



# Microsoft Streamlined Certification Paths

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# Summary

- Microsoft is streamlining its expert-level technical certifications:
  - Aligning to industry-recognized areas of competence while
  - Providing flexibility to showcase your specific skills on Microsoft products and services
- Five new Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE) and Developer (MCSD) specialties align to Centers of Excellence, used by the Microsoft Partner Network to identify technical competencies that are widely recognizable by both Microsoft partners and customers

# How To Earn

- To earn each of these credentials, you must:
  - Earn a qualifying Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA) certification
  - Pass a single additional exam from a list of electives associated with the corresponding Center of Excellence
- The resulting MCSE or MCSD certification will be added to your transcript and will never expire.
- Every year, you have the opportunity to re-earn the certification by passing an additional exam from the list of electives
- Each time you earn the certification, a new certification entry will be added to your transcript.
- This process replaces the existing MCSE/MCSD requirement of taking a specific recertification exam every 2 or 3 years.

# Transitioning to the New Certifications...

- Upon release of the new MCSE and MCSA certifications, transcripts will be reevaluated.
- Individuals who currently hold active MCSE or MCSA certifications from the following list will earn the corresponding new MCSE or MCSA certifications for 2016 without having to take any additional exams:

MCSE: Server Infrastructure

MCSE: Private Cloud

MCSE: Data Platform

MCSE: Business Intelligence

MCSE: Enterprise Devices and Apps

MCSE: SharePoint

MCSE: Communication

MCSE: Messaging

MCSA: Universal Windows Platform

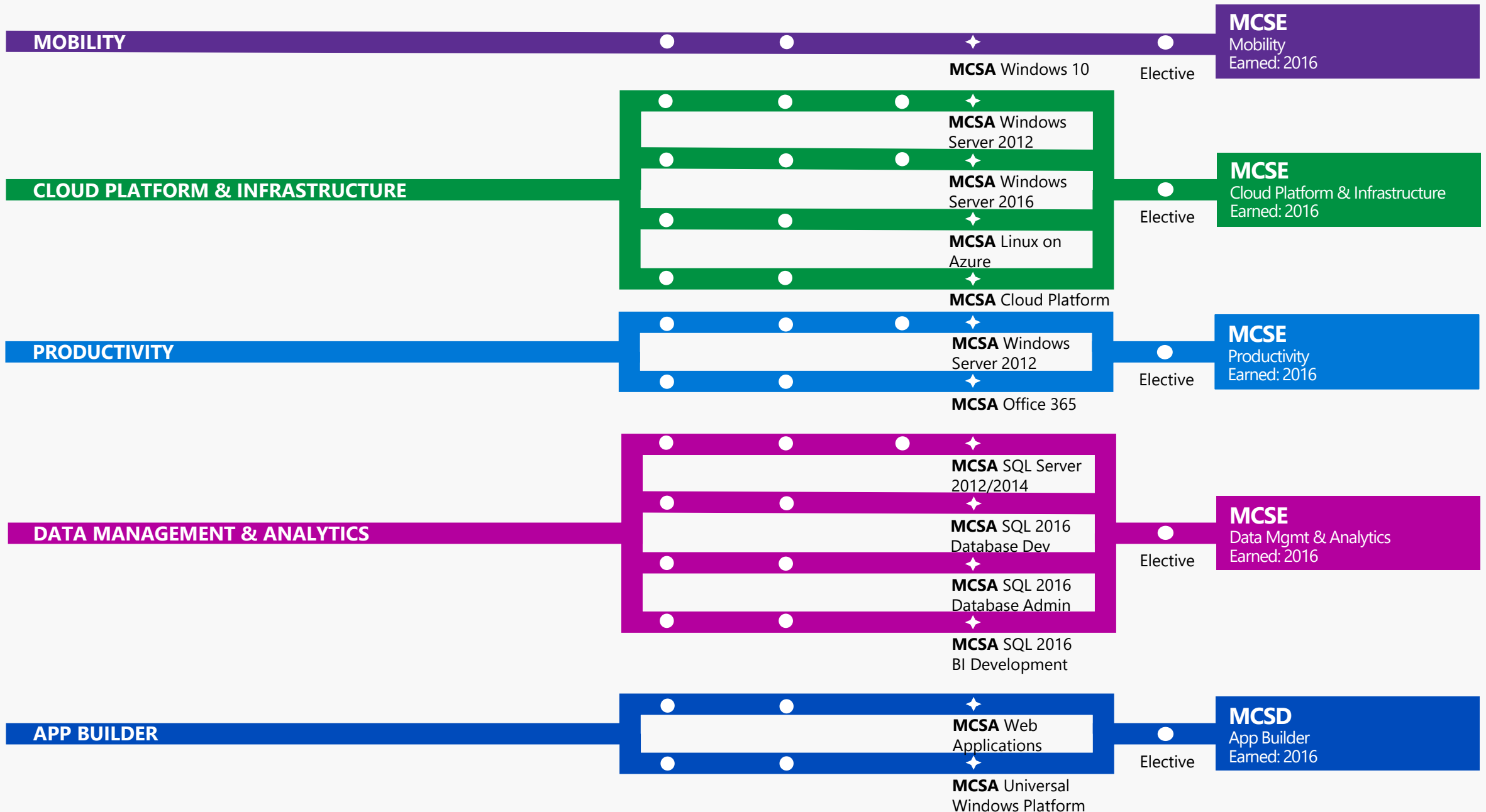
MCSA: Web Applications

MCSA: SharePoint Applications

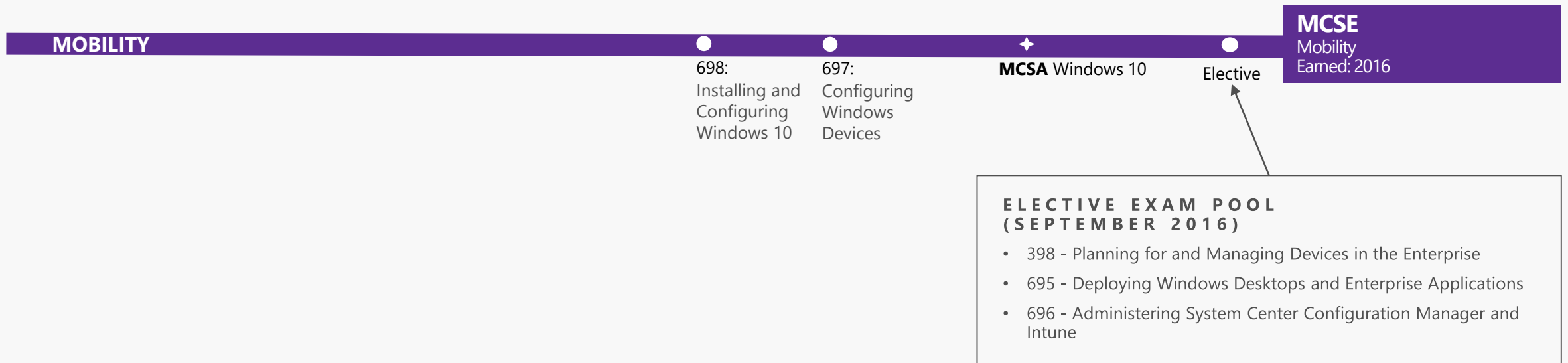
# ...Transitioning to the New Certifications

- In addition, all individuals who have passed a qualifying elective exam since January 1, 2016 will be granted the corresponding new MCSE or MCSD certifications for 2016 without the need to take additional exams, if they have met all other exam requirements.
- Through Dec 31, 2016, individuals with inactive MCSE or MCSD certifications can earn the new certification by either:
  - Taking a recertification exam
  - Taking a new exam from the list of electives associated with the corresponding Center of Excellence

