

Hello MCTs,

We are excited to share several important updates and enhancements to the Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT) Program.

MCT Renewals

This month we will be kicking off renewals for MCTs whose MCT status expires between October 1, 2026 and May 31, 2027. Remember, there are two renewal options for this renewal cycle:

Option 1 - Log 6 Deliveries in Metrics that Matter	**Option 2 - Pass the MCT Renewal Assessment**
To renew your MCT status by meeting the 6-class requirement, you must complete **six qualifying training deliveries** before renewal. Remember: • Multi-day courses count as one delivery, not one per day. • All deliveries must be logged in MTM using the same email address associated with your MCT account to qualify. • Custom courseware and private training engagements may count if properly recorded in	To renew using the MCT Renewal Assessment, you must opt-in to the assessment and pass all three components of the assessment: 1. Pass the MCT Program Agreement Quiz on your first attempt. This is a 15-question, multiple choice quiz with a passing score of 70% 2. Pass the AI Teach-back with a 70% within your first two attempts. This Teach-back will test your facilitation skills. 3. Validate that you possess at least 1 active Microsoft credential.

MTM. Visit https://aka.ms/MCT_Terms to learn more. • Renewal can be initiated up to 90 days before your MCT expiration date and classes may be logged up until your MCT status expiration. • If you are within 90-days of your expiration date, you can view the number of qualifying courses that are on file against your MCT ID on your profile within the MCT Portal.	Note: Once you opt-in to the Renewal Assessment, you may not revert back to the 6-delivery requirement to meet your renewal criteria. To learn more about the MCT Renewal Assessment visit: https://aka.ms/MCT_Renewal_Assessment

Please visit https://aka.ms/MCT_Renewal_Flowchart for more information on the renewal process described above.

If you are a Microsoft full time employee (FTE), your renewal requirements have changed. Please visit https://aka.ms/MCT4FTE for more information.

Lab Benefit Changes:

Beginning October 1, 2026, the MCT Program will complete our transition from Xtreme Labs to Skillable as its primary lab provider. Accessing MCT-provided labs will remain largely unchanged. MCTs will continue to use the MCT Lounge to request and provision their lab environment, with the platform directing users to create or connect a Skillable account as needed. MCTs who currently use Xtreme Labs independently may continue to do so outside of the MCT Program benefit.

Ask Us Anything Session:

Have questions about the MCT Program? Want to learn more about upcoming program updates, renewals, onboarding, assessments, benefits, community initiatives, or what's ahead for FY27?

Join the MCT Program lead, Rohan Kapoor, for an Ask Me Anything (AMA) session. This is your opportunity to hear directly from the program, ask questions, share feedback, and learn more about the future of the program.

Bring your questions. We're looking forward to a candid conversation with the MCT community.

Option 1: Thursday October 22, 2026 at 1 PM EST - Click here to register

Option 2: Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 6 PM EST - Click here to register

Looking for a more focused discussion?

Do you have questions or topics that are specific to your region, language, delivery model, or area of specialization? The MCT Program team can also facilitate smaller, tailored discussion sessions for groups of MCTs with shared interests or needs.

To discuss a customized session for your community or region, contact **mctprog@microsoft.com**.

Copilot Access:

We are pleased to share that the MCT Program is working on an interim solution that will provide MCTs with **90-day access to a training tenant** that can be used for demonstrations, labs, and instructional delivery.

We are currently developing the tooling needed to provision and manage access to these tenants and are making good progress.

This initiative was shaped by feedback from the MCT community, and we appreciate everyone who continues to share ideas and help us improve the program experience.

We currently anticipate that this tool will launch in late 2026, and we will share additional details as they become available. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

The MCT Program Team

Contact Us:

Questions or feedback? Contact the MCT Program Team

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