

# SMB Reseller Playbook Business Applications

**Note:** Content is current as of May 15, 2024. Skilling programs and dates will continue to be updated, please reference this playbook for all your training information.

### A go-to enablement guide for partners

The SMB Reseller Playbook is a guide for understanding the enablement offerings available to help skill up as an SMB partner organization, wherever you are in your learning journey.

Al and cloud capabilities are enabling new opportunities and helping organizations of all sizes achieve their goals. In today's rapidly evolving landscape, embracing and harnessing this potential is a must if businesses want to thrive.

Wherever you are in your learning journey, Microsoft offers a range of enablement opportunities and content to help you stay current in your sales, pre-sales, or delivery roles and deepen your understanding of how technology can help organizations evolve and transform.



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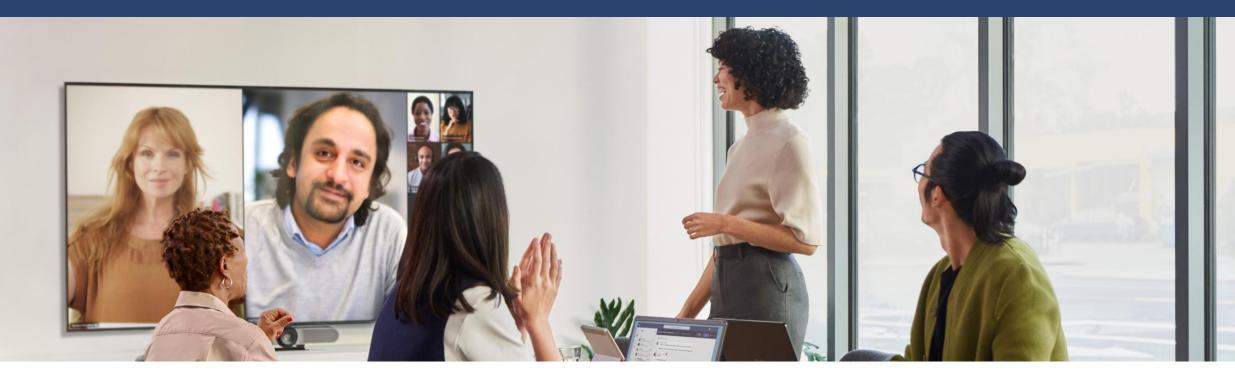
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### Welcome to the Microsoft AI Cloud Partner Program



The world and how we work is rapidly changing. The opportunities for Microsoft partners—whether you build and sell services, software solutions, or devices—are significant. The capabilities required by our customers are evolving, and our partner programs are changing to meet that demand. The Microsoft Al Cloud Partner Program is designed to help your organization invest in new ways of growth so you can deliver greater customer value.

Learn more: Microsoft Al Cloud Partner Program

# Distinguish yourself with Solutions Partner designations



Microsoft

Specialist

Solutions Partner Business Applications

Low Code Application Development Small and Midsize Business Management

<u>Designations</u> aligned to the Microsoft solution areas recognize your broad technical capabilities and demonstrated success delivering technology solutions.

**Benefits** aligned to your Solutions Partner designation include product benefits, go-to-market services, co-sell eligibility, skilling and sales enablement resources, and customer-facing badges to help you market your expertise.

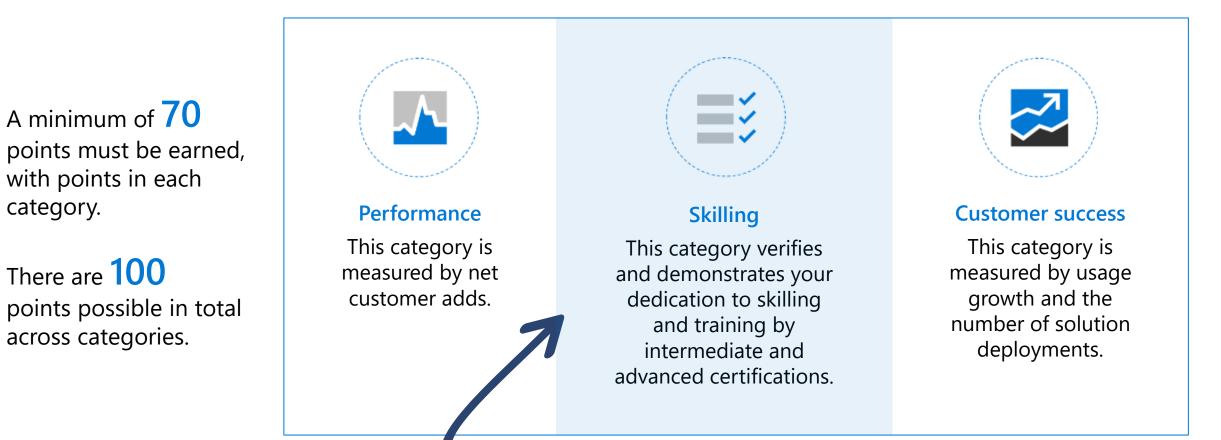
<u>Specializations</u> further validate deep technical expertise after you attain a Solutions Partner designation and set you apart from the competition.

