Dynatrace Certified Associate – Certification Details

The Dynatrace Certified Associate certification confirms your foundational understanding of the Dynatrace platform and observability concepts. Here's a comprehensive guide covering all essential aspects of the exam.

# 🧠 What It Validates

Confirms competence with Dynatrace’s infrastructure, platform capabilities, components, digital experience management, reporting, and analysis.

# ✅ Prerequisites

• Around 6 months of hands-on experience using Dynatrace.  
• Familiarity with:  
 - Application servers (WebSphere, WebLogic, Tomcat, IIS, etc.)  
 - SOA architectures  
 - Cloud & container platforms (Azure, Kubernetes, Docker, etc.)  
 - Operating systems like Windows, Unix, VMware

# 📝 Exam Format & Logistics

• Format: 70 computer-graded questions (multiple-choice & multiple-response)  
• Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes (105 minutes total)  
• Passing Score: ~70–72%  
• Delivery: Online, proctored via Examity  
• Cost: About $200 USD

# 📚 Major Topic Areas

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| Area | Weight | Key Focus |
| Capabilities & Monitoring | ~24% | Data ingestion, process groups, Service baselines, APM metrics |
| Components & Architecture | ~8% | Platform components, ActiveGates, roles, network overhead |
| Digital Experience Management | ~19% | RUM, Synthetic monitoring, tags, user-action tracking |
| Installation & Configuration | ~20% | OneAgent, ActiveGate setup, system & alert settings |
| Problems & Resolution | ~13% | Anomaly tuning, thresholds, problem analysis |
| Reporting & Analysis | ~18% | Dashboards, reports, analytics |

# 🎯 Preparation Tips

• Official Dynatrace University: Self-paced and instructor-led modules.  
• 'Taste of the Test': Sample questions from the official site.  
• Hands-on practice: Use 15-day Dynatrace trial.  
• Community advice: Read up on differences between Dynatrace SaaS and Managed.  
• Practice exams & quizzes: Available on Udemy, Examzify, Quizlet.  
• Smart exam strategy: Flag hard questions, revisit, manage time (~1.5 mins/question).

# 🚀 On Exam Day

• Ensure a clean, private workspace.  
• Have valid ID, webcam, and microphone.  
• Follow all proctor instructions.  
• Review flagged questions before submitting.

# ✅ Summary

• Combine hands-on experience with official training and mock exams.  
• Understand both SaaS and Managed setups.  
• Watch for new topics like Grail, DQL, Davis AI.  
• Passing proves foundational Dynatrace expertise and opens doors to advanced roles.