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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors

FROM: Kevin O’Farrell

DATE: April 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Updates on CAPE and Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) Certifications

Effective June 30, 2022, Microsoft Corporation will retire all Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) Certifications. The Information Technology Specialist (ITS) certifications issued by Certiport are an exact replacement for the MTA certifications. The Florida Department of education (Division of Career and Adult Education) has issued new codes for the ITS certifications issued by Certiport in place of the MTA certifications. A crosswalk of MTA to ITS certification codes and titles is outlined in the table below. Effective for the year 2022-23, the new ITS certification codes will be reported.

The recently adopted 2022-23 Master Credentials List (MCL) was authorized to include the new Certiport codes, with the MTA codes removed from the list. The MCL may be accessed on the CareerSource Florida website [here](#). See the attached questions and answers document for additional information that might be helpful for this transition.

Old DOE Code	Old Certification Title	New DOE Code	New Certification Title
MICRO069	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Database Administration Fundamentals	CERTI003	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Databases
MICRO070	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Software Development Fundamentals	CERTI004	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) – Software Development
MICRO076	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Windows OS Fundamentals	CERTI005	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Device and Configuration Management
MICRO077	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Security Fundamentals	CERTI006	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) – Network Security

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MICRO078	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Networking Fundamentals	CERTI007	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Networking
MICRO080	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - HTML5 Application Developer Fundamentals	CERTI008	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - HTML5 Application Development
MICRO102	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Mobility and Devices Fundamentals	CERTI009	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Device Configuration and Management
MICRO104	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Introduction to Programming Using JavaScript	CERTI010	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - JavaScript
MICRO105	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Introduction to Programming Using HTML and CSS	CERTI011	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - HTML and CSS
MICRO112	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Introduction to Programming Using Python	CERTI012	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Python
MICRO114	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Introduction to Programming Using Java	CERTI013	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Java
MICRO115	Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Windows Server Administration Fundamentals	CERTI014	Information Technology Specialist (ITS) - Cloud Computing

Questions and Answers Related to the Microsoft Technology Associate Exam Transition

Q1. What is changing with the MTA Exams?

A1. The examination will now be offered through Certiport instead of Microsoft with changes to the titles of the certifications. The Department has assigned new reporting codes and these costs have been added to the 2022-23 Master Credential List.

Q2. Will teachers who hold the MTA certifications have to take the ITS version to satisfy the requirements for teachers to hold the credential to register the career-themed course?

A2. No, teachers who hold the certification will not have to take the ITS version. The ITS certifications are the replacement for the MTA exams. There are no changes to the test, only to the certifying agency and certification name.

Q3. If a student earned the MTA version of the certification, can a student receive credit for taking the new ITS exams?

A3. No, the ITS certifications are the replacement for the MTA exams therefore a student will not need to take the new ITS version. There are no changes to the test, only to the certifying agency and certification name. FEFP (Florida Education Finance Program) funding will not be earned for the ITS Certiport exams if a student has already earned the MTA version or the certification.

Q4. When will districts be able to report the ITS CERTI labeled test?

A4. School districts will need to adopt the ITS CERTI labeled test for the 2022 – 23 reporting year.

For questions, please contact industrycertification@fldoe.org or 850-245-9030.

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