

Microsoft Certified Application Specialist (MCAS) to Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) 2007

Q: When will the Microsoft Certified Application Specialist (MCAS) certification program name change to

Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) 2007?

A: 2 June 2010 in the United States, Australia, Canada, India, Japan, Korea, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom.

Q: Why are Certiport and Microsoft changing the name of the MCAS certification program to MOS 2007?

A: The MOS brand is significantly more recognizable by certification candidates and possesses substantially stronger brand equity than MCAS for all parties involved with the program. The MOS brand also has stronger visible alignment with Microsoft Office Product branding. In addition, the rebrand from MCAS to MOS enables MOS to be used as the definitive program brand regardless of Office version.

Q: What are the most important communication points of the MCAS rebrand initiative relating to institutions/testing centers and MOS 2007 exam candidates?

A: 1) The MCAS Rebrand will occur on 2 June 2010.

2) On 2 June 2010 and thereafter, all MCAS exams will be branded with the MOS 2007 name and logo—even though an exam candidate may have been using learning materials that show MCAS logos and identity.

Q: Are there any changes to exam objectives or item content from MCAS to MOS 2007?

A: No—the rebrand only impacts the name of the program. MCAS will now be known as MOS 2007.

Q: Are there any changes to exam requirements from MCAS to MOS 2007?

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Q: Is the MCAS credential now deemed expired or obsolete for those currently holding the credential?

A: No—all individuals who have earned the MCAS certification in the past will be considered holders of the MOS 2007 certification. They may choose to use the MOS 2007 designation on business cards or any other personal effects. MCAS certification holders should consider themselves “grandfathered” into the MOS 2007 certification program. **Q: Can MCAS credential holders replace their MCAS Certificate with an MOS 2007 Certificate?**

A: Yes—There are two options for existing MCAS certificate holders to obtain a new certificate:

Before you begin—Access your unique candidate account on www.certiport.com by logging in with your user

name and password, leaving the default role setting as “Test Candidate.”

1. Print—To print an Official Certificate, select “My Transcript” tab, and click on either the PDF or XPS link associated with the certificate to be printed. Select “View Official Certificate” at the bottom of the page, then click the Printer icon within the certificate window (please don’t use the standard Print function as it will only print the outside borders of the browser page).

2. Order—To order an Official Certificate, select “My Transcript” tab, and click on either the Order Official Certificate link associated with the certificate. Select “Add To Cart” and follow the checkout instructions.

You can also view and send your transcript digitally (save trees!)

Select “My Transcript,” then select “Authorized View” in the View Mode pull-down. The Authorized View displays

what your transcript will look like to a 3rd party. To authorize a 3rd party (employer, college, or teacher) to see your transcript, click on the “Authorize a Viewer” button and follow the instructions.