\*Partners who attain all six Solutions Partner designations receive a Microsoft Cloud badge, recognizing your capabilities across the Microsoft Cloud.

### How to attain a Solutions Partner designation

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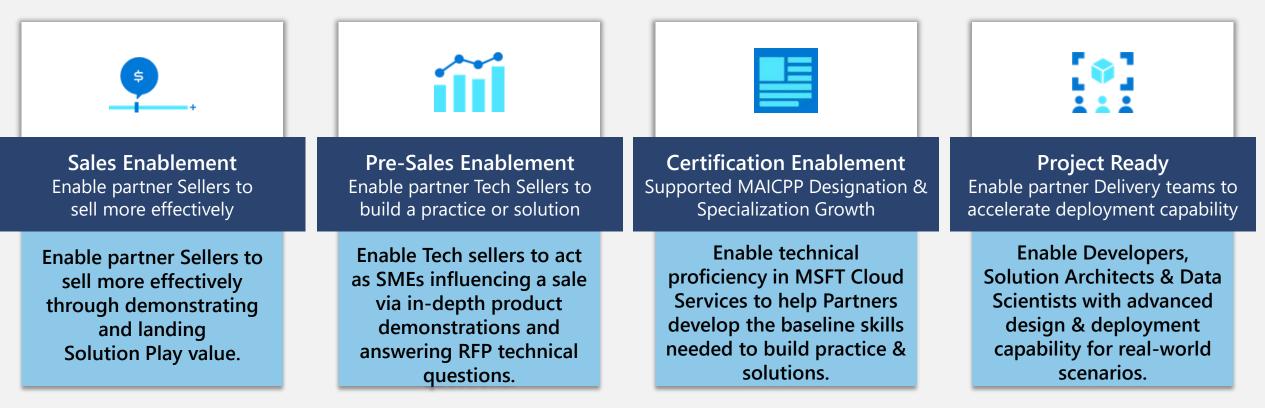
The <u>partner capability score</u> provides flexibility to demonstrate knowledge, skills, and experience across subcategories of performance, skilling, and customer success.



Microsoft Enablement initiatives and events support efforts in the Skilling subcategory

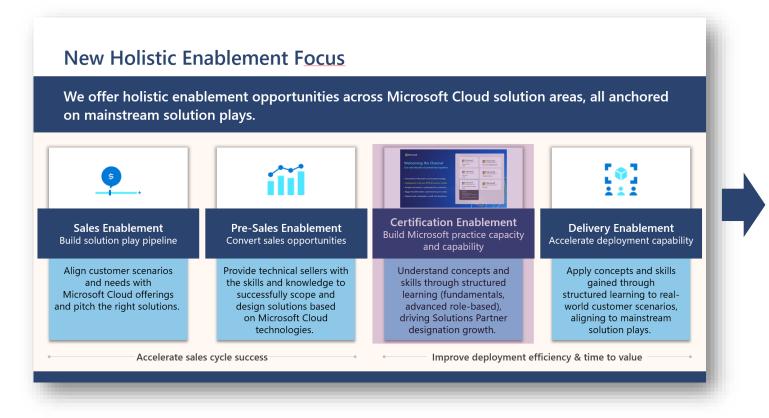
# Holistic enablement focus (all partners)

We offer holistic enablement opportunities across Microsoft Cloud solution areas, all anchored on mainstream solution plays.



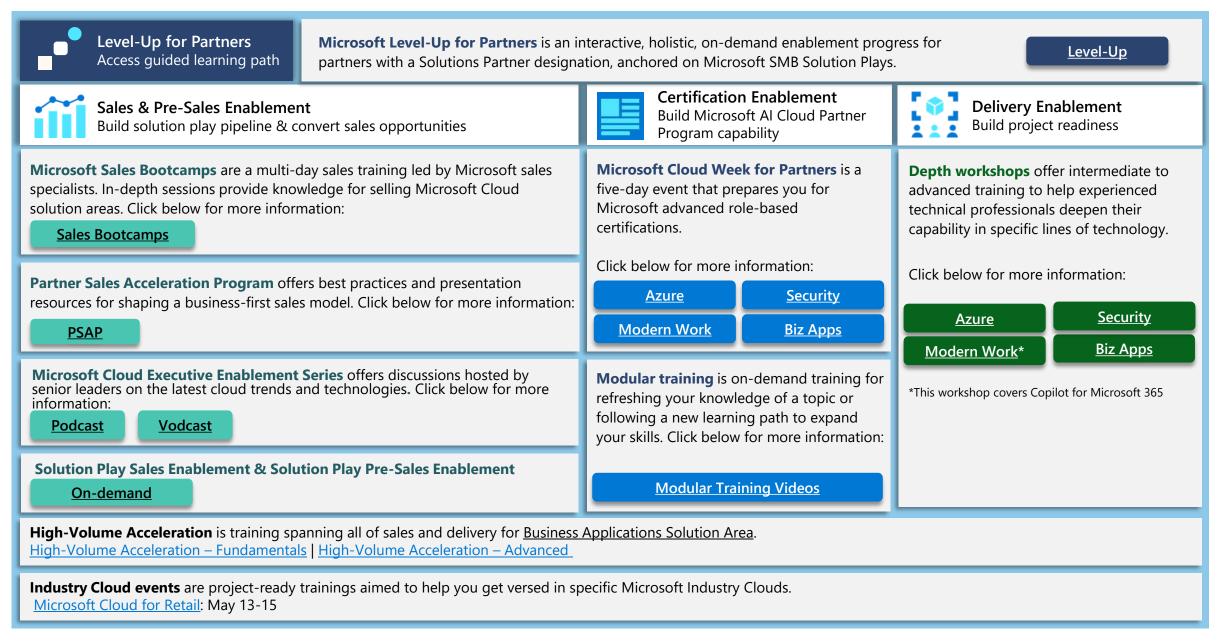
Improve deployment efficiency & time to value

