

# GADS Certification Exam Q&A

## Useful Resources

**Android Developer Guide** - [Google Developers Certification](#)

Time: 8 hrs

Note: You have 8 hours to complete the exam, and if you finish early, you can manually submit the exam.

When the 8 hours have elapsed, the exam will auto-submit. Having the exam auto-submit will not in itself cause you to fail the exam.

**Prerequisites** Android Studio (Latest version) [Android Studio \(official\)](#)

**Guide to redeem your voucher** [Google Certification Voucher Steps](#)

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**Slides** [Notes for ADD exam preparation](#)

**Samples for Android Architecture Components (kotlin)** [here](#)

**Sample app (java)** [here](#)

## Q&A

1. For Android exam, is it on java, Kotlin or both

The exam is available in both Java and Kotlin. You may choose which programming language when you are ready to take the exam

2. If you fail at first attempt are you allowed to try again.

After you receive your results, if you did not pass the exam, you may retake it in the following manner:

1. If you don't pass on your first attempt, you must wait 14 days before you take the exam again.
2. If you do not pass your second attempt, you must wait two months before you take the exam again.

3. If after three attempts you still have not passed the exam, you must wait one year before you take the exam again.

**Payment is required each time you take an exam.**

3. What type of questions are asked? Q&A, multi-choices, writing code?

The [exam guide](#) contains a complete list of topics that may be included in the exam. Review the exam guide to determine if your skills align with the topics on the exam.

4. Can we make use of third party libraries when writing the android exam?

Yes, depending on what you are asked to do, You may be asked to persist data gotten from the API, you will have to use ROOM which is a library.

5. For Android Associate Developer Can we get a sample exam project to familiarize ourselves with the examination?

No! Sharing of the project is not allowed. But you could check Github for a [sample app](#).

6. My gradle runs without compiling.

You need a computer with high processing power in order to build. Android studio and gradle require a lot of processing power. Otherwise you might be delayed for hours during the exam.

7. Is WorkManager a prerequisite for the exam? Previously JobScheduler API was a prerequisite for the Android exam.

Any scheduling will need to be done with **WorkManager** from 2020 onwards

8. Can I use an alternative emulator or phone as an emulator?

Yes, since the emulator is only needed for debugging purposes you can.

9. Can I use the internet and visit websites like StackOverflow?

Yes, this can help especially for debugging.

10. What is the purpose of the exit interview?

To test your knowledge on basic concepts and to ensure that you have taken the exam on your own.

11. What forms of identification are acceptable?

1. Government (Local, State, Province or Country) issued driver's license or identification card
2. Passport
3. Military Identification
4. National Identification card

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