

Partner Certification Kickstart

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Partner Certification Kickstart overview

What is Partner Certification Kickstart?

Partner Certification Kickstart is a training program to support Google Cloud partners as they prepare for their certification exams. It offers guided training and an opportunity to earn a certification exam voucher. The program is currently available in English and Japanese. For the full list of Partner Certification Kickstart programs available, refer to [Partner Certification Kickstart site](#).

What are the benefits of Partner Certification Kickstart?

Participants who enroll in and complete Partner Certification Kickstart will benefit from:

- Unlimited access to all technical partner-only, on-demand content and labs with [Google Cloud Skills Boost for Partners](#)
- Free exam voucher upon completing the required courses and skill badges
- A structured training and support schedule with weekly nurture emails, tips, and resources to support your path to certification
- Commemorative SWAG upon completing and passing a Professional level exam

If I successfully complete Partner Certification Kickstart, does it guarantee I will pass the certification exam?

Partner Certification Kickstart will introduce exam topics. The practice exam also helps familiarize you with questions you may encounter. Successful completion of Partner Certification Kickstart and sample questions does not guarantee that you will pass the certification exam, as it is more comprehensive.

What are the prerequisites for Partner Certification Kickstart?

A participant's work experience is considered highly useful to Google Cloud certification readiness. We recommend that participants use the provided resources throughout Partner Certification Kickstart and their relevant experience to prepare for a Google Cloud certification exam.

Associate certification recommended experience: 6+ months building on Google Cloud. The associate-level certification focuses on the fundamental skills of deploying, monitoring, and maintaining projects on Google Cloud.

Professional certification recommended experience: 3+ years industry experience, including 1+ years on Google Cloud. Professional certifications span key technical job functions and assess advanced skills in design, implementation, and management. These certifications are recommended for individuals with industry experience and familiarity with Google Cloud products and solutions.

For the full list of certification prep programs, refer to the [Partner Certification Kickstart site](#).

Access to required platforms

What is Partner Advantage and how do I access it?

Google Cloud [Partner Advantage](#) is the official community for Google Cloud partners. It's a one-stop destination for partners to access the latest news and resources, including launch announcements, product updates, and technical documentation. As an employee of an existing partner organization, there are many advantages to registering for access to Partner Advantage.

To [register](#) as a new user, sign up using an email address associated with a Google Cloud Partner. Still need help? Check out this registration [how-to video](#).

What is Google Cloud Skills Boost for Partners and how do I access it?

[Google Cloud Skills Boost for Partners](#) is the primary platform hosting exclusive partner-only technical training, including all on-demand courses, hands-on labs, and structured learning paths. It is restricted to individuals with an email domain belonging to a Google Cloud partner. If you would like to transfer your learning history or course progress and badges, please follow [this guidance](#).

Access to Google Cloud Skills Boost for Partners is unlimited and provided at no cost to Google Cloud partners. If you have an existing account, login [here](#). If you don't already have an account, you can request one [using this form](#).

What if I already completed some courses under a different email address?

If you already have an account but need to change the email address, follow [these instructions](#) to update your account on Google Cloud Skills Boost for Partners so your previous learning history is carried over. It's important to use the same email address used to register for the program otherwise, you might not receive access to the training or your voucher.

Program policies

Can I participate in the same Partner Certification Kickstart program more than once?

Participants can receive up to one exam voucher per certification from the Partner Certification Kickstart program. Participants will have continued access to Google Cloud Skills Boost for Partners to review on-demand training content as long as they are eligible through a partner organization.

For more information visit partneradvantage.google.com

Can I use a Partner Certification Kickstart voucher for my recertification exam?

The program is not intended to support recertification.

Is there a time limit to complete the required courses to earn the exam voucher?

Yes, for the foundational Cloud Digital Leader certification, required courses must be completed within four (4) weeks from the date of enrollment to earn the exam voucher. For Associate and Professional level certifications, the required courses must be completed within ten (10) weeks from the date of enrollment to earn the exam voucher.

What Google courses and skill badges are required to earn the certification exam voucher?

For the complete list of required courses and skills badges per certification, refer to the [Partner Certification Kickstart site](#).

I've successfully completed Partner Certification Kickstart and received a voucher. When will my examination voucher expire?

Vouchers must be redeemed to book your exam within 4 weeks of being issued; however, exams can be scheduled for a future date outside of the 4 week redemption period. We strongly recommend taking your exam as soon after training as possible.

What happens if I need to cancel or reschedule my exam?

You can find details and instructions about how to cancel or reschedule your exam [here](#).

Will I be able to reuse the voucher if I need to reschedule my exam?

If you reschedule your exam before the reschedule window closes (72 hours before an onsite exam or 24 hours for an online exam), you may use the same voucher code (*refer to [instructions on rescheduling or canceling an exam](#)*). If you don't sit for the exam or cancel the exam outside of the exam reschedule window, the voucher code cannot be reused.

Questions, feedback, and support

Where can I learn more about Google Cloud certification exams?

Learn more about the examination process at the [Google Cloud Certification Help Center](#).

Where can I submit constructive feedback for Google regarding this program?

Submit your feedback via [this form](#).

Who should I contact with additional questions?

For questions related to Partner Certification Kickstart, contact cloud-partner-training@google.com.

For technical issues related to Google Cloud Skills Boost for Partners, contact cloud-partner-training@google.com.

For general information about Google Cloud Certifications, refer to the [Google Cloud Certification FAQs](#).