The Journey to Preparing for Certification

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Agenda

✓ Select an Exam
✓ Prepare
✓ Register
✓ Take an Exam
Select an Exam

Certification Exams

E
ci Technical Certification exams recognize expertise in three domains: desktop, developer, and enterprise use of ArcGIS. Certifications are offered at three levels: Entry, Associate, and Professional.

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| Developer             | ArcGIS Desktop Developer | Associate | 10.1 | 10.2 | 10.4* |
| Web Application Developer | Associate             | 10.1 | 10.2 | 10.4* |

| Enterprise            | Enterprise Geospatial Management | Associate | 10.1 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 10.3 |
|                       | Enterprise System Design | Associate | 10.1 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.4* |
|                       | Enterprise Administration | Associate | 10.1 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.4* |

Exam Update Policy
As new software versions are released, Esri will evaluate the need to update the Esri Technical Certification exam based on the level of change, and will create a new exam if more than 10% of change to the overall exam content exists. Aside from major exam changes based on software releases, the exams may be updated based on the release of new products or original publication date. View our development strategy.

Exam Retirement Policy
Esri certification exams are retired in accordance with the Esri Product Life Cycle Support Policy. As a result, Esri will retire certification exams as new versions of the exams become available. Exam retirement does not affect any certifications that have been issued for that version. All existing certifications will remain active.

Exam Retirement Schedule
The certification exams below were retired on July 31, 2015. Exam appointments, including retakes, cannot be scheduled after this date.
Self Assessment

✓ Qualifications

Do I meet the description of a qualified candidate?

ArcGIS Desktop Entry 10.3

An entry ArcGIS Desktop Entry candidate is an ArcGIS end user with less than two years broad experience using ArcGIS. A qualified candidate is capable of performing basic GIS tasks associated with ArcGIS for Desktop including ArcGIS Online.

Qualifications

A qualified candidate is able to demonstrate comprehension of basic ArcGIS concepts and processes including ArcGIS platform awareness, basic analysis tools, and coordinate systems. Additionally, the candidate should be able to use ArcGIS for Desktop applications to perform the following functions at a basic level: mapping and visualization, editing workflows, and file geodatabase management.

A qualified candidate should be able to:
- Construct a map using available datasets (local and online)
- Select the datasets by attribute or location
- Add a toolbar
- Create a new feature class or shapefile
- Create a new file geodatabase and perform basic geodatabase management
- Find or view data properties
- Perform basic data editing (e.g., manipulation of points, lines, polygons, and attributes)
- Author and share an online map
- Demonstrate operations within a table
- Describe the difference between geographic and projected coordinate systems
- Define the purpose of geocoding
- Set basic layer properties (e.g., symbology, visibility, transparency, labeling)
- Symbology using categories and quantities
- Find an address or x/y coordinate pair on a map
- Understand and create item descriptions
- Build a simple selection query
- Describe the difference between small and large scale
- Add basic map elements
- Export maps using ArcMap

A qualified candidate should be familiar with tools such as:
- Core extensions
- Basic ArcGIS toolbars
- Analysis tools (i.e., Intersect, Buffer, Clip, and Union)
- Field data collection applications
- Broad uses and purposes of ArcMap, ArcCatalog, and ArcGIS Online
- Navigating within a map (i.e., Bookmarks, Zoom to location, ArcGIS Pro, 3D, view)
- Awareness of automated processing
- Understand the difference