Certified: Power Platform Fundamentals
- Microsoft 365 Certified: Fundamentals
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator Associate
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Developer Associate
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Security Engineer Associate
- Microsoft Certified: Power Platform App Maker Associate
- Microsoft 365 Certified: Teams Administrator Associate
- Microsoft 365 Certified: Security Administrator Associate
- Microsoft 365 Certified: Developer Associate
- Microsoft Certified: Data Analyst Associate

These exams will be available initially in whole or in part in seven languages – English, French, Spanish, German, Japanese, Chinese (simplified), and Korean. Find more information about Microsoft Certifications [here](#).

Visit Microsoft for further information on their global initiative

<https://news.microsoft.com/skills/>

## **Explore Microsoft's learning paths and modules**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/browse/>