

QUALIFICATION FILE-OEM

Administering Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure

☒ Short Term Training (STT) ☐ Long Term Training (LTT) ☐ Apprenticeship

☒ Upskilling ☐ Dual/Flexi Qualification ☐ For ToT ☐ For ToA

☒ General ☐ Multi-Skill (MS) ☐ Cross Sectoral (CS) ☐ Future Skills ☒ Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)

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Section 1: Basic Details

1.	Qualification Name	Administering Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure								
2.	Sector/s	IT/ITeS								
3.	Type of Qualification: ☐ New ☐ Revised ☐ Has Electives/Options ☒ OEM	NQR Code & version of existing/previous qualification: (change to previous, once approved) NA		Qualification Name of existing/previous version: NA						
4.	a. OEM Name b. Qualification Name (Wherever applicable)	a. Microsoft b. Administering Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure								
5.	National Qualification Register (NQR) Code &Version (Will be issued after NSQC approval)	NM-06-IT-04298-2025-V1-MCRSFT	6. NCrf/NSQF Level: 6							
7.	Award (Certificate/Diploma/Advance Diploma/ Any Other (Wherever applicable specify multiple entry/exits also & provide details in annexure)	Certificate								
8.	Brief Description of the Qualification	As a Windows Server Hybrid Administrator, you're responsible for integrating Windows Server with Azure services and managing workloads across on-premises, hybrid, and IaaS environments.								
9.	Eligibility Criteria for Entry for Student/Trainee/Learner/Employee	a. Entry Qualification & Relevant Experience: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th> <th>Academic/Skill Qualification (with Specialization - if applicable)</th> <th>Required Experience (with Specialization - if applicable)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td> 1.Any degree with ability to analyze and solve business problems using technology. 2.Any basic degree with understanding of basic IT concepts and terminology. 3.Pursuing first year of 2-year PG program after completing 3-year UG degree with intermediate knowledge of Azure. 4. Pursuing 1-year PG diploma after 3-year UG degree with intermediate knowledge of Azure. 5. Completed 4th year UG (in case of 4-year UG) with intermediate knowledge of Azure. 6. Pursuing 4th year UG (in case of 4-year UG) and continuing education with intermediate knowledge of </td> <td>NA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			S. No.	Academic/Skill Qualification (with Specialization - if applicable)	Required Experience (with Specialization - if applicable)		1.Any degree with ability to analyze and solve business problems using technology. 2.Any basic degree with understanding of basic IT concepts and terminology. 3.Pursuing first year of 2-year PG program after completing 3-year UG degree with intermediate knowledge of Azure. 4. Pursuing 1-year PG diploma after 3-year UG degree with intermediate knowledge of Azure. 5. Completed 4th year UG (in case of 4-year UG) with intermediate knowledge of Azure. 6. Pursuing 4th year UG (in case of 4-year UG) and continuing education with intermediate knowledge of	NA
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				Azure. 5. Completed 3-Year UG Degree (1 year relevant experience in Azure .																				
		b. Age: NA																						
10.	Credits Assigned to this Qualification, Subject to Assessment (as per National Credit Framework (NCrF))	1	11. Common Cost Norm Category (I/II/III) (wherever applicable):																					
12.	Any Licensing requirements for Undertaking Training on This Qualification (wherever applicable)	Windows Server operating systems																						
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14.	Aligned to NCO/ISCO Code/s (if no code is available mention the same)																							
15.	Progression path after attaining the qualification (Please show Professional and Academic progression)	Career Progression: Windows Server Administrator → Hybrid Cloud Administrator → Azure Solutions Specialist → Cloud Architect → IT Operations Manager .																						
16.	Other Indian languages in which the Qualification & Model Curriculum are being submitted																							
17.	Is similar Qualification(s) available on NQR-if yes, justification for this qualification	☐ Yes ☐ No URLs of similar Qualifications:																						
18.	Is the Job Role Amenable to Persons with Disability	☒ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", specify the applicable type of Disability: Physical Disability. Hearing and speech-impaired																						