# Partner Enablement is anchored on driving solution area and solution play success



Solution Area		SOLUTION PLAYS			
	INFRA	Migrate and Secure Windows Server and SQL Server			
	INFRA	Migrate SAP			
ш		Power Business Decisions with Cloud Scale Analytics			
AZURE	DATA AND AI	Innovate with Al			
AZ		Build & Modernize AI Apps			
	DIGITAL AND	Migrate Enterprise Apps			
	APPLICATION INNOVATION	Accelerate Developer Productivity			
		Threat Protection with XDR and SIEM			
SECURITY		Data Security			
		Modern Sec Ops			
		Accelerate Revenue Generation			
BUSINESS APPLICATIONS		Modernize Service			
		Optimize Finance and Supply Chain			
		Accelerate Innovation with Low Code			
		SMB Scale Business Operations			
		Secure Productivity			
		Converged Communications			
MODE	RN WORK	Cloud Endpoints			
		Employee Experience			
		Frontline Workers			

# **Enablement initiatives and events**



# H2 Business Applications event calendar for SMB

SMB event re ★★★ High	elevance ★★☆ Medium			
	May			June
Sales	On-demand, Access code: (MOKC-MCJB) For technical & sales roles:	***	Sales	Level Up Copilot Sales Champion **** On-demand, Access code: (MOKC-MCJB)
Certification	Modular Training (On-demand)	**	Certification	Modular Training (On-demand)
Delivery Enablement	Dynamics 365 Customer Service OmnichanneWorkshop (May 28-30, BST/IST)Explore the partner opportunity with Microso		Delivery Enablement	Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management-

# **Introducing Microsoft Applied Skills**

Learn more:

Browse Microsoft Applied Skills credentials

Watch Microsoft Applied Skills video

The new Microsoft-verified, scenario-based credential proves proficiency in skill sets specific to critical business challenges.

### How to earn credentials:



Prepare Gain additional skills with optional training



Earn

Pass an interactive, lab-based assessment



Share Celebrate & share





Watch the video: aka.ms/AppliedSkillsVideo

### Targeted skill validation for real-world scenarios



Validates knowledge in skill sets specific to critical business challenges



Credentials earned by passing an **online**, **ondemand**, **product-specific assessment** 



Interactive lab experience to demonstrate proficiency by completing real-world tasks

Microsoft-verified credentials offer a signal of trust to organizations, colleagues, hiring managers, and recruiters

### Targeted skills benefit your organization

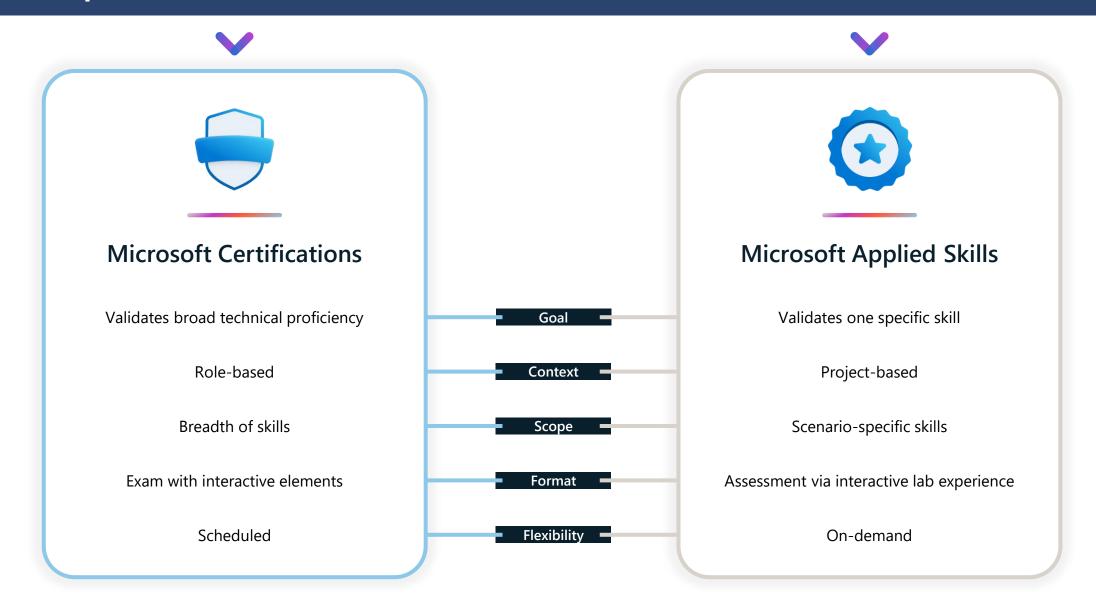
#### **Empower your employees**

Enable your teams to efficiently validate the targeted skills they need in order to solve problems more effectively and implement better solutions.