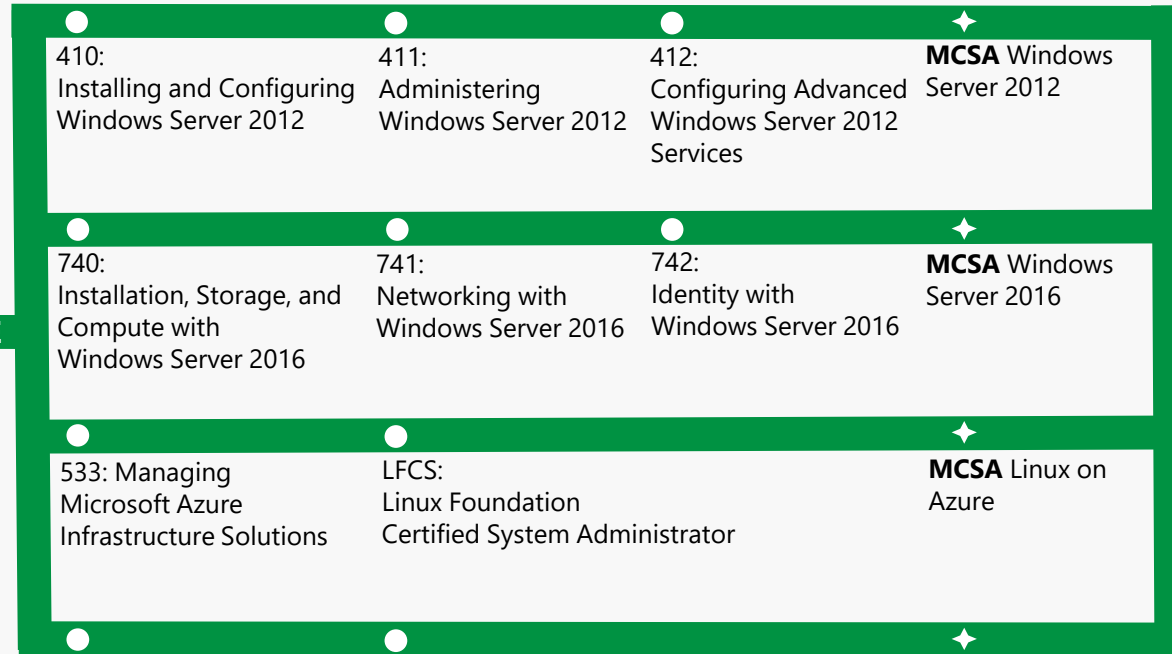
# STREAMLINED CERTIFICATION PATHS



# MOBILITY PATH



# CLOUD PLATFORM & INFRASTRUCTURE PATH



**CLOUD PLATFORM & INFRASTRUCTURE**

Choose two from:  
 532: Developing Microsoft Azure Solutions  
 533: Managing Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Solutions  
 534: Architecting Microsoft Azure Solutions  
 473: Designing and Implementing Cloud Data Platform Solutions  
 475: Designing and Implementing Big Data Analytics Solutions

**MCSA Cloud Platform**

**MCSE**  
 Cloud Platform & Infrastructure  
 Earned: 2016

Elective

## ELECTIVE EXAM POOL (SEPTEMBER 2016)

- 532: Developing Microsoft Azure Solutions
- 533: Managing Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Solutions
- 534: Architecting Microsoft Azure Solutions
- 473: Designing and Implementing Cloud Data Platform Solutions
- 475: Designing and Implementing Big Data Analytics Solutions
- 744: Securing Windows Server 2016
- 413: Designing and Implementing a Server Infrastructure
- 414: Implementing an Advanced Server Infrastructure
- 246: Monitoring and Operating a Private Cloud
- 247: Configuring and Deploying a Private Cloud



# PRODUCTIVITY PATH

PRODUCTIVITY

410:  
Installing and Configuring  
Windows Server 2012

411:  
Administering  
Windows Server 2012

412:  
Configuring Advanced  
Windows Server 2012  
Services

★  
**MCSA Windows**  
Server 2012

346:  
Managing Office 365  
Identities and Requirements

347:  
Enabling Office 365  
Services

★  
**MCSA Office 365**

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Elective

**MCSE**  
Productivity  
Earned: 2016

## ELECTIVE EXAM POOL (SEPTEMBER 2016)

- 345: Designing and Deploying Microsoft Exchange Server 2016
- 339: Managing Microsoft SharePoint Server 2016
- 333: Deploying Enterprise Voice with Skype for Business 2015
- 334: Core Solutions of Microsoft Skype for Business 2015
- 331: Core Solutions of Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013
- 332: Advanced Solutions of Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013
- 341: Core Solutions of Microsoft Exchange Server 2013
- 342: Advanced Solutions of Microsoft Exchange Server 2013
- 336: Core Solutions of Microsoft Lync Server 2013
- 337: Enterprise Voice & Online Services with Microsoft Lync Server 2013

