

## Microsoft is providing vouchers to Washington residents for free technology training

Microsoft, in partnership with the Washington WorkSource system, recently launched the “Elevate America” program. The program is providing more than 30,000 vouchers to Washington state residents for free on-line technology training.

The training gives Washington residents the opportunity to improve their computer skills using products that are present in many workplaces today.

There are three types of vouchers being offered by Microsoft:

1. Training for business worker
2. Training for IT professionals and developers
3. Certifications exams for Microsoft Office 2003 and 2007

**All vouchers MUST be activated by July 31, 2009.** People receive the voucher for “business worker” training may take up to a year to complete the training. The IT professional training and the certification exams must be completed by July 31, 2009. National Guard soldiers who are based in Washington are eligible to participate, even if you are deployed out of state. To receive a voucher, contact **Greg Lindvig**, a WorkSource veterans representative, at [GLindvig@esd.wa.gov](mailto:GLindvig@esd.wa.gov). Be prepared to supply the following information for voucher registration:

- Name, rank and unit
- Home address, phone number and e-mail address
- Gender and race
- Highest level of school completed

WorkSource will send the voucher code and instructions to you by e-mail.

For more information about the Microsoft Elevate America program, visit [www.microsoft.com/elevateamerica](http://www.microsoft.com/elevateamerica).

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