#### **Strengthen your organization**

Efficiently pinpoint the talent you have today and hire for tomorrow to provide highly technical solutions and take on projects critical to organizational success.

# Choose the path that fits your career goals, desired skills, and experience



# **Microsoft Applied Skills credentials**

Infrastructure

Configure secure access to your workloads using Azure networking

Secure storage for Azure Files and Azure Blob Storage

Deploy and configure Azure Monitor Digital & app innovation

Develop an ASP.NET Core web app that consumes an API

Implement security through a pipeline using Azure DevOps

Deploy containers by using Azure Kubernetes Service

#### Security

Secure Azure services and workloads with Microsoft Defender for Cloud regulatory compliance controls

Configure SIEM Security operations using Microsoft Sentinel

#### **Business applications**

Create and manage automated processes by using Power Automate

Coming soon

#### Data & Al

Create an intelligent document processing solution with Azure AI Document Intelligence Build a natural language processing solution with Azure Al Language

Build an Azure AI Vision solution

Migrate SQL Server workloads to Azure SQL Database

#### **Business applications**

Create and manage canvas apps with Power Apps

### Microsoft Customer Engagement Methodology (MCEM) for Partners

### Watch short videos for insight into the MCEM stages

The Microsoft Customer Engagement Methodology (MCEM) for Partners connects Microsoft sales, support, industry solutions delivery, and partners to bring more value to the customer by placing them at the heart of every deal. We're delighted to introduce a curated set of short videos that explore how this methodology can benefit you and provide you with the framework to co-sell with us more effectively.

#### Why watch?

These seven videos cover how using this methodology can strengthen the co-innovation and co-development process with customers. Our overall goal is to help you develop a shared language with Microsoft and drive increased value for our customers.

Watch videos

### MCEM video playlist

- . Introduction
- 2. Stage 1 Listen and Consult
- 3. Stage 2 Inspire and Design
- 4. Stage 3 Empower and Achieve
- 5. <u>Stage 4 Realize Value</u>
- 6. <u>Stage 5 Manage and Optimize</u>
- 7. Benefits Summary



# Business Applications Set the foundation for success as an SMB Reseller



Learn about the Solution Play and the top customer scenarios.

**D** <u>SMB Solution Play Enablement</u>

#### Understand the products

Build foundational knowledge about what the solutions can do.

- Dynamics 365 Business Central Functional Consultant (MB-800)
- Dynamics 365 Sales Dynamics 365 Fundamentals (CRM) MB-910
- Power Platform <u>Power Platform Fundamentals</u> <u>PL-900</u>
- Business Applications Cloud Week

### Drive faster time to value

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Assist partners in building compelling repeatable offers that address top customer scenarios.

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- (•) High Volume Practice Program
  - <u>Fundamentals</u>
  - <u>Advanced</u>

# Drive customer conversions

Help partners build sales strategies drive customer conversations and close their first deals.

- Partner Sales Acceleration
   Program (PSAP)
   Available now
- SMB Sales Bootcamp
   On Demand

Audience:

