Microsoft Certified: Azure for SAP Workloads Specialty – Skills Measured

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NOTE: The bullets that appear below each of the skills measured are intended to illustrate how we are assessing that skill. This list is not definitive or exhaustive.

NOTE: In most cases, exams do NOT cover preview features, and some features will only be added to an exam when they are GA (General Availability).

Exam AZ-120: Planning and Administering Microsoft Azure for SAP Workloads

Migrate SAP Workloads to Azure (25–30%)

Identify requirements for target infrastructure

- estimate target database size
- determine supportability of operating systems and databases in Azure
- estimate compute, storage, and network requirements for the target database
- determine target SAPS by using EarlyWatch Alert (EWA) reports or Quick Sizer
- assess constraints imposed by subscription models and quota limits
- evaluate licensing and pricing across SAP tiers
- evaluate components, such as Azure Data Factory, Azure Data Lake, Microsoft Power BI, and SAP Cloud
- specify a Microsoft support option for SAP on Azure

Design and implement identity and access for SAP workloads

- design and implement access control and authorization for SAP workloads
- design and implement authentication for SAP workloads
- manage access permissions to SAP systems

Design and implement an SAP migration strategy
Design and Implement an Infrastructure to Support SAP Workloads (25–30%)

Design and implement a compute solution for SAP workloads

- specify a compute platform (Azure Virtual Machines versus HANA Large Instances [HLI])
- configure Enhanced Monitoring
- configure Accelerated Networking
- configure VMs for Availability Sets
- configure VMs for Availability Zones
- deploy an OS by using the Azure Marketplace
- create and deploy a custom image
- automate deployment by using ARM templates
- connect to an Azure HLI
- configure license registration for an Azure HLI
- configure and apply operating system updates to an Azure HLI
- configure a snapshot

Design and implement a network topology for SAP on Azure Virtual Machines or Azure HLI

- design and configure proximity placement groups
- define SAP zones and subnets
- design for latency considerations
- design for network security
- design and implement networking for Azure HLI
- plan for the use of Azure ExpressRoute (FastPath versus direct)
- optimize networking to minimize latency between/within SAP tiers
- configure routing for Azure HLI
- design and configure load balancing for a reverse proxy
Design and implement a storage solution for SAP on Azure Virtual Machines or Azure HLI

- specify an appropriate disk option (Managed, Premium, Ultra disk, SOFS with Storage Spaces Direct [SSD], Azure NetApp Files, Azure shared managed disks)
- specify when to use disk striping
- design for security considerations for storage
- design for data protection considerations
- design and implement caching for disks
- configure Write Accelerator
- configure encryption

Design and Implement High Availability and Disaster Recovery (HA/DR) (20–25%)

Design a high availability and disaster recovery solution for SAP on Azure Virtual Machines or Azure HLI

- design an Azure Site Recovery strategy for SAP workloads
- design HANA system replication/SQL Server AlwaysOn/Data Guard
- design an Availability Set and Availability Zone strategy for SAP workloads
- design load balancing for SAP HA or database HA
- design for regional considerations
- design for service-level agreement (SLA) considerations

Implement high availability and disaster recovery

- configure STONITH
- configure database-level replication, including HANA System Replication, SQL Server AlwaysOn, and Oracle Data Guard
- configure fencing/Stonith Block Device (SBD)
- configure Azure Site Recovery
- configure storage-level replication for SAP Central Services
- configure load balancing for SAP HA or database HA
- configure clustering
- configure and validate backups
- perform backup and restore
- test disaster recovery

Maintain SAP Workloads on Azure (15–20%)
**Optimize performance and costs**

- Optimize performance and cost of SAP HANA virtual hardware and Azure HLI
- Optimize performance and cost of SAP HANA Hardware and Cloud Measurement Tools (HCMT)
- Measure/reduce network latency between SAP servers and clients
- Optimize network performance and bandwidth costs
- Optimize performance and cost of SAP application servers
- Optimize performance by using the SAPS benchmark tool
- Configure snoozing
- Resize VMs
- Optimize storage costs
- Optimize an SAP workload on Azure by using Azure Advisor

**Monitor SAP on Azure**

- Monitor SAP workloads by using Azure Monitor for SAP Solutions
- Monitor SAP workloads by using Log Analytics
- Monitor networking