



PARTNER CERTIFICATION READINESS

# Solutions Architect - Associate Program Guide

## Welcome to the program!

Showcase your cloud expertise by becoming an [AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate](#). This certification validates your skills with a wide range of AWS services to help you recommend solutions that meet customer needs.

This program includes self-paced training in AWS Skill Builder and weekly live sessions with our training architects. These sessions provide exam strategy insights, real-world use cases, and hands-on demos of AWS services.

Throughout the program, our AWS Subject Matter Experts will help you:



Connect what you learn to real-world customer solutions



Develop an exam success strategy



Apply knowledge and test concepts through a series of practice exam questions

## Who should participate?

This program is designed for AWS Partners with:

- Foundational knowledge of cloud computing
- 1+ years of experience with cloud technology
- Time each week to complete 8+ hours of training and attend live sessions

## How do I get started?

**Step 1:** Join the live sessions—save your seat while space is available.

Choose your time zone: Namer: [Register](#) | EMEA: [Register](#)

**Step 2:** Set up your [AWS Partner Network \(APN\) account](#) using your business email.

**Step 3:** Next, sign into [AWS Skill Builder](#) as an AWS Partner using the credentials from step 2. Enroll in the [AWS Skill Builder Learning Plan](#) for this program.

Having problems? [Watch this video](#).

## We're looking forward to connecting at the kickoff

Thursday, May 30 at 9:00 AM PDT (Americas-friendly time zone).

Wednesday, June 5 at 10:00 AM CET (Europe, Middle East, and Africa-friendly time zone).

## Detailed Program Overview

Task	Description	Action
<b>Week 1 - Kickoff and Intro to AWS</b>		
Attend the Kickoff	Welcome to the program! Our program lead and training architects will give you an overview, set expectations, walk through program materials, and answer your questions. We're excited you're here—let's get started!	
Digital Training	<p>To fully benefit from the program, be sure to regularly access your digital learning materials and complete the weekly AWS Skill Builder trainings assigned in your learning plan. This week, complete these trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AWS Networking Basics</li> <li>• AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) Basics</li> <li>• AWS IAM – Architecture and Terminology</li> <li>• Authentication and Authorization with AWS IAM</li> <li>• Introduction to AWS Security Token Service (STS)</li> <li>• AWS PartnerCast – Windows on AWS Series</li> </ul> <p>If you'd like to go hands-on with AWS—AWS Skill Builder subscription holders may utilize the <a href="#">Companion Learning Plan</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start AWS Cloud Quest: Solutions Architect</li> <li>• Complete Lab - Launching Amazon EC2 Instances</li> <li>• Complete Lab – Introduction to Amazon S3</li> </ul>	<p>From your AWS Skill Builder <a href="#">Learning Plan</a></p>
Live Study Session	Join our training architects for a live exam strategy session, get your questions answered, and follow along as our instructors walk through an AWS Builder Lab.	
<b>Week 2 – AWS Security and Live Exam Strategy</b>		
Live Study Session	Join our training architects for a live exam strategy session, get your questions answered, and follow along as our instructors walk through an AWS Builder Lab.	
Schedule Your Exam	Register for a virtual or in-person exam through Pearson VUE using your AWS Certification account. Doing this can help keep you accountable to your goal! Aim for a period of time 4—6 weeks from now.	<a href="#">Schedule Exam</a>
Digital Training	<p>This week, complete these trainings from your AWS Skill Builder learning plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Started with AWS Control Tower</li> <li>• AWS Security – Encryption Fundamentals</li> <li>• Getting Started with Amazon GuardDuty</li> </ul> <p>If you'd like to go hands on with AWS—AWS Skill Builder subscription holders may utilize the <a href="#">Companion Learning Plan</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue AWS Cloud Quest: Solutions Architect</li> <li>• Complete Lab – Introduction to Amazon DynamoDB</li> <li>• Complete Lab – Introduction to Amazon Relational Database Service</li> </ul>	<p>From your AWS Skill Builder <a href="#">Learning Plan</a></p>

