

Frequently Asked Questions about the MCT Transition

The Microsoft Master Instructor (MMI) and Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Instructor (MCAS Instructor) programs have been consolidated into one benefit-packed, worldwide instructor credential: the Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT) program. The following questions have been asked about this transition:

Q: Why are the MMI and MCAS Instructor programs being consolidated into the MCT program?

A: Microsoft and Certiport are now providing one streamlined instructor program for all trainers of Microsoft programs. The MCT program not only offers training and credentials, but it also offers a community of more than 15,000 instructors the [tools and resources](#) they need to efficiently and successfully train others to use Microsoft programs.

Q: What is happening to the MMI and MCAS Instructor programs?

A: MMI and MCAS Instructor credentials continue to provide evidence of an instructor's Microsoft Office expertise and dedication to providing high-quality training to the educational institutions and communities they serve. Although Microsoft and Certiport continue to recognize and support these certifications, after 30 June 2009, Certiport will no longer accept new MMI and MCAS Instructor applications.

Q: What instructor program will be available after 30 June 2009?

A: After 30 June 2009, all individuals interested in instructor-level Microsoft Office certification will be directed to the MCT program. After Certiport stops accepting new MMI and MCAS Instructor applications, we will continue to support these instructor programs until Microsoft retires the platforms. And, of course, MMI and MCAS Instructor directories continue to be available on the Certiport website.

Q: Are the free vouchers distributed to MMIs through last year's MCAS Instructor promotion still valid?

A: The vouchers distributed to MMIs who wished to advance to MCAS Instructor certification are valid until their expiration dates. Instructors may use them to earn MCAS certifications, and, if they hurry, they may still earn the required certifications and apply for MCAS Instructor certification before 30 June 2009. Remember: when MMIs apply for MCAS Instructor certification, they do not need to submit their teaching credentials or pay application fees.

Q: What if an instructor doesn't have time to earn the certifications required for the MMI or MCAS Instructor credentials before 30 June 2009?

A: If instructors are unable to earn the required certifications in time to apply for MMI or MCAS Instructor certification, they may enroll in the MCT program when they are ready.

Q: What if an MMI or MCAS Instructor does not wish to enroll in the MCT program?

A: If instructors choose not to enroll in the MCT program, they still have their MMI and/or MCAS Instructor certifications to show their teaching expertise in the version of Microsoft Office for which they are certified. Should they wish to prove their skills in other versions of Microsoft Office, they may enroll in the MCT program.

Q: What certifications are required for MCT certification?

A: To enroll in the MCT program, an instructor must pass one Microsoft Office Specialist or one Microsoft Certified Application Specialist exam. For more information about the MCT requirements, please visit <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mct/guide/default.aspx>.

Q: How much does it cost instructors to enroll in MCT?

A: MCT fees for trainers of information workers, like many of those instructors currently holding MMI and MCAS Instructor credentials, are substantially less than the fees required of MCTs who deliver Microsoft IT Professional and Developer training. MCT fees vary by country, and a full list can be found [here](#). MCTs associated with Microsoft Certified Partners for Learning Solutions (CPLS) or Microsoft IT Academies receive 25% off of their annual fees. In addition, each Microsoft IT Academy may enroll one instructor in the MCT program for no charge. Please note: If instructors intend to deliver training to IT Professionals, Developers or Microsoft Dynamics clients, they will be charged the applicable MCT membership fee.

Q: How do instructors enroll in MCT?

A: Joining the MCT program is easy:

1. [Acquire a valid Microsoft Certification](#)
2. [Demonstrate instructional presentation skills](#)
3. [Complete the MCT application](#)
4. [Welcome to the MCT program](#)

Q: How does this transition apply to MMIs or MCAS Instructors who are already enrolled in the MCT program?

A: If instructors are already enrolled in the MCT program, then they are already part of what will be the only Microsoft instructor program going forward. They do not need to re-apply or enroll again after they've earned new Microsoft Office Specialist or MCAS certifications; these certifications will appear on their Microsoft transcripts as indications of their expertise.

Q: Is more information available about the MCT program?

A: Of course!

- The MCT program offers many valuable benefits and special offers: <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mct/benefits.aspx>
- The MCT Program Guide explains the program's enrollment requirements and application process: <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mct/guide/default.aspx>
- MCT support is always available through Microsoft Regional Service Centers: <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/support/worldsites.aspx>