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Understanding Power Platform certifications: How to prepare, train and pass certification exams

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**About
Microsoft
certifications**

**Power
Platform
certifications**

**Preparation,
training and
studying**

**How to pass
certification
exams?**



The Microsoft certification landscape

	Infrastructure	Data and AI	Digital app and innovation	Modern work	Business applications	Security	
Fundamentals Master the basics	<p>Azure Fundamentals</p> <p>AZ-900</p>	<p>Azure AI Fundamentals</p> <p>AI-900</p> <p>Azure Data Fundamentals</p> <p>DP-900</p>		<p>Microsoft 365 Fundamentals</p> <p>MS-900</p>	<p>Dynamics 365 Fundamentals (CRM)</p> <p>MB-910</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Fundamentals (ERP)</p> <p>MB-920</p> <p>Power Platform Fundamentals</p> <p>PL-900</p>	<p>Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals</p> <p>SC-900</p>	
Role-based Expand your technical skill set	<p>Azure Administrator Associate</p> <p>AZ-104</p> <p>Azure Solutions Architect Expert</p> <p>AZ-905 ★</p> <p>Azure Network Engineer Associate</p> <p>AZ-700</p> <p>Windows Server Hybrid Administrator Associate</p> <p>AZ-800 + AZ-801</p>	<p>Azure AI Engineer Associate</p> <p>AI-102</p> <p>Azure Data Scientist Associate</p> <p>DP-100</p> <p>Azure Database Administrator Associate</p> <p>DP-900</p> <p>Power BI Data Analyst Associate</p> <p>PL-300</p> <p>Azure Data Engineer Associate</p> <p>DP-203</p> <p>Fabric Analytics Engineer Associate</p> <p>DP-600</p>	<p>Azure Developer Associate</p> <p>AZ-204</p> <p>DevOps Engineer Expert</p> <p>AZ-400 ★</p>	<p>Endpoint Administrator Associate</p> <p>MD-102</p> <p>Administrator Expert</p> <p>MS-102 ★</p> <p>Collaboration Communications Systems Engineer Associate</p> <p>MS-721</p> <p>Teams Administrator Associate</p> <p>MS-700</p>	<p>Dynamics 365 Sales Functional Consultant Associate</p> <p>MB-210</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Customer Service Functional Consultant Associate</p> <p>MB-230</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations Apps Solution Architect Expert</p> <p>MB-700 ★</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Field Service Functional Consultant Associate</p> <p>MB-240</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Customer Experience Analyst Associate</p> <p>MB-280</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Finance Functional Consultant Associate</p> <p>MB-310</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management Functional Consultant Associate</p> <p>MB-330</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management Functional Consultant Expert</p> <p>MB-335</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations Apps Developer Associate</p> <p>MB-500</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Business Central Functional Consultant Associate</p> <p>MB-800</p> <p>Dynamics 365 Business Central Functional Consultant Expert</p> <p>MB-820</p>	<p>Azure Security Engineer Associate</p> <p>AZ-500</p> <p>Cybersecurity Architect Expert</p> <p>SC-100 ★</p> <p>Security Operations Analyst Associate</p> <p>SC-200</p> <p>Power Platform Functional Consultant Associate</p> <p>PL-200</p> <p>Power Platform Developer Associate</p> <p>PL-400</p> <p>Power Automate RPA Developer Associate</p> <p>PL-500</p> <p>Power Platform Solution Architect Expert</p> <p>PL-600 ★</p>	<p>Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals</p> <p>SC-900</p>
Specialty Deepen your technical skills and manage industry solutions	<p>Azure for SAP Workloads Specialty</p> <p>AZ-120</p> <p>Azure Virtual Desktop Specialty</p> <p>AZ-140</p>	<p>Azure Cosmos DB Developer Specialty</p> <p>DP-420</p>			<p>Dynamics 365 Customer Insights (Data) Specialty</p> <p>MB-260</p>		

My certification journey so far



Microsoft Certified
Trainer



Microsoft Certified
Master + MCSM

1997

2003

2001-2010

2010-2012

2013-2025

First exam: Windows
NT 4.0 Server



All Windows and
Security certifications



Do the rest!



| Why do certifications?