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<b>Week 3 – Compute, Containers, and Introduction to Data Transfer</b>		
Live Study Session	Join our training architects for a live exam strategy session, get your questions answered, and follow along as our instructors walk through an AWS Builder Lab.	
Digital Training	<p>This week, complete these trainings from your AWS Skill Builder learning plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AWS Compute Services Overview</li> <li>• Getting Started with Amazon ECS</li> <li>• Getting Started with AWS Fargate</li> <li>• Amazon EKS Primer</li> <li>• AWS PartnerCast – AWS CodeCommit, CodeBuild, CodeDeploy, and CodePipeline</li> <li>• AWS Transfer Family Primer</li> </ul> <p>If you'd like to go hands on with AWS—AWS Skill Builder subscription holders may utilize the <a href="#">Companion Learning Plan</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue AWS Cloud Quest: Solutions Architect</li> <li>• Complete Lab – Building and Deploying a Containerized Application with Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service</li> <li>• Complete Lab – Introduction to AWS Key Management Service</li> </ul>	From your AWS Skill Builder <a href="#">Learning Plan</a>
<b>Week 4 – Storage, Databases, and Intro to Load Balancers</b>		
Live Study Session	Join our training architects for a live exam strategy session, get your questions answered, and follow along as our instructors walk through an AWS Builder Lab.	
Digital Training	<p>This week, complete these trainings from your AWS Skill Builder learning plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Started with AWS Storage</li> <li>• Introduction to Building with AWS Databases</li> <li>• Getting Started with Application Load Balancer</li> </ul> <p>If you'd like to go hands on with AWS—AWS Skill Builder subscription holders may utilize the <a href="#">Companion Learning Plan</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the Exam Prep Official Practice Exam</li> <li>• Complete Lab – Caching Static Files with Amazon CloudFront</li> <li>• Complete Lab – Optimize slow databases with Amazon Aurora</li> </ul>	From your AWS Skill Builder <a href="#">Learning Plan</a>

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<b>Week 5 – Everything Else! (CloudFormation, Cost Management, Amazon EMR, Data Analytics)</b>		
Live Study Session	Join our training architects for content reviews, exam strategy, and real-world use cases for what you are learning.	
Digital Training	<p>This week, complete these trainings from your AWS Skill Builder learning plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Analytics Fundamentals Part 1</li> <li>• Data Analytics Fundamentals Part 2</li> <li>• Machine Learning Exam Basics</li> <li>• AWS Billing and Cost Management</li> <li>• Getting Started with AWS CloudFormation</li> <li>• AWS Well-Architected Framework Foundations</li> </ul> <p>If you'd like to go hands on with AWS—AWS Skill Builder subscription holders may utilize the <a href="#">Companion Learning Plan</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish any AWS CloudQuest challenges or incomplete labs</li> <li>• Use Exam Prep Enhanced Course to strengthen any areas of improvement identified from prior week's practice test.</li> </ul>	<p>From your AWS Skill Builder <a href="#">Learning Plan</a></p>
<b>Take Exam</b>		

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Will the live session be recorded?

Yes, the live session will be available on-demand and shared with registered participants via email.

### What should I do if I receive a 403 error when accessing courses in AWS Skill Builder?

Make sure that you choose to log into Skill Builder as an AWS Partner and enter your APN Partner Central account information.

### How do I register for the AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate exam?

To register for an exam, create an account or sign in at [aws.training/certification](https://aws.training/certification), then navigate to Exam Registration and follow the prompts. Still need help? Get step-by-step guidance on [how to register for an exam as an AWS Partner](#).

### How much does the AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate exam cost?

The AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate exam fee is 150 USD.

### How do I share my AWS Certification achievement with my employer?

[Watch this video tutorial](#) to learn how to provide consent for your employer to view your certifications. Remember – your AWS Certification belongs to you and you can always change this setting if your employer changes.

### My AWS Certification account name doesn't match my legal ID. How can I update my profile?

To change your name on your AWS Certification Account, submit a ticket to the [AWS Training and Certification Support team](#). Select Account Assistance as the inquiry type and Name Change as the additional details, and include the requested information in the description. If needed, our Support team will request documentation to process the edit. Once all necessary information is submitted, allow up to two days for the change to be processed.

### Who should I contact if I experience technical issues?

Having issues with Skill Builder? Review the [AWS Skill Builder support website](#) or [contact support](#) with specific details about the challenge you're encountering.

Experiencing issues with APN Partner Central? Contact the [APN Support team](#) directly.

### What if I have additional questions about AWS Certification?

Browse the [AWS Certification FAQs](#) on our website.