# DATA MANAGEMENT & ANALYTICS PATH

## DATA MGMT & ANALYTICS

461: Querying Microsoft SQL Server 2012/2014	462: Administering Microsoft SQL Server 2012/2014 Databases	463: Implementing a Data Warehouse with Microsoft SQL Server 2012/2014	<b>MCSA SQL Server 2012/2014</b>
761: Querying Data With Transact-SQL	762: Developing SQL Databases		<b>MCSA SQL 2016 Database Dev</b>
764: Administering a SQL Database Infrastructure	765: Provisioning SQL Databases		<b>MCSA SQL 2016 Database Admin</b>
767: Implementing a SQL Data Warehouse	768: Developing SQL Data Models		<b>MCSA SQL 2016 BI Development</b>

Elective

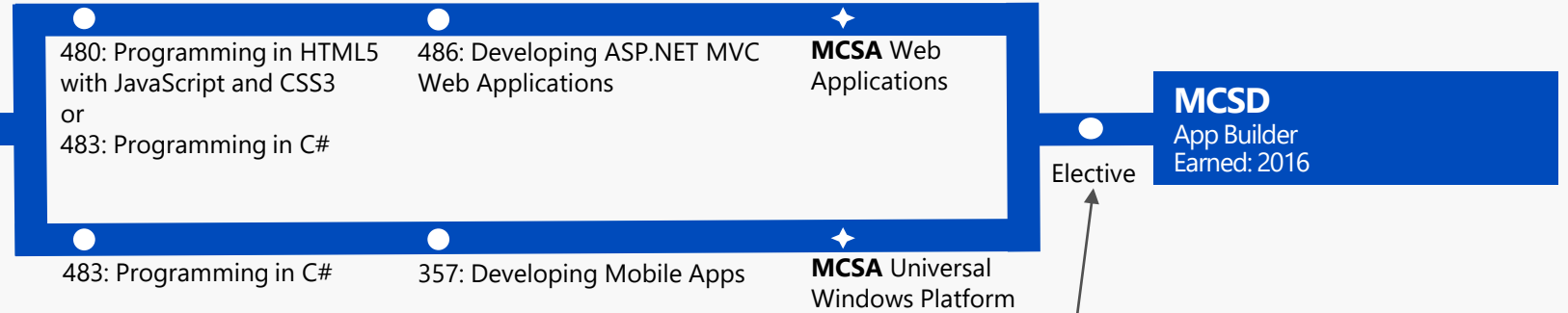
**MCSE**  
Data Mgmt & Analytics  
Earned: 2016

### ELECTIVE EXAM POOL (SEPTEMBER 2016)

- 473: Designing and Implementing Cloud Data Platform Solutions
- 475: Designing and Implementing Big Data Analytics Solutions
- 464: Developing Microsoft SQL Server Databases
- 465: Designing Database Solutions for SQL Server
- 466: Implementing Data Models and Reports with Microsoft SQL Server
- 467: Designing Business Intelligence Solutions with Microsoft SQL Server

# APP BUILDER PATH

APP BUILDER



## ELECTIVE EXAM POOL (SEPTEMBER 2016)

- 532: Developing Microsoft Azure Solutions
- 534: Architecting Microsoft Azure Solutions
- 487: Developing Microsoft Azure and Web Services
- 488: Developing Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013 Core Solutions
- 489: Developing Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013 Advanced Solutions
- 354: Universal Windows Platform – App Architecture and UX/UI
- 355: Universal Windows Platform – App Data, Services, and Coding Patterns
- 496: Administering Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server
- 497: Software Testing with Visual Studio
- 498: Delivering Continuous Value with Visual Studio Application Lifecycle Management