Self-studying to learn
new skills



Microsoft Partner
requirements



Acquiring base skills
for new platforms and
technologies



Becoming a better
architect with general
knowledge



Teaching others and
delivering trainings



Being less bored on
lunch breaks when
doing renewals!

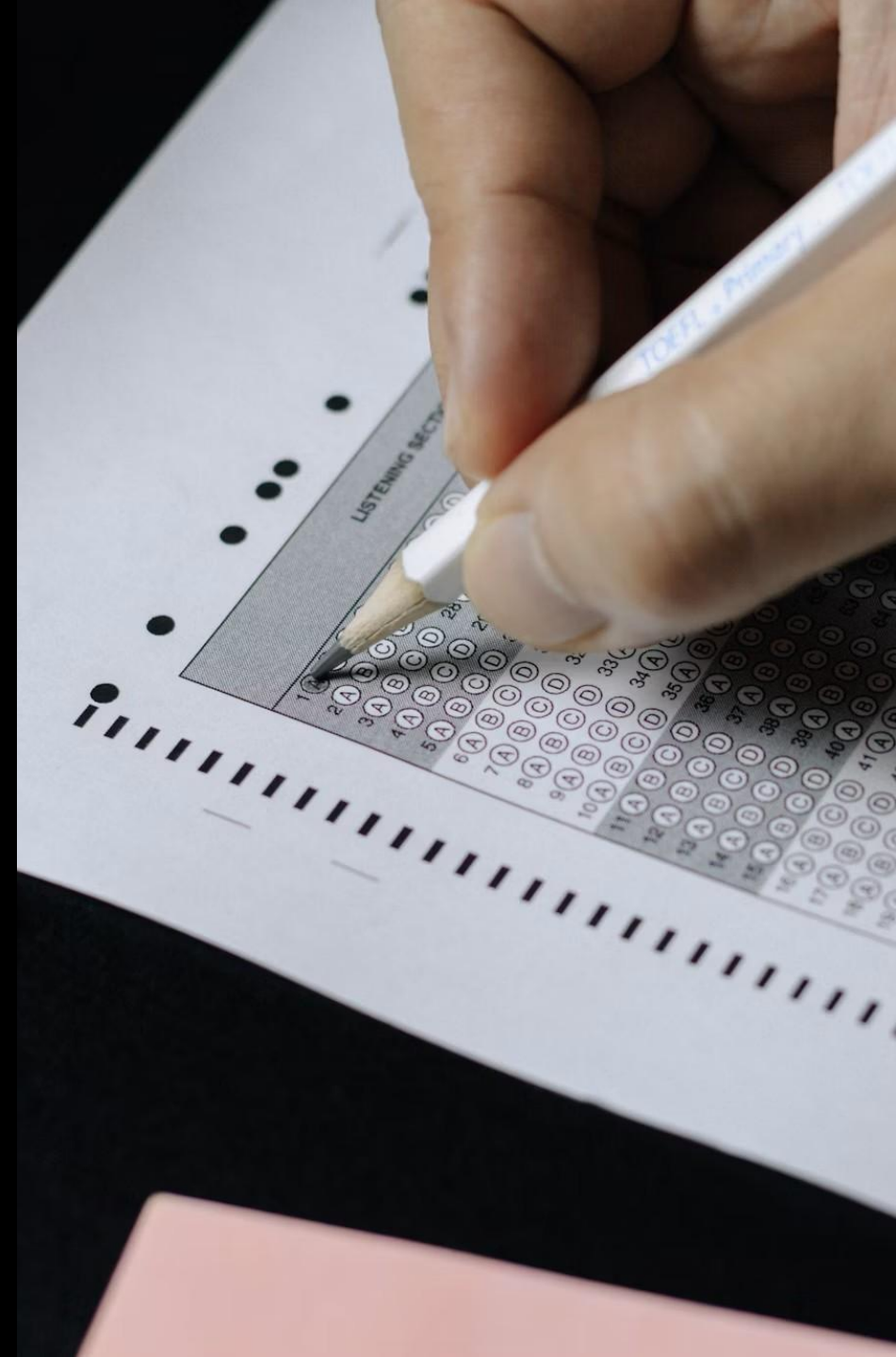
About the exams

Timed, usually 2 hours (extra 30 minutes if English is your second language, see: <https://www.pearsonvue.com/content/dam/VUE/vue/en/documents/publications/999930.pdf>)

