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<https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/windows-hardware-certification/win32-logo-certification-deprecation/ba-p/364920>



Windows Hardware Dev Center or Sysdev will no longer support certifying your Win32 application with Windows certificates. You have the option to leverage Microsoft [Dekstop Bridge](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-in/windows/uwp/porting/desktop-to-uwp-root) and reap the benefits of the Windows store for delivery of the app.

***I have concerns regarding this change, who do I contact?***

Please contact win32submissions@microsoft.com for any concerns regarding this feature/certification program change.

<https://www.osnews.com/story/131873/microsoft-defender-smartscreen-is-hurting-independent-developers/>

<https://www.beholdgenealogy.com/blog/?p=3823>

https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=23392404

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