🔏 Technical

**G** Sales & Pre-Sales

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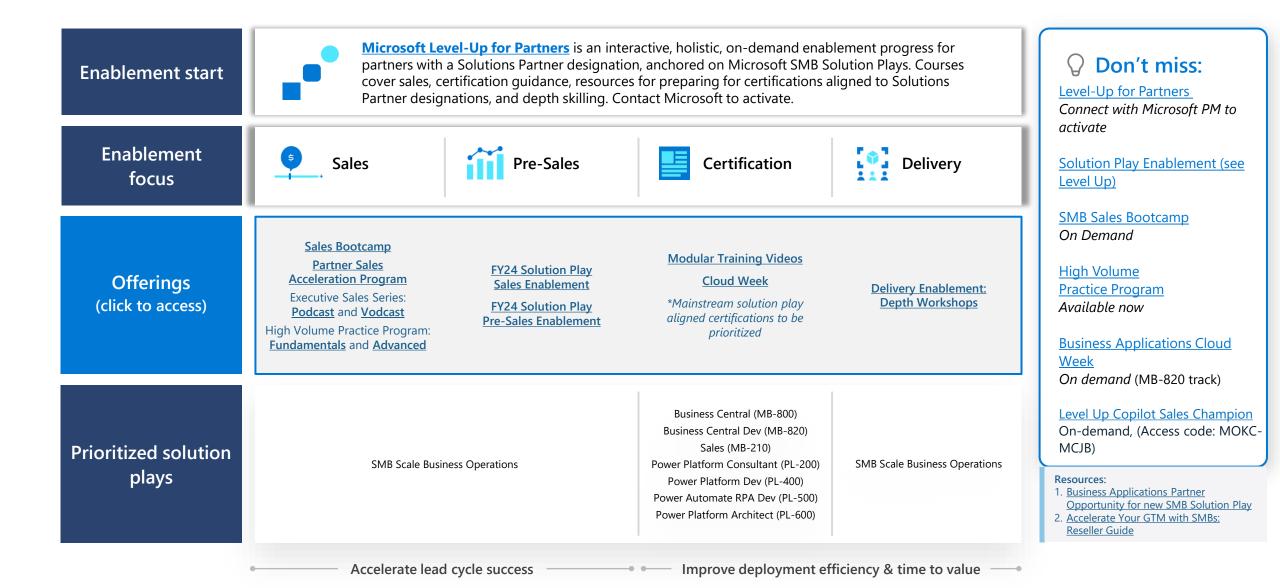
Level Up Copilot Sales Champion On-demand, (Access code: MOKC-MCJB)

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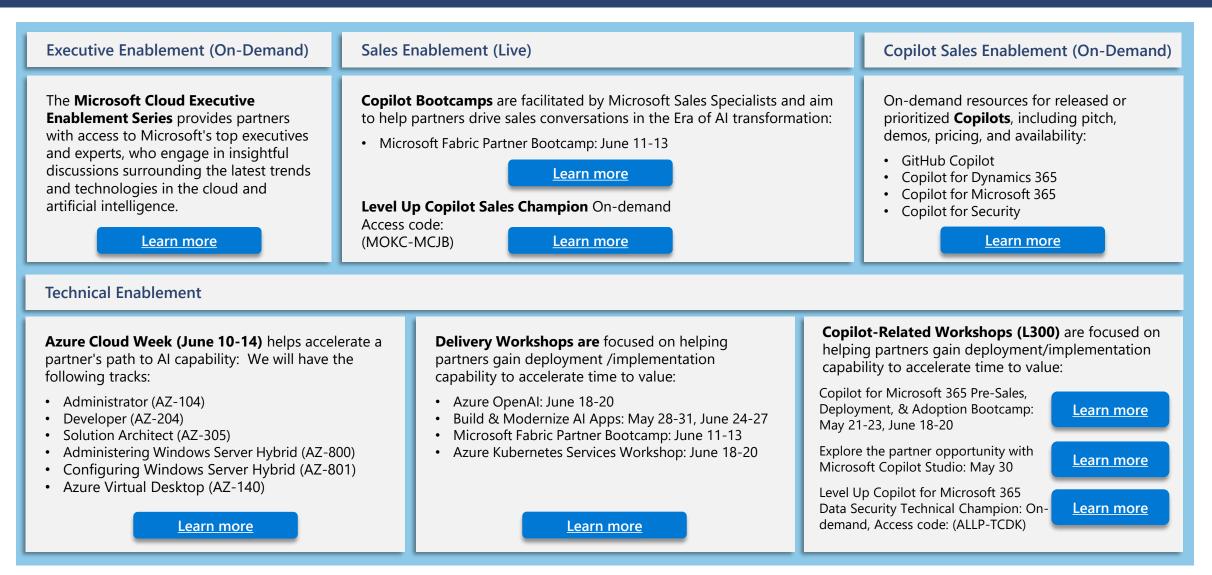
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On-demand

# **Business Applications** Enablement offerings for SMB Reseller



# Azure OpenAI and Copilot Enablement offerings

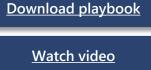


\*Event playouts are available across three time zones (PST/PDT, GMT/BST, CST/IST)

## **Microsoft Level-Up for Partners**

### A holistic Partner Enablement offering

<u>Microsoft Level-Up for Partners</u>—an interactive, holistic, on-demand enablement program for partners with a Solutions Partner designation, anchored on Microsoft Solution Plays. Learn how to position Microsoft solutions and products across all stages of a customer's life cycle of sales, pre-sales, and technical delivery, build a strong pipeline, and deliver faster results for Microsoft workloads.