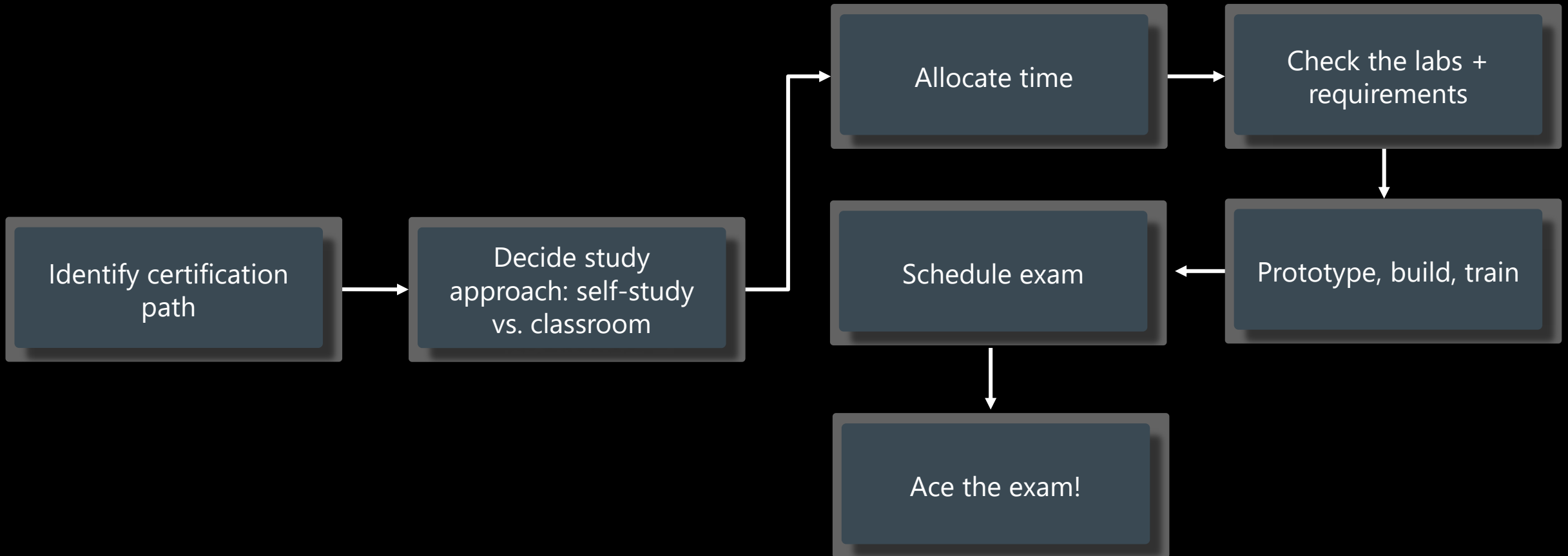
Typically majority of questions are multiple-choice.

Expert exams usually have case studies, sometimes labs.

You can do these remotely or at a test center.
A few thoughts on this..



| Learning by doing



Labs

Try to find the essence of the lab – what am I trying to learn?

Some labs are tedious. You don't have to do it. But you have to learn it.

I never use pre-built lab images/environments. The gist is usually something else, so I can easily replicate the intent in my own sandbox.



What about learning paths?

Microsoft has a vast collection of free learning content – see <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/training/browse/>

Easy to dip your toes in new platforms and technologies, without fully committing yet.

Typically from 35 minutes to a few hours. Some paths are much longer, and prepare you for a specific certification exam.



Which ones should I do?



