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Google Cloud certification challenge

Certification challenge overview

Sign up by September 30th, 2019, for the certification challenge, complete the required training and certify within 12 weeks to qualify for a $100 Google Store voucher.
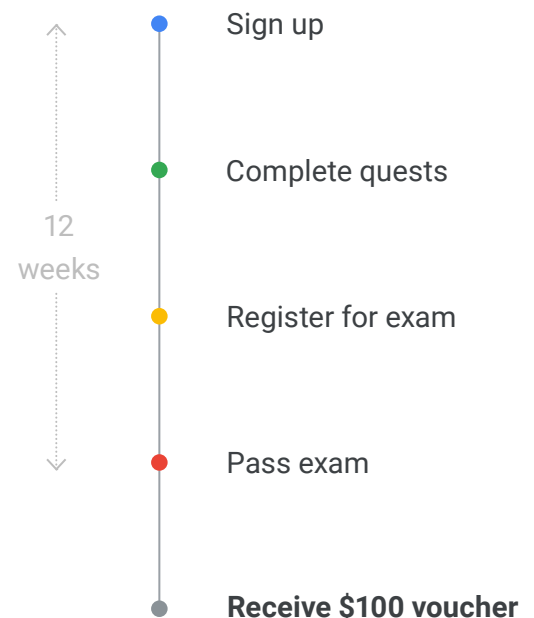
The certification challenge is available in the following 25 qualifying countries; USA, Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, South Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK.

For non qualifying countries, if you sign up and register your interest in the certification challenge by completing the form, we will send you a free month for Qwiklabs via email.

What happens?

Once you sign up for the certification challenge we will send you a free month on Qwiklabs to complete your required quests. Once you have completed your quests, we will send you a reminder to register for the relevant certification exam, with a special discount available for those taking the Associate Cloud Engineer exam. For those who sign up for the certification challenge, we will also send additional promotions for Coursera via email. Certify within 12 weeks of starting the challenge on Qwiklabs and we will send you a $100 Google Store voucher.

12 weeks

Sign up

Complete quests

Register for exam

Pass exam

Receive $100 voucher

Certification challenge learning journeys

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Associate Cloud Engineer learning journey

Month one
Complete GCP Essentials Qwiklabs quest (Required)
Complete Cloud Architecture Qwiklabs quest (Required)
Book your certification exam with your unique voucher discount code (Required)

Month two
Complete 'Architecting on GCP' Coursera specialization (Recommended)
Fill in the gaps with documentation (Recommended)
Take the practice exam (Recommended)

Month three
Take your certification exam (Required)

Professional Cloud Architect learning journey

Month one
Review exam guide (Recommended)
Complete 'Cloud Architecture' Qwiklabs quest (Required)
Complete 'Challenge GCP Architecture' Qwiklabs quest (Required)
Book your certification exam ($200) (Required)

Month two
Complete 'Architecting with GCP' Coursera specialization (Recommended)
Complete 'Preparing for Professional Cloud Architect Exam' on Coursera (Recommended)
Review sample solutions and case studies (Recommended)
Fill in the gaps with documentation (Recommended)

Month three
Take the practice exam (Recommended)
Take your certification exam (Required)

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Professional Cloud Developer learning journey

Month one
Review the exam guide (Recommended)
Complete 'Cloud Development' Qwiklabs quest (Required)
Complete 'Cloud Engineering' Qwiklabs quest (Required)
Book your final exam ($200) (Required)

Month two
Complete 'Developing Applications with Google Cloud Platform' Coursera specialization (Recommended)
Fill in the gaps with documentation, solutions and sample case study (Recommended)
Take the practice exam (Recommended)

Month three
Take your certification exam (Required)

Professional Data Engineer learning journey

Month one
Review the exam guide (Recommended)
Complete 'GCP Essentials' Qwiklabs quest (Required)
Complete 'Data Engineering' Qwiklabs quest (Required)
Book your final exam ($200) (Required)

Month two
Free Coursera 'Data Engineering on Google Cloud Platform' specialization (Recommended)
Complete 'Preparing for Professional Data Engineer Exam' on Coursera (Recommended)
Review detailed solutions and documentation (Recommended)
Take the practice exam (Recommended)

Month three
Take your certification exam (Required)

Certification challenge criteria

- Sign up for the certification challenge by September 30th, 2019.

- To make sure you get all the promotional benefits and incentives of the certification challenge, you need to opt in via this form on our landing page.

- The 12 weeks start when you enroll on Qwiklabs, with the link we send you via email and start your first required quest.

- You need to be starting the relevant quest on Qwiklabs for the first time, after opting in to the campaign, and use the Qwiklabs link we sent you via email. If you have previously started/ completed the relevant quests on Qwiklabs, it does not count towards this challenge.

- Please provide the same email address throughout the certification challenge, so we can recognise you for sending out your incentives.

- All certification program retake policies apply.

- For the Associate Cloud Engineer exam
    - We will send out the unique exam voucher codes once a week, every Friday.
    - You must use the unique exam voucher code to register for your exam so that we can send you a $100 Google Store voucher if you successfully certify within 12 weeks.
    - Certification merchandise is not gifted for the Associate Cloud Engineer exam.