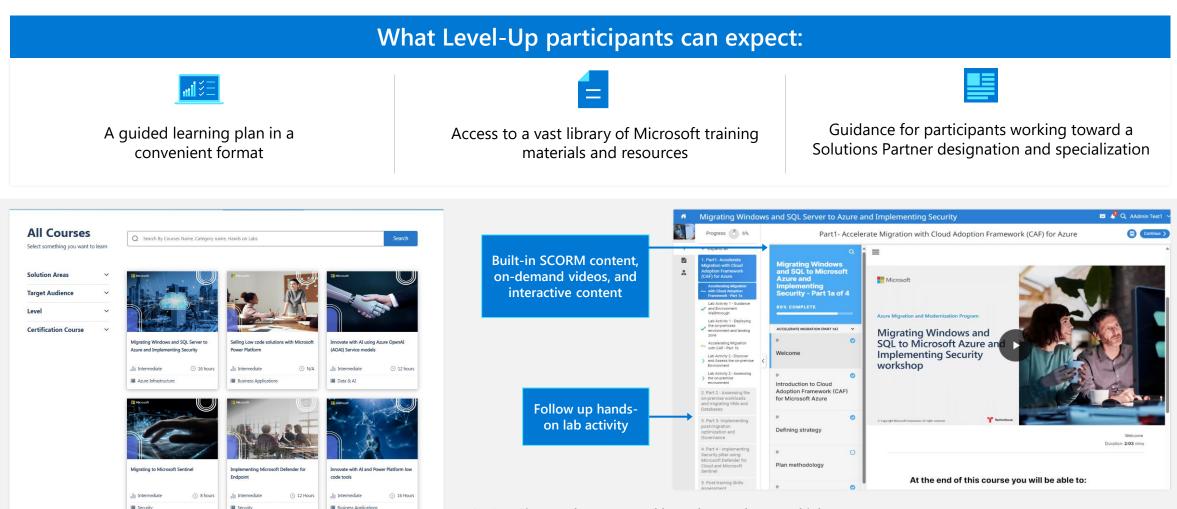


#### Why register? Microsoft Level-Up provides packaged skilling offerings aligned to mainstream solution plays through an on-Sales **Pre-Sales Technical** demand platform. Drive pipeline Improve POC and RFP Improve implementation and Courses are embedded with deployment capability; capability accelerate attaining a assessments to drive project Solutions Partner designation readiness capability in Sales, and specialization Pre-Sales, and Technical areas.

#### ACTION: Give Level-Up a try and let us know what you think.

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### Level-Up: How partners can invite employees to sign up



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## Level-Up pilot: Content road map

(New skilling content will continue to be added to the Level-Up Program; the below roadmap will change weekly)

S.no.	Segment	Solution Area	Solution Play	Audience	Learning plan title	Planned release	Available
1	SMB/Ent	Business Applications	Accelerate Innovation with Low code	Pre-Sales	Selling Low Code solutions with Microsoft Power Platform	August	Deactivated
2	SMB	Business Applications	SMB Scale Business Operations	Pre-Sales	<ul> <li>SMB Scale Business Operations with Dynamics 365 Business Central, and Power Platform</li> <li>Transform SMB operations with Dynamics 365</li> <li>Revolutionize SMB processes with Microsoft Power Platform</li> <li>Empower your sellers and accelerate your revenue with Microsoft Dynamics 365</li> </ul>	October October December	Yes Yes Yes
3	Ent	Business Applications	Accelerate Innovation with Low code	Pre-Sales	Accelerate innovation with low code	October	Yes
ļ	SMB/Ent	Azure - Infrastructure	Migrate and Secure Windows and SQL Server	Pre-Sales	Migrate and Secure your workloads on Azure	October	Yes
;	SMB/Ent	Modern Work	Secure Productivity / Microsoft 365 Copilot	Pre-Sales	Build a foundation of Secure Productivity to get AI-Ready	October	Yes
,	Ent	Security	Threat protection with XDR and SIEM	Pre-Sales	Threat protection with XDR and SIEM	October	Yes
	Ent	Azure – Data & Al	Build and modernize AI Apps	Pre-Sales	Build and modernize AI Apps	November	Yes
	Ent	Security	Modern Sec Ops	Pre-Sales	Modernize your SOC with Microsoft Sentinel	November	Yes
1	Ent	Azure Digital and App Innovation	Migrate Enterprise Apps	Pre-Sales	Unlock cost savings and innovate faster with Azure App Service	November	Yes
10	Ent	Azure Digital and App Innovation	Accelerate Developer Productivity	Pre-Sales	Accelerate Developer Productivity	November	Yes
1	Ent	Security	Data Security	Pre-Sales	Help your customers meet the Data Security challenges with Microsoft Purview	November	Yes
12	Ent	Azure – Data & Al	Power Business Decisions with Cloud Scale Analytics	Pre-Sales	Power Business Decisions with Cloud Scale Analytics using Microsoft Fabric	December	Yes
13	Ent	Business Applications	Accelerate Revenue Generation	Pre-Sales	Accelerate Revenue Generation	December	Yes
14	Ent	Business Applications	Modernize Service	Pre-Sales	Modernize Service with AI to deliver great customer experience	December	Yes
15	Ent	Business Applications	Optimize Finance and Supply Chain	Pre-Sales	Optimize Finance and Supply Chain	December	Yes
16	SMB/Ent	Azure – Infrastructure	Microsoft Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD)	Pre-Sales	Accelerate Remote Desktops deployments with Microsoft Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD)	December	Yes
17	Ent	Security	Microsoft Defender for Cloud	Pre-Sales	Microsoft Defender for Cloud	January	Yes