19.	How Participation of Women will be Encouraged	Organisations are increasingly prioritising gender diversity and actively recruiting women from rural India to meet ESG compliance standards. Tailored, industry-relevant programs can equip women with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in multinational companies.	
20.	Are Greening/ Environment Sustainability Aspects Covered <i>(Specify the NOS/Module which covers it)</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	
21.	Is Qualification Suitable to be Offered in Schools/Colleges	Schools ☒ Yes ☐ No Colleges ☒ Yes ☐ No	
22.	Name and Contact Details of Submitting / Awarding Body SPOC <i>(In case of CS or MS, provide details of both Lead AB & Supporting ABs)</i>	Name: Manju Dhasmana Contact No.: +91 (124) 6561069(India) Email: manjud@microsoft.com Name: Kishore Kumar Thangavelu Contact No: +91 (124) 6561069(India) Email: Kishore.Thangavelu@microsoft.com Name: Jennifer Filarski Email: jennifb@microsoft.com Contact No.: 425-704-7872 (USA) Website: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/	
23.	Final Approval Date by NSQC: 8 th May,2025	24. Validity Duration: 3 Years	25. Next Review Date: 6 May,2025

Section 2: Training Related

1.	Trainer's Qualification and experience in the relevant sector (in years) <i>(as per NCVET guidelines)</i>	A minimum of 3 years experience in Windows Server Administration or in the related field.
2.	Master Trainer's Qualification and experience in the relevant sector (in years) <i>(as per NCVET guidelines)</i>	A minimum of 5 years experience in Windows Server Administration or Equivalent professional experience will also be considered
3.	Tools and Equipment Required for the Training	☐ Yes ☐ No <i>(If "Yes", details to be provided in Annexure)</i> Laptop with Windows 10 or 11 Enterprise or Pro Software to perform Labs
4.	In Case of Revised NOS, details of Any Upskilling Required for Trainer	NA

Section 3: Assessment Related

1.	Assessor's Qualification and experience in relevant sector (in years) <i>(as per NCVET guidelines)</i>	Graduate with minimum of 3 years experience in Windows Server Administration or its equivalent.
2.	Proctor's Qualification and experience in relevant sector (in years) <i>(as per NCVET guidelines), (wherever applicable)</i>	Graduate with a minimum of 3 years experience in Windows Server Administration or its equivalent.
3.	Lead Assessor's/Proctor's Qualification and experience in relevant sector (in years) <i>(as per NCVET guidelines)</i>	Educational Qualification: Diploma in Computers/ Electronics / Electrical Engg/ B.E/ B.Tech With a minimum of 3 years experience in Windows Server Administration or its equivalent.
4.	Assessment Mode <i>(Specify the assessment mode)</i>	Online Home/Office and at Registered Test Centers offline both options are available.
5.	Tools and Equipment Required for Assessment	☒ Same as for training ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>(details to be provided in Annexure-if it is different for Assessment)</i>

Section 4: Evidence of the Need for the Standalone NOS

Provide Annexure/Supporting documents name.

1.	Government /Industry initiatives/ requirement (Yes/No):Industry Initiative
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2.	Number of Industry validation provided: NA
3.	Estimated number of people to be trained: Approx. 15,000 learners to be trained in the year 2025
4.	Evidence of Concurrence/Consultation with Line/State Departments (In case of regulated sectors): (Yes/No): <i>NA as per OEM Guidelines</i>

Section 5: Annexure & Supporting Documents Check List

Specify Annexure Name / Supporting document file name

1.	Annexure: NCrF/NSQF level justification based on NCrF/NSQF descriptors <i>(Mandatory)</i>	Annexure: Evidence of Level.
2.	Annexure: List of tools and equipment relevant for NOS <i>(Mandatory, except in case of online course)</i>	Annexure: Tools and Equipment
3.	Annexure: Performance and Assessment Criteria <i>(Mandatory)</i>	Annexure: Performance and Assessment Criteria
4.	Annexure: Assessment Strategy <i>(Mandatory)</i>	Annexure: Assessment Strategy
5.	Annexure: Blended Learning <i>(Mandatory, in case selected Mode of delivery is Blended Learning)</i>	Annexure: Blended Learning
6.	Annexure: Acronym and Glossary <i>(Optional)</i>	Annexure: Acronym and Glossary
7.	Annexure/Supporting Document: Standalone NOS- Performance Criteria Details Annexure/Document with PC-wise detailing as per NOS format (Mandatory- Public view)	Annexure: Standalone NOS Performance Criteria
8.	Supporting Document: Model Curriculum <i>(Mandatory – Public view)</i>	Model Curriculum –Administering Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure

