



CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

How to prep for AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner in 1 month



*With **3-6 hours a week**, you can work through these recommended training and exam preparation materials to help you earn [AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner](#) within one month.*

*Use this checklist to help you prepare to take the exam.**

1. Schedule your exam (5-10 minutes)

- Create a CertMetrics account at aws.training/certification
 - You'll be prompted to sign in. You can create an account using your Amazon login
- Schedule your exam
 - Choose between in-person or virtual (online-proctored). Then choose between vendors: PSI or Pearson VUE
 - Select your preferred language, date, and time
 - Pay the \$100 exam fee
- Read (and save) the confirmation email from your test delivery provider
 - It contains important information like how to start your exam and personal identification (ID) requirements
- *Block your calendar!*

2. Get to know the exam (30 minutes)

- Read the [Exam Guide](#) to learn about the test, including the topics and AWS services covered in this exam
 - The exam is 65 questions long and made up of multiple choice or multiple response questions

3. Take trainings built by the experts at AWS (6-12 hours)

- We recommend you start with [AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials](#)—a free, self-paced online course (6 hours)
- Watch the free [Cloud Practitioner series on Twitch](#) (6 hours)
- Need more? Review AWS technical documentation to increase your knowledge of [Amazon Web Services](#) and [How AWS Pricing Works](#)

4. Prepare for the exam and test your knowledge (4-7 hours)

- Review [AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner Official Question Sets](#) (30 minutes)
 - Sample questions help you learn the style and format of the test questions. Refer to these as you study to help you check your knowledge. Available with a free account on AWS Skill Builder

What's the difference between Pearson VUE and PSI?

The price and exam difficulty are the same for both test providers. You may prefer one or the other if you have specific requirements for test center location (in-person) or exam languages. [Learn more about your testing options.](#)

Language options

This exam is offered in English, French (France), German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Simplified Chinese, and Spanish (Latin America).

How far out should I schedule my exam?

Most customers who pass this exam tell us it took them under 1 month to complete their exam preparation. Schedule your exam now to keep motivated and work backwards.



Did you know that if you are unsure about an answer, you should guess? It pays to learn both about the AWS services covered in the exam, and the exam itself.

* Following these steps is not a guarantee you will pass your exam. This checklist does not include all exam preparation materials or study options, but instead provides a helpful overview of some core training options to help you prepare to take the AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner exam. The length of time it takes to prepare to take and pass the AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner exam varies from person to person.

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- Take the free course Exam Prep: [AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner](#) (3 hours)
- Take a full-length [AWS Official Practice Exam](#) (90 minutes)
 - When you're close to taking the exam, test your readiness with exam-style pass/fail scoring. You'll get feedback on your answers, with recommended resources to help you deepen your understanding of key topics. Available with an AWS Skill Builder subscription
- Review wrong answers from your practice exam and dive deep into key areas



A helpful way to prepare is to review correct answers to practice questions. It ensures you have a solid understanding of why those answers are correct.

5. Prepare for test day (1-3 hours)

- Review the [AWS Certification exam policies](#) and [Test Day Guidelines](#) so you know what to expect before testing, on test day, and after testing
- Get your space and computer ready (for an online-proctored exam)
 - Make sure you're in a room with four walls and won't be interrupted (You won't be able to continue if someone else enters the room)
 - Make sure you have admin rights to your computer (don't use a work computer), and run a system test to ensure your computer meets the system requirements for the exam. [Pearson VUE](#) and [PSI](#) have their own system tests

6. Take the exam! (45-90 minutes)

- Check in for your exam
- The exam lasts up to 90 minutes
- Get your results
 - You'll find out pass/fail results immediately and receive your official test scores within 5 business days
 - You can retake the exam after 14 days if you don't pass the first time

You can launch your exam up to 30 minutes prior to your scheduled exam time!

We recommend you take advantage of the full 30 minutes. You'll show the proctor your ID and they will review your testing environment.

7. Share your AWS Certification with the world!

- Your credentials will set you apart. When you're skilled, you know it. When you're certified, everyone knows it
- Once you've passed the exam, [share your new badge](#) with your network!
- After passing, you'll also get 50% off towards your next AWS Certification
- Building your career? We recommend you earn [AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate](#) as a next step

For more training and exam preparation resources, visit our [Resource Hub](#) for AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner.

