



Networking Services in Microsoft Azure Advanced Specialization

Program Overview and Requirements



Program updates

Module A and Module B previews are now available for July 1, 2022 updates

Module B

May 2, 2022

The partner Preview for Module B V2.0 Networking Services in Microsoft Azure advanced specialization audit, required July 1, 2022 has added a new Design Control in 3.2, an Azure Well Architected Review. The preview is available [here](#)

A new control has been added to the Networking Services Advanced Specialization Module B control checklist in Design, the 3.2 Azure Well-Architected Review Assessment. This control will be required July 1, 2022.

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

Jan 1, 2022

Guidance and FAQ updates

May 5, 2021

New Audit Fee schedule

Please note the new audit fee schedule that went into effect 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

Module A

May 2, 2022

The partner Preview for the updated Module A Cloud Foundation checklist, required July 1, 2022 has these updates. The preview is available [here](#).

- 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 for Module A audits on 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.

Program overview

Showcase your validated capabilities designing, implementing, operating, and optimizing customers' network architecture, cost, and security with the Networking Services in Microsoft Azure advanced specialization. With more than 165,000 miles of private fiber spanning more than 60 regions and more than 170 network points of presence (POPs) across the world, Azure Networking provides the scale, performance, high availability, and enterprise-grade security that your customers need to meet the most extreme workload requirements.

The Networking Services in Microsoft Azure advanced specialization allows partners with an active [Gold Cloud Platform Competency](#) to further differentiate their organizations, demonstrate their capabilities, and build stronger connections with customers. Partners who earn an advanced specialization will have a customer-facing label displayed on their business profile, gain access to specific go-to-market programs and be prioritized in customer searches in the [Microsoft AppSource Partner Gallery](#).

For these reasons, this opportunity is available only to partners who meet additional, stringent requirements. [Learn more about advanced specializations](#).

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.

Requirements	Details
Competency	Your company must have an active Gold Cloud Platform competency.
Performance	USD \$10,000 monthly Networking Azure consumed revenue (ACR). ACR can be achieved through Digital Partner of Record , Partner Admin Link , and Cloud Solution Provider. <i>Government subscriptions (i.e., Fairfax) are not eligible for ACR via PAL association (Partner Admin Link)</i> Learn more about Azure ACR AND One (1) published Networking Managed Service Provider or Consulting Service offer on Azure Marketplace.

Knowledge

Your company must have at least three (3) individuals pass at least one (1) of the following certifications:

- Azure Administrator Associate [Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator Associate - Learn | Microsoft Docs](#)
- Azure Solutions Architect Expert [Expert Microsoft Certified: Azure Solutions Architect Expert - Learn | Microsoft Docs](#)

Audit

Your company must pass a third-party remote audit. [View audit checklist.](#)

How do I apply?

Only administrators of an organization's Microsoft partner account can submit an application for the Networking Services in Microsoft Azure advanced specialization on behalf of the organization. If you have the appropriate role and access, you can apply by signing into Partner Center and navigating to your [Partner Center Dashboard](#) > Competencies > Advanced Specialization.