Annexure: Evidence of Level

NCrF/NSQF Level Descriptors	Key requirements of the job role/ outcome of the qualification	How the job role/ outcomes relate to the NCrF/NSQF level descriptor	NCrF/NSQF Level
Professional Theoretical Knowledge/Process	An AZ-800 Administrator oversees the operational health of Windows Server environments across on-premises and hybrid cloud setups. Their responsibilities span deploying and fine-tuning server infrastructure, safeguarding systems via timely updates and patches, and managing robust network services and connectivity.	AZ-800 certification equips professionals with advanced skills in managing and optimizing Windows Server environments, both on-premises and in hybrid cloud scenarios. It validates their expertise in deploying server infrastructure, ensuring system security, managing network services, and implementing effective backup and disaster recovery solutions. This certification enhances career prospects by opening doors to roles such as IT Manager, Systems Administrator, or Cloud Solutions Architect.	6
Professional and Technical Skills/ Expertise/ Professional Knowledge	AZ-800 signifies a comprehensive skill set in managing Windows Server environments across diverse settings, including on-premises and hybrid cloud infrastructures. Professionals with this certification excel in deploying and configuring	- As an AZ-800 Administrator, responsibilities typically include: Windows Server Management: Deploying, configuring, and maintaining Windows Server environments in on-premises and hybrid cloud settings.	6

	server solutions, ensuring robust system security through proactive updates and patches, and optimizing network performance and connectivity. They possess adept troubleshooting abilities to swiftly resolve technical issues and implement reliable backup and disaster recovery strategies.	• System Security: Ensuring the security of Windows Server systems through timely updates, patches, and implementing security best practices. • Network Management: Managing network services, including DNS, DHCP, and Active Directory, to maintain reliable connectivity and efficient communication. • Performance Monitoring: Monitoring system performance metrics to identify and resolve issues, ensuring optimal server operation and resource utilization.	
Employment Readiness & Entrepreneurship Skills & Mind-set/Professional Skill	Certification validates expertise sought by employers for roles such as Systems Administrator, Network Administrator, Cloud Solutions Architect, and IT Manager. Demonstrates proficiency in deploying, configuring, and securing Windows Server systems, enhancing credibility and	The AZ-800 qualification signifies proficiency in securing cloud environments through several key professional skills: • Identity and Access Management: Expertise in implementing and managing identity and access controls, including Azure Active Directory, to safeguard	6

	trustworthiness among employers and peers.	resources and prevent unauthorized access. • Network Security: Knowledge of Azure networking principles, including Virtual Networks (VNETs) and Network Security Groups (NSGs), to secure network communications and mitigate threats. • Data Protection: Skills in implementing encryption, backup, and disaster recovery solutions to protect data integrity and ensure business continuity in Azure environments	
Broad Learning Outcomes/Core Skill	The broad learning outcomes of AZ-800, focusing on advanced Windows Server and hybrid cloud management, include: • Proficiency in implementing robust security measures to protect data and resources within Windows Server	Here are the responsible job roles of an AZ-800 Administrator • Integrating Environments: Integrating Windows Server environments with Azure services for seamless operations. • Managing On-Premises Networks: Ensuring efficient management and maintenance of Windows	6

	and hybrid cloud environments. • Capability to design and implement strategic deployments of Windows Server technologies to meet organizational goals and requirements	Server environments in on-premises networks. • Handling Azure IaaS Workloads: Managing and maintaining Windows Server Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) workloads in Azure, including migration and deployment tasks.	
Responsibility	Responsibilities of a Hybrid Core Administrator include: • Integrating Systems • Managing On-Premises Servers • Handling Cloud Workloads • Ensuring Security • Performance Monitoring • Collaboration	As a Windows Server hybrid administrator, your responsibilities include integrating Windows Server environments with Azure services, managing on-premises Windows Server networks, and overseeing Windows Server IaaS workloads in Azure, including migration and deployment activities. You collaborate closely with Azure administrators, enterprise architects, Microsoft 365 administrators, and network engineers to ensure seamless integration, efficient operations, and optimal performance across the hybrid infrastructure.	6

Annexure: Tools and Equipment (lab set-up)

List of Tools and Equipment
Batch Size:NA, as it is on a Cloud-based lab

S. No.	Tool / Equipment Name	Specification	Quantity for specified Batch size
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1	Computer with Internet	Windows 10 or 11 Pro /Enterprise	One per learner
2	LODS Key	Windows Server operating systems	One per learner
3	Installed Browser	Latest Google Chrome/Microsoft Edge Browser	Installed on the computer of the learner
4	Internet	Stable internet connection with minimum 40 mbps speed	Internet access for the learners

Classroom Aids

The program is virtual classroom enabled.

