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1. Clarification: Azure certification	The pre-qualification criteria require the Cloud Architect/Engineer to hold an AZ-900 and/or AZ-204 certification. Clause 1.2.5 of the Scope of Works refers to “AZ-900 and/or AZ-220 or relevant equivalent certification”. Your clarification of 3 November confirms that AZ-204 is accepted in place of AZ-220. Please confirm whether the Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator Associate certification (exam AZ-104) will be accepted as a relevant equivalent certification for the Cloud Architect/Engineer.	AZ-220 was discontinued by Microsoft and replaced with AZ-204 making it an acceptable equivalent certification. AZ-204 was retired this year and has been replaced with AI-200. These three certifications i.e., AZ-220, AZ-204 and AI-200, are considered equivalents. Ideally, the lead developer(s) for the project would be a Microsoft Certified: DevOps Engineer Expert (exam credential AZ-400) and/or Microsoft Certified: Azure Solutions Architect Expert (exam credential AZ-305). However, Transnet provides opportunities for those with the similar skillsets but at a lower certification level with regard to taking the exams with AZ-900 being a minimum level of overall Azure understanding. The software works include development activities hence the requirement for minimum overall Azure knowledge to be demonstrated within the software team has been stipulated for quality assurance. AZ-204 is designed for developers who build applications on Azure while AZ-104 is for administrative roles that manage cloud infrastructure and as such, are not considered equivalents. The pre-qualification criteria for tenders are strict regulatory measures hence, AZ-104 will not be allowed.