Google Cloud Certification Paths

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Looking to prove your cloud knowledge and boost your career? Explore reasons to certify, certification levels, and general information on how to prepare for the exams.

Why Certify?

- Salary increase opportunities
- Professional and personal development
- Access to exclusive Google Cloud certified networking

87% of IT professionals hold at least one certification

40% are pursuing their next certification

66% of IT decision makers say the annual value of employees with certifications is over $10,000 greater than those non-certified

Google Cloud Certified Professional Cloud Architect

#1 top-paying certification for 2021

Levels of Certification

Foundational
Google Cloud Certified — Cloud Digital Leader

Overall knowledge of Google Cloud's product capabilities.

Non-technical roles who want to familiarize themselves with cloud.

No previous cloud experience required.

Associate
Google Cloud Certified — ASSOCIATE CLOUD ENGINEER

Fundamental skills for managing Google Cloud projects.

Entry-level technical roles, especially those who want to someday certify professionally.

Six months of experience in cloud recommended.

Professional
Google Cloud Certified — PROFESSIONAL

For advanced skills in technical job functions.

At least three years of industry experience and one year of experience with Google Cloud.

Multiple professional level certifications available.

Fellow
Google Cloud Certified — FELLOW HYBRID MULTI-CLOUD

Hybrid multi-cloud fellow program for nominated candidates.

Technical leaders and enterprise solution experts.

At least ten years of technical experience and one year with Anthos.

For mulitple certifications, follow the path from Foundational to Professional.

- You must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible for any Google Cloud Platform certification exam.
- Recertification must be completed every two years.
- On average, each exam costs $200 (USD) plus any applicable taxes.

Preparing for Exams

Training
Full educational courses provided through **Coursera*** and **Pluralsight**.

Skills Badges
Test your skills related to the certification to test your knowledge directly through **Google Cloud**.

Study Guides
Per certification prepared by **Google Cloud**.

Weekly certification study chats at **C2C**.

Hands-on Labs
Gain real experience through labs at **Qwiklabs***.

*Completion may qualify for a discounted rate on the certification exam.

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