The aids required to conduct sessions in the classroom / virtual are:

1. MS Teams (for virtual) with Wi-Fi Connectivity
2. Computer system (1 per learner), LODs key for performing Labs.

Annexure: Industry Validations Summary

Not Applicable - vide Guidelines for Creditisation of Skilling and Training Courses
and Qualifications of MNCs and Leading Indian Enterprises

Annexure: Training Details

Training Projections:

Year	Estimated Training # of Total Candidates	Estimated training # of Women	Estimated training # of People with Disability

Data to be provided year-wise for next 3 years.

Annexure: Blended Learning

Blended Learning Estimated Ratio & Recommended Tools:

S. No.	Select the Components of the NOS	List Recommended Tools – for all Selected Components	Offline: Online Ratio
1	☒ Theory/ Lectures - Imparting theoretical and conceptual knowledge	MS Learn Links of the course will be provided, Internet Connection, Computers	0:100
2	☒ Imparting Soft Skills, Life Skills and Employability Skills /Mentorship to Learners		
3	☒ Showing Practical Demonstrations to the learners	LODS Key is required, Computer, Internet Connection, Projector	30:70
4	☒ Imparting Practical Hands-on Skills/ Lab Work/ workshop/ shop floor training	LODS Key is required, Computer, Internet Connection, Projector	30:70
5	☒ Tutorials/ Assignments/ Drill/ Practice		

6	☒ Proctored Monitoring/ Assessment/ Evaluation/ Examinations	Proctored Exam, Computer with good Camera, Microphone, Internet Connectivity and One Vue support	0:100
7	☐ On the Job Training (OJT)/ Project Work Internship/ Candidate Training	MS Learn Links of the course will be provided, Internet Connection, Computers	0:100

Annexure: Standalone NOS- Performance Criteria details

1. Description:

This course aims to certify individuals as Microsoft Certified: Administering Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure. The qualification is designed to prepare professionals to configure and manage Windows Server environments across on-premises, hybrid, and infrastructure as a service (IaaS) platform. As a Windows Server hybrid administrator, you will be responsible for integrating Windows Server environments with Azure services, managing on-premises servers, handling cloud workloads in Azure, ensuring security, monitoring performance, and collaborating effectively with various IT professionals.

2. Scope:

The scope covers the following:

- Integrating Windows Server environments with Azure services.
- Managing Windows Server in on-premises networks.
- Managing and maintaining Windows Server IaaS workloads in Azure, as well as migrating and deploying workloads to Azure.

3. Elements and Performance Criteria

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

1. Deploy and manage identity infrastructure (7Hrs)

PC1: Introduction to AD DS

PC2: Manage AD DS domain controllers and FSMO roles

PC3: Implement Group Policy Objects

PC4: Manage advanced features of AD DS

PC5: Implement hybrid identity with Windows Server

PC6: Deploy and manage Azure IaaS Active Directory domain controllers in Azure

2.Manage Windows Servers and workloads in a hybrid environment(7Hrs)

PC1: Perform Windows Server secure administration

PC2: Describe Windows Server administration tools

PC3: Perform postinstallation configuration of Windows Server

PC4 Just Enough Administration in Windows Server

PC5: Administer and manage Windows Server IaaS Virtual Machine remotely

PC6: Manage hybrid workloads with Azure Arc

3.Manage virtualization and containers in a hybrid environment(6Hrs)

PC1: Configure and manage Hyper-V

PC2: Configure and manage Hyper-V virtual machines

PC3: Secure Hyper-V workloads

PC4 Run containers on Windows Server Module

PC5: Orchestrate containers on Windows Server using Kubernetes

PC6: Plan and deploy Windows Server IaaS Virtual Machines

PC7: Customize Windows Server IaaS Virtual Machine images

PC8: Automate the configuration of Windows Server IaaS Virtual Machines

4.Implement and manage an onpremises and hybrid networking infrastructure(6Hrs)

PC1: Deploy and manage DHCP

PC2: Implement Windows Server DNS

PC3: Implement IP Address Management

PC4 Implement remote access

PC5: Implement hybrid network infrastructure

PC6: Implement DNS for Windows Server IaaS VMs

PC7: Implement Windows Server IaaS VM IP addressing and routing

5.Configure storage and file services(6Hrs)

PC1: Manage Windows Server file servers

PC2: Implement Storage Spaces and Storage Spaces Direct

PC3: Implement Windows Server Data Deduplication

PC4 Implement Windows Server Iscsi

PC5: Implement Windows Server Storage Replica

PC6 Implement a hybrid file server infrastructure

4. Knowledge and Understanding (KU):

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

KU1: Windows Server Hybrid Administrators are responsible for administering core infrastructure services and configuring and managing Windows Server.