- For the Professional Certification exams
    - We will send you a reminder email asking you to register for the exam.
      There is NO exam voucher code for Professional Certification exams.
    - Google Cloud Certification merchandise is only gifted to those who attain a professional level certification regardless of how long it takes you to complete.

- The $100 Google Store Voucher will be available while supplies last and expires on the 31st December 2019.

- The $100 Google Store voucher is only available in the USA, Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, South Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK.

- The $100 Google Store voucher will be converted to relevant local currency equivalent where applicable.

- All Exam Terms and Conditions apply.

Frequently asked questions

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Question: **What is the certification challenge?**

Answer: This is a challenge for individuals who have shown a commitment to learning Google Cloud technologies. Participants opt in to the challenge and if they successfully pass their certification exam within 12 weeks of starting the required Qwiklabs quests for the challenge, they will qualify for a $100 Google Store Voucher in addition to the Google Cloud Certified merchandise that is gifted for all professional level certifications. The certification challenge will be open to all from June 2019 and you can sign up until September 30th 2019.

Question: **When do I need to sign up by?**

Answer: You need to sign up for the challenge by September 30th, 2019. For those who complete the certification challenge within 12 weeks, the $100 Google Store voucher expires on the 31st December 2019.

Question: **How do I start?**

Answer: Opt in to the certification challenge by completing this form.

Question: **What if I take Qwiklabs quests without using the link sent for the certification challenge participants?**

Answer: You are not enrolled in the challenge unless you use the link sent to you via email. If you do not enroll, you are not in our challenge cohort. All participants must be in the certification challenge opted in database to qualify for the $100 Google Store voucher.

Question: **Which Google Cloud certifications are eligible?**

Answer: Associate Cloud Engineer, Professional Cloud Architect, Professional Cloud Developer and Professional Data Engineer.

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Question: **Do I need to complete any Coursera training to be eligible?**

Answer: No. Coursera content is recommended rather than required. You only need to complete the required Qwiklabs quests for the certification you are pursuing and get certified within 12 weeks to be eligible.

Question: **I completed both of the required Qwiklabs quests prior to the challenge. Can I join mid way through the certification challenge?**

Answer: Unfortunately, no. To enroll in the challenge, you need to use the link to the required Qwiklabs quests which will be sent to you via email. Only those who have registered for the certification challenge will qualify for the $100 Google Store voucher if they certify within 12 weeks of starting the challenge.

Question: **I finished the required Qwiklabs quests for the Associate Cloud Engineer challenge, how long before I receive my unique exam voucher code?**

Answer: Every Friday we will send out the email with your unique exam voucher code. You must have completed your required quests by Thursday to be included in the Friday send of exam codes.

Question: **Is the link to enroll in Qwiklabs quests good for both quests required for my certification?**

Answer: Yes.

Question: **What if I completed one of the Qwiklabs quests prior to the Challenge. Can I still participate?**

Answer: If you have started, but not finished the quests yet, you can participate on the challenge. If you have already completed the required quests, you cannot participate on the challenge.

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Question: **I registered for the certification challenge, completed the required quests on Qwiklabs but did not receive a discount for my exam registration.**

Answer: A discount on exam registration is only available for the Associate Cloud Engineer exam. Professional exams do not qualify for a discount.

Question: **I have a question about my Qwiklabs account.**

Answer: Reach out to support@qwiklabs.com with 'certification challenge' as your email title and outline the nature of your enquiry.

Question: **I have a question about my voucher for the Associate Cloud Engineer certification.**

Answer: Use this form to contact us and we will respond within 24 hours.

Question: **I didn't receive my exam voucher for the Associate Cloud Engineer exam, what should I do?**

Answer: Check your spam for an email from 'Google Cloud certification challenge'. If you still don't see anything, contact support@qwiklabs.com

Question: **Can I take the certification exam and get certified without completing the required labs?**

Answer: You must complete the required Qwiklabs quests recommended for the certification challenge and successfully certify within 12 weeks in order to qualify for the $100 Google Store voucher.

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Question: **After getting certified, how do I get my Google Store Voucher?**

Answer: Enrolled participants who have followed all the steps in the challenge and become Google Cloud Certified will receive an email with their non-transferable unique code for single use in the Google Store for these qualifying countries; USA, Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, South Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK.

Question: **Can I take more than one exam if I complete all the required labs?**

Answer: You must register for the certification challenge for each exam you wish to take.

Question: **I received my certification already. Do I qualify for the $100 Google Store voucher?**

Answer: Unfortunately not. This is a new certification challenge so only those who opt in to the challenge and subsequently complete the required steps will qualify for the Google Store voucher.

Question: **I completed the certification challenge, where is my $100 Google Store voucher?**

Answer: So long as you have followed all the steps outlined, and are from one of the 25 qualifying countries, we will send you your Google Store voucher code via email.
If you have not received it included in your email, please reach out to support@qwiklabs.com to resolve.

Got questions about the certification exams? Visit this FAQ

Still haven't answered your question?
Contact support@qwiklabs.com with 'certification challenge' in your email title and we'll help you out.