



Modernization of Web Applications to Microsoft Azure Advanced Specialization

Program Overview and Requirements

Program updates

May 2, 2022

Module B

Guidance for the definition of Proof of Concepts and Pilots has been added to the FAQ

Module A

The partner Preview for the updated Module A Cloud Foundation audit checklist, required July 1, 2022, is available [here](#). These are the changes:

- In 1.1 a new tool is available to use for Cloud Adoption Business Strategy and Economics (the Cloud Adoption Strategy Evaluator).
- In 2.2 a new required Skilling Plan has been added to the checklist. This will be required July 1, 2022.
- In 3.1 an optional new Deployment Approach for Azure Landing Zones, the Full Azure Landing Zone Conceptual Architecture, has been added for partners to demonstrate in deployment approaches.
- Bicep has been added to use a resource when providing evidence for control 3.1 in customer environments.

Module B updates

Jan 1, 2022

Guidance and FAQ Updates

May 5, 2021

New Audit Fee Schedule

Please note the new audit fee schedule effective July 1, 2021

- For audits comprised of both Modules A and B, the audit fee is \$3,000 USD
- For audits comprised of Module B alone (available for partners who previously passed Module A), the fee is \$2,000 USD

July 1, 2021

New audit checklist V2.0 published

Microsoft released the V2.0 audit checklist into preview on May 5, 2021 for the Modernization of Web Applications to Microsoft Azure advanced specialization. This went into effect July 1, 2021.

What's New: We introduced a new modular format to the Azure advanced specialization audit, built on the Cloud Adoption Framework for Azure. The format has been broken into two modules:

- Module A: Evaluates and assesses a partner's implementation of cloud adoption best practices, following foundational principles in the Cloud Adoption Framework for Azure. This module is workload-agnostic, which means a partner can audit Module A once and their passing result will apply to multiple Azure advanced specializations.
- Module B: Evaluates workload-specific capabilities. Microsoft periodically updates these to align to industry best practices. Module B also includes a requirement to conduct a Well-Architected Reviews of customer workloads as part of the deployment.

Mar 24, 2021

Module B audit checklist Control 3.2: Content Management Systems is now optional

As of March 25, 2021, we no longer require partners to complete Audit Checklist Control 3.2: Content Management Systems. Presenting evidence for this control is optional.

Program overview

Partners who demonstrate deep knowledge, extensive experience, and proven success in migrating and deploying production web application workloads, applying DevOps, and managing app services in Microsoft Azure may seek the Modernization of Web Applications to Microsoft Azure Advanced Specialization. The Modernization of Web Applications to Microsoft Azure Advanced Specialization allows partners with an active [Gold Cloud Platform Competency](#) to create stronger connections with customers.

Partners who meet the comprehensive requirements to earn an advanced specialization receive a customer-facing label they can display on their business profile in the [Microsoft AppSource Partner Gallery](#), gain access to specific Microsoft go- to-market programs, are prioritized in customer searches to drive new business, and can generate a certified letter from Microsoft that verifies the advanced specialization that they have earned. For these reasons, this opportunity is available only to partners who meet additional, stringent requirements.

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What are the requirements?

Eligible partners must meet the highest standards for service delivery and support. All requirements will be verified by Microsoft and/or a third-party vendor, either automatically or by manual review, and are subject to change.

Prerequisites	Details
Competency	Your company must have an active Gold Cloud Platform competency
Performance	<p>Your company must show a total of \$5,000 USD from Azure AppService or Azure Spring Cloud Azure Consumed Revenue (ACR) in the previous three (3) months from at least three (3) customers (aggregated from across your customers).</p> <p>ACR can be achieved through Digital Partner of Record, Partner Admin Link, and Cloud Solution Provider. Learn more about Azure ACR</p> <p><i>Government subscriptions (i.e. Fairfax) are not eligible for ACR via PAL association.</i></p>
Knowledge	<p>Your company must have at least three (3) individuals who have passed the following certifications (each certification listed below is held by at least one individual).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Azure Developer Associate certification• Azure DevOps Engineer Expert certification• Azure Data Engineer Associate certification <p>Your company can have a combination of the same individuals or different individuals who meet the certification requirement.</p>
Audit	Your company must pass a third-party remote audit. Please see the audit checklist for more details.

How do I apply?

Only administrators of an organization's Microsoft partner account can submit an application for the Windows Virtual Desktop advanced specialization on behalf of the organization. If you are the administrator for your organizations' Microsoft partner account, you can apply through your [Partner Center Dashboard](#).