Align with (possible)
Microsoft Partner
program needs



Align with your own
career path and
aspirations



Try to be broad
enough

Power Platform Functional
Consultant Associate

PL-200

Power Platform
Developer Associate

PL-400

Power Automate RPA
Developer Associate

PL-500

Power Platform
Solution Architect Expert



PL-600

Hold on, Microsoft Partner programs?

Microsoft Solutions Partner Designation

Business Applications

Data & AI

Digital & App Innovation

Infrastructure

Modern Work

Security

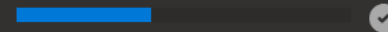
Solutions Partner insights

In Progress

8 /20 Points

Net customer adds

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Net qualifying customers added in the past 12 months for Azure Security and/or Microsoft 365.

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Achieved

40 /40 Points

Intermediate certifications

6 Certified individuals (Maximum: 6)



Individuals certified in qualifying courses and certifications

Have any questions? ask [AI assistant](#)

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Hold on, Microsoft Partner programs?

Microsoft Solutions Partner Specializations

Azure

Modern Work

Security

Business Applications

Current status: **Not achieved**

Your organization must have at least five (5) individuals pass the following certifications.

5 individuals must pass the [MSFT Certified: Power Platform Functional Consultant Associate](#)

AND

2 individuals must pass the [MSFT Certified: Power Platform Developer Associate](#)

AND

1 individual must pass the [MSFT Certified: Power Platform Solution Architect Expert](#)

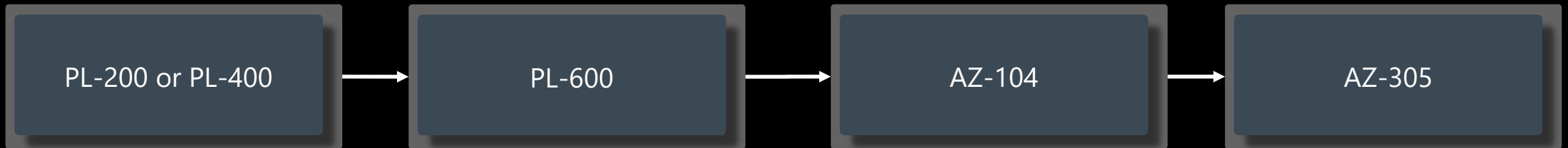
The certifications can be held by the same or different individuals.

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DEMO: Exams, labs, preparation

A black and white photograph of a large orchestra performing in a concert hall. The orchestra is seated on a stage, and the audience is visible in the foreground. The text "DEMO: Exams, labs, preparation" is overlaid in white on the image.

| Path to PL-600 and beyond



| A security-focused path to Power Platform



Microsoft Certified Trainer

Associate or Expert level certification – probably more than one ideal.

Verified Proof of Instructions skills.

Yearly renewal + certifications must be up to date.



| Miscellaneous topics I forgot to talk about previously



How long to complete
PL-200/AZ-104/etc?



Renewals – how do
they work?



Can you ask for more
money from your
boss?

End-to-end success plan for achieving mastery



Essentials

Learn to do labs

Read enough, not everything

Identify your preferred learning method

Build a plan for desired exams



Expert

Tackle the base exams

Gather on-the-job experience

Move beyond labs – more challenging tasks

Prepare & book the expert exam



Mastery

Skim Github labs

Build the lab from memory

Book the exam

| Resources

[Microsoft Training Certification Poster](#)

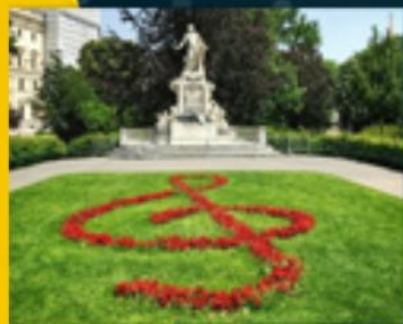
[PL-200 Labs](#)

[PL-400 Labs](#)

[PL-600 Labs](#)

[Microsoft Certified Trainer requirements](#)

[Additional thoughts on passing exams](#)



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Thank you!

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