

MCSA on Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Certification Requirements

The Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) certification will advance your career by ensuring that you have the skills to successfully manage and troubleshoot system environments running on the Microsoft Windows operating system.

Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) candidates on the Microsoft Windows Server 2003 track are required to satisfy the following requirements:

Core exams (three exams required)

- Two networking system exams
- One client operating system exam

Elective exams (one exam required)

Together with the core exams, the elective exams provide a valid and reliable measure of technical proficiency and expertise to successfully manage and maintain the typically complex computing environment of medium-to-large-sized companies. MCSA candidates should have 6–12 months of experience administering client and network operating systems.

Core Exams: Networking System (Two Exams Required)	Classroom Training
Exam 70–290: Managing and Maintaining a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Environment	Course 2273: Managing and Maintaining a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Environment (five days)
Exam 70–291: Implementing, Managing, and Maintaining a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Network Infrastructure	Course 2276: Implementing a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Network Infrastructure: Network Hosts (two days) and Course 2277: Implementing, Managing, and Maintaining a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Network Infrastructure: Network Services (five days)

Core Exams: Client Operating System (One Exam Required)	Classroom Training
Exam 70–270: Installing, Configuring, and Administering Microsoft Windows XP Pro	Course 2272: Implementing and Supporting Microsoft Windows XP Professional (five days)

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Elective Exams (One Exam Required)	Classroom Training
Exam 70-228: Installing, Configuring, and Administering Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Enterprise Edition	Course 2072: Administering a Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Database (five days)
Exam 70-284²: Implementing and Managing Microsoft Exchange Server 2003	Course 2400: Implementing and Managing Microsoft Exchange Server 2003 (5 days)
Exam 70-299: Implementing and Administering Security in a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Network	Course 2823: Implementing and Administering Security in a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Network (5 days)
Exam 70-431: TS: Microsoft SQL Server 2005 - Implementation and Maintenance	Course 2779: Implementing a Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Database (3 days) and Course 2780: Maintaining a Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Database (3 days)

As an alternative to the electives that are listed in the Electives Table, these certifications or certification combinations may substitute for an MCSA elective:

Certification	Classroom Training
MCDST	5 days
MCSA on Microsoft Windows 2003	17 days
MCSE on Microsoft Windows 2003	37 days
CompTIA A+ and CompTIA Network+	A+ 8 days Network + = 5 days
CompTIA A+ and CompTIA Server+	A+ 8 days Server + 3 days
CompTIA Security+	Course 2810: Fundamentals of Network Security (four days)

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