AWS Certification Guide

The Value of AWS Certification

AWS Certification demonstrates technical expertise, helps you advance your career, and helps employers find skilled cloud professionals.

Validate Expertise
AWS Certifications are industry-recognized credentials that validate your knowledge and enhance your credibility

Advance Your Career
Demonstrate to colleagues, employers, business partners, and customers that you have the skills to use AWS
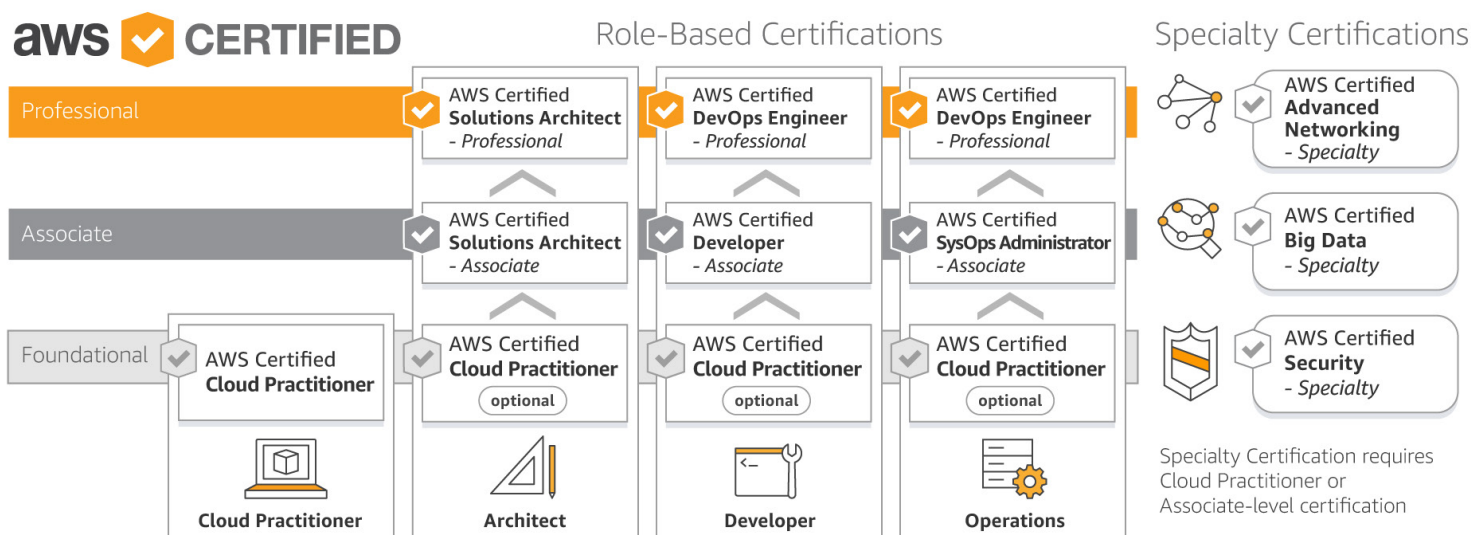
Find Skilled IT Professionals
Identify employees with AWS Cloud skills who can help develop IT initiatives with AWS technologies

Learn more at aws.amazon.com/certification.

AWS Certification Roadmap

We offer four role-based paths with advancing levels of expertise. Within those paths, we offer nine certifications: one Foundational, three Associate, two Professional, and three Specialty. Advance from Foundational through Professional exams as your expertise grows.

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Role-Based Certifications

Specialty Certifications

	Cloud Practitioner	Architect	Developer	Operations	
Professional		AWS Certified **Solutions Architect** - *Professional*	AWS Certified **DevOps Engineer** - *Professional*	AWS Certified **DevOps Engineer** - *Professional*	AWS Certified **Advanced Networking** - *Specialty*
Associate		AWS Certified **Solutions Architect** - *Associate*	AWS Certified **Developer** - *Associate*	AWS Certified **SysOps Administrator** - *Associate*	AWS Certified **Big Data** - *Specialty*
Foundational	AWS Certified **Cloud Practitioner**	AWS Certified **Cloud Practitioner** (optional)	AWS Certified **Cloud Practitioner** (optional)	AWS Certified **Cloud Practitioner** (optional)	AWS Certified **Security** - *Specialty*

Specialty Certification requires Cloud Practitioner or Associate-level certification

"Getting certified is a way to put an objective stamp on individual AWS Cloud knowledge."

Stephanie Tayengo
CIO, Logicworks
AWS Solutions Architect - Associate

"AWS Certification helps us drive better customer satisfaction."

Giang Tran Huy Bao
CTO, FPT Software
Advanced Consulting Partner

Recommended Path to Prepare for Certification Exams

The best preparation for certification exams is practical experience. We recommend one or more years of hands-on experience using AWS. We also offer training and materials to help you prepare. For specific preparation materials listed by exam, visit aws.amazon.com/certification/certification-prep.

1 Take AWS Training

Digital training and classroom training can help you advance your technical skills and learn best practices for working with AWS.
aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions

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2 Review the Exam Guide and Sample Questions

See the concepts covered on the exam to get a blueprint of what you need to study.

aws.amazon.com/certification/certification-prep

4 Study AWS Whitepapers

Broaden your technical understanding with whitepapers written by the AWS team, independent analysts, and AWS partners.
aws.amazon.com/whitepapers

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3 Practice with Study Guides

We have official study guides for certain exams available in paperback or kindle formats.

aws.amazon.com/certification/certification-prep

5 Review AWS FAQs

Browse our list to familiarize yourself with commonly raised questions and issues.

aws.amazon.com/faqs

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6 Take an Exam Prep Workshop

Learn strategies for taking the exam from a certified technical instructor.

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Schedule your exam and get certified

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7 Take a Practice Exam

Most of our exams have practice exams so you can test your knowledge online in a timed environment.

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