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						Late-	
2	Ent	Security	Threat protection with XDR and SIEM	Sales	Threat protection with XDR and SIEM	September	Yes
6	Ent	Azure - Data &AI	Build and modernize AI Apps	Sales	Build and modernize AI Apps	October	Yes
÷	Ent	Business Applications	Accelerate Innovation with Low code	Sales	Accelerate innovation with low code	October	Yes
5	SMB	Business Applications	SMB Scale Business Operations	Sales	<ul> <li>SMB Scale Business Operations with Dynamics 365 Business Central, Sales and Power Platform</li> <li>Transform SMB operations with Dynamics 365 Business Central</li> <li>Simplify Business Processes with Power Platform Low-Code solutions</li> <li>Empower your sellers and accelerate your revenue with Microsoft Dynamics 365 Sales</li> </ul>	October October October	Yes Yes Yes
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,	Ent	Azure Digital and App Innovation	Migrate Enterprise Apps	Sales	Unlock cost savings and innovate faster with Azure App Service	November	Yes
3	Ent	Security	Data Security	Sales	Enable comprehensive Data Security with Microsoft Purview	November	Yes
	Ent	Security	Modern Sec Ops	Sales	Modernize your SOC with Microsoft Sentinel-Security Operations powered by the cloud and AI	November	Yes
0	Ent	Business Applications	Accelerate Revenue Generation	Sales	Accelerate Revenue Generation	November	Yes
1	Ent	Business Applications	Modernize Service	Sales	Modernize Service	November	Yes
2	Ent	Business Applications	Optimize Finance and Supply Chain	Sales	Optimize Finance and Supply Chain	November	Yes
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15	SMB/Ent	Azure – Infrastructure	Microsoft Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD)	Sales	Accelerate Remote Desktops deployments with Microsoft Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD)	December	Yes
16	Ent	Copilot	CSP Masters Sales Training : Copilot for Microsoft 365	Sales	CSP Masters Sales Training : Copilot for Microsoft 365	February	Yes
17	Ent	Copilot	Copilot for Microsoft 365	Sales	Introduction to Copilot for Microsoft 365	Q3	Yes
8	Ent	Copilot	GitHub Copilot	Sales	Al-assisted development with GitHub copilot	Q3	Yes
9	Ent	Copilot	Power Platform Copilot	Sales	Introduction to Copilot in Power Platform	Q3	Yes
0	Ent	Copilot	Security Copilot	Sales	Introduction to Microsoft Copilot for Security	Q3	Yes
!1	Ent	Copilot	Dynamics 365 Copilot	Sales	Introduction to Microsoft Copilot for Dynamics 365	Q3	Yes

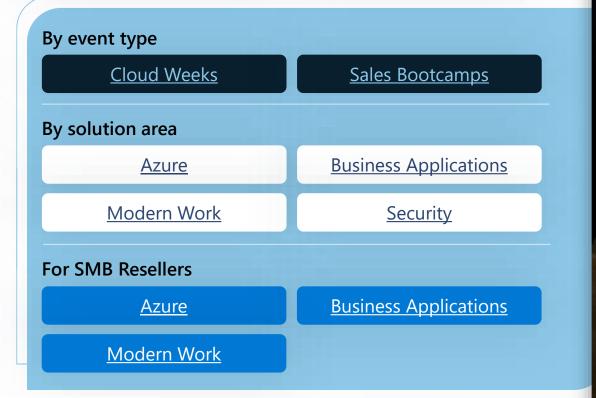
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						Late	
2	Ent	<b>Business Applications</b>	Accelerate Innovation with Low code	Technical	Reimagine processes automation with AI and Power Automate	September	Yes
3	SMB/Ent	Azure - Infrastructure	Migrate and Secure Windows and SQL Server	Technical	Migrate and Secure Windows and SQL workloads on Azure	August	Yes
4	Ent	Azure – Data & Al	Build and modernize AI Apps	Technical	Build and modernize AI Apps on Azure	September	Yes
5	Ent	Azure – Data & Al	Build and modernize AI Apps	Technical	Azure OpenAl Workshop	August	Yes
						Mid-	
6	Ent	Security	Threat protection with XDR and SIEM	Technical	Secure cloud-native application with Microsoft Defender for Cloud and integrated solutions	September	Yes
7	Ent	Security	Threat protection with XDR and SIEM	Technical	Implementing Microsoft Defender for Endpoint	September	Yes
8	Ent	Security	Modern Sec Ops	Technical	Migration to Microsoft Sentinel	Mid-September	Yes
9	Ent	Business Applications	Accelerate Innovation with Low Code	Technical	Secure and Govern Power Platform at Enterprise Scale	October	Yes
10	Ent	Security	Data Security	Technical	Fortify your data security with Microsoft Purview	October	Yes
			Power Business Decisions with Cloud Scale				
11	Ent	Azure – Data & Al	Analytics	Technical	Microsoft Fabric Workshop	November	Yes
					Build next generation Al-powered customer experience with Dynamics 365 Customer		
12	Ent	<b>Business Applications</b>	Accelerate Revenue Generation	Technical	Insights - Data	November	Yes
13	Ent	Security	Threat Protection with XDR and SIEM	Technical	Threat Protection and Incident Response with Microsoft Sentinel	November	Yes
14	Ent	Modern Work	Converged Communications	Technical	Configuring and administering Teams Premium	December	Yes
15	Ent	Business Applications	Modernize Service	Technical	Transform field operations with AI and Connected Field Service	December	Yes
16	SMB/Ent	Modern Work	Secure Productivity / Microsoft 365 Copilot	Technical	Copilot for Microsoft 365 Pre-sales and Technical workshop	December	Yes
17	Ent	Security	Threat protection with XDR and SIEM	Technical	Microsoft Defender for O365, Identity & CloudApps	January	Yes
18	Ent	Security	Secure Identity and take out Okta and Ping	Technical	Identity and Access Management with Microsoft Entra	January	Yes
			Build next generation AI-powered customer				
			experience with Dynamics 365 Customer Insights		Build next generation AI-powered customer experience with Dynamics 365 Customer		
19	Ent	Business application	– Journey	Technical	Insights – Journey	January	Yes
20	F		CSP Masters Technical Training: Copilot for	<b>T</b> 1 1 1		03	N.
20	Ent	Copilot	Microsoft 365 Build and extend Al-powered copilots with Copilot	Technical	CSP Masters Technical Training: Copilot for Microsoft 365	Q3	Yes
21	Ent	Copilot	Studio	Technical	Build and extend AI-powered copilots with Copilot Studio	Q3	Coming soon
22	Ent	Security	Implementing Microsoft Defender for Endpoint	Technical	Implementing Microsoft Defender for Endpoint	Q3	Coming soon