KU2: They manage Windows Server in on-premises, hybrid, and Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) platform workloads.

KU3: They implement and manage infrastructure solutions such as identity, management, compute, networking, and storage using on-premises, hybrid, and cloud technologies

5. Generic Skills (GS):

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

GS1: Manage Windows Server Workloads: Experience with managing Windows Server operating systems and workloads in on-premises scenarios, including Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS), Distributed File System (DFS), Hyper-V, and File and Storage Services.

GS2: Understand Core Networking Technologies: Experience and understanding of core networking technologies such as IP addressing, name resolution, and Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP).

GS3: Utilize Azure Hybrid Technologies: Basic understanding of Azure hybrid technologies, including deployment and management of Windows Server IaaS virtual machines and Azure Active Directory.

Annexure: Assessment Criteria

Detailed PC-wise assessment criteria and assessment marks for the NOS are as follows:

S. No.	Assessment Criteria for Performance Criteria	Percentage
1.	Deploy and manage Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) in on-premises and cloud environments	(30–35%)
2.	Manage Windows Servers and workloads in a hybrid environment	(10–15%)
3.	Manage virtual machines and containers	(15–20%)
4.	Implement and manage an on-premises and hybrid networking infrastructure	(15–20%)
5.	Manage storage and file services	(15–20%)
Total Marks		1000

Note: Based on Release Changes the Percentages vary. MS Learn Links for the respective course will be able to provide the respective percentages. All technical exam scores are reported on a scale of 1 to 1,000. A passing score is 700 or greater. As this is a scaled score, it may not equal 70% of the points. A passing score is based on the knowledge and skills needed to demonstrate competence as well as the difficulty of the questions.

- Exam Duration and Number of Questions: 100 minutes to answer 40 to 60 questions
- Format of the questions: multiple-choice, true/false, drag and drop, list builds, and case studies.
- Delivery method: Pearson VUE center or online proctored exam.

Annexure: Assessment Strategy

This section includes the processes involved in identifying, gathering, and interpreting information to evaluate the Candidate on the required competencies of the program.

Assessment System Overview:

- As its Online Proctored exam. It's important to the test the computer with Good Camera, microphone, and internet connections.
- Need to check OnVUE software id working properly as firewall can block them.
- Need a valid Govt recognized id and a closed and quite room for taking up exam.
- Explore the exam sandbox to learn more about the exam UI and the different types of questions you may encounter. Before taking the exam.

2. Testing Environment:

- Candidates register for the exam and schedule a date and time for taking up the exam.
- Assessment agencies send the assessment confirmation to participants via email.
- Assessment agency deploys the Microsoft Certification on Power Platform Fundamentals on successful completion of the certificate.
- Multiple-choice, true/false, drag and drop, list builds, and case studies are given for assessment.

3. Assessment Quality Assurance levels/Framework:

- Question bank is created by the Subject Matter Experts (SME) are verified by the other SME
- Questions are mapped to the specified assessment criteria

4. Types of evidence or evidence-gathering protocol:

- Need a valid Govt identification card.

5. Method of verification or validation:

- Proctor can anytime ask you to rotate the system and cancel the exam if found suspicious.
- Sign into your Microsoft Learn profile. In the photo avatar drop-down menu, choose Profile and then choose Certifications inside the profile menu, to check the status of the exam

6. Method for assessment documentation, archiving, and access

- Sign into your Microsoft Learn profile. In the photo avatar drop-down menu, choose Profile and then choose Certifications inside the profile menu, to check the status of the exam

Annexure: Acronym and Glossary

Acronym

Acronym	Description
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AA	Assessment Agency
AB	Awarding Body
NCrF	National Credit Framework
NOS	National Occupational Standard(s)
NQR	National Qualification Register
NSQF	National Skills Qualifications Framework

Glossary

Term	Description
National Occupational Standards (NOS)	NOS define the measurable performance outcomes required from an individual engaged in a particular task. They list down what an individual performing that task should know and also do.
Qualification	A formal outcome of an assessment and validation process which is obtained when a competent body determines that an individual has achieved learning outcomes to given standards
Qualification File	A Qualification File is a template designed to capture necessary information of a Qualification from the perspective of NSQF compliance. The Qualification File will be normally submitted by the awarding body for the qualification.
Sector	A grouping of professional activities on the basis of their main economic function, product, service or technology.