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Earning an MCSA: SQL Server certification will qualify you for a position as a database developer or database analyst.

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| 1 | Querying Microsoft SQL Server 2012 | MOC [10774](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/course.aspx?ID=10774A) | [461](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/exam-70-461.aspx) | MCSA: SQL Server |
| 2 | Administering Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Databases | MOC [10775](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/course.aspx?ID=10775A) | [462](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/exam-70-462.aspx) |
| 3 | Implementing a Data Warehouse with Microsoft SQL Server 2012 | MOC [10777](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/course.aspx?ID=10777A) | [463](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/exam-70-463.aspx) |

How to upgrade to the MCSA: SQL Server 2012 certification

You can upgrade any MCTS or MCSA certification on SQL Server 2008 to the MCSA: SQL Server 2012 certification.

| **Step** | **Exam title** | **Required exam** | **Certification earned** |
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| 1 | Transition Your MCTS on SQL Server 2008 to MCSA: SQL Server 2012, Part 1 | [457](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/exam-70-457.aspx) | MCSA: SQL Server |
| 2 | Transition Your MCTS on SQL Server 2008 to MCSA: SQL Server 2012, Part 2 | [458](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/exam-70-458.aspx) |

How to earn your MCSA: SQL Server 2008 certification

| **Step** |  | **Exam title** | **Training** | **Required exam** | **Certification earned** |
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| 1 |  | Microsoft SQL Server 2008, Implementation and Maintenance | MOC [6231](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/course.aspx?ID=6231B)MOC [2778](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/course.aspx?ID=2778A) | [432](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/exam-70-432.aspx) | MCSA: SQL Server |  |
| 2 |  | Microsoft SQL Server 2008, Business Intelligence Development and Maintenance | MOC [6236](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/course.aspx?ID=6236A)MOC [6235](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/course.aspx?ID=6235A)MOC [6234](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/course.aspx?ID=6234A) | [448](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/exam-70-448.aspx) |  |