### Resources

- <u>AskGPSEnablement@microsoft.com</u>
- Partner Training Site
- <u>Microsoft Partner Skilling Playbooks (including SMB & Level-Up), Partner</u> <u>Training Calendar, newsletters, and guides</u>
- <u>Microsoft partner readiness repository</u>
- <u>Microsoft Learn</u>
- Al Enablement one-pager







# **Solutions Partner for Business Applications**

### Skilling requirements: Intermediate | Advanced

To attain a

designation, a

the three Partner

**Capability Score** 

categories. Skilling

requirements are:

**Solutions Partner for** 

**Business Applications** 

minimum of 70 points

must be earned across

#### **Intermediate**

**MB-210:** Dynamics 365 Sales Functional Consultant Associate

**MB-220:** Microsoft Dynamics 365 Customer Insights (Journeys) Functional Consultant Associate

**MB-230:** Dynamics 365 Customer Service Functional Consultant Associate

**MB-240:** Dynamics 365 Field Service Functional Consultant Associate

**MB-260:** Microsoft Dynamics 365 Customer Insights (Data) Specialist

**MB-310:** Dynamics 365 Finance Functional Consultant Associate

MB-320: Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management, Manufacturing Functional Consultant Associate
MB-330: Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management
Functional Consultant Associate
MB-340: Dynamics 365 Commerce Functional Consultant
Associate
MB-500: Dynamics 365: Finance and Operations Apps

Developer Associate

# MB-800: Dynamics 365 Business Central Functional Consultant Associate PL-200: Power Platform Functional Consultant Associate PL-300: Data Analyst Associate PL-400: Power Platform Developer Associate PL-600: Developer Associate

- PL-500: Power Automate RPA Developer Associate
- **DP-500:** Azure Enterprise Data Analyst Associate

#### **Advanced**

MB-335: Microsoft Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management Functional Consultant Expert
PL-600: Power Platform Solution Architect Expert
MB-700: Dynamics 365: Finance and Operations
Apps Solution Architect Expert



# **Solutions Partner for Business Applications**

### Skilling requirements: Specialization

On top of your

specialization

area by taking

requirements:

Solutions Partner

designation, earn a

to further differentiate

in a specialized focus

additional certification

your technical expertise

#### **Specialization**

#### **Business Intelligence**

PL-300: Power BI Data Analyst Associate AZ-500: Azure Security Engineer Associate DP-500: Azure Enterprise Data Analyst Associate

#### **Finance**

MB-310: Dynamics 365 Finance Functional Consultant Associate MB-500: Microsoft Dynamics 365: Finance and Operations Apps Developer MB-700: Dynamics 365: Finance and Operations Apps Solution Architect Expert

#### Low Code Application Development

PL-200: Power Platform Functional Consultant Associate PL-400: Power Platform Developer Associate PL-600: Power Platform Solution Architect Expert

#### **Intelligent Automation**

PL-200: Power Platform Functional Consultant Associate PL-400: Power Platform Developer Associate PL-500: Power Automate RPA Developer Associate PL-600: Power Platform Solution Architect Expert

#### <u>Sales</u>

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#### Small and Midsize Business Management

MB-800: Dynamics 365 Business Central Functional Consultant Associate

#### **Supply Chain**

MB-320: Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management, Manufacturing Functional Consultant Associate MB-330: Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management Functional Consultant Associate MB-700: Dynamics 365: Finance and Operations Apps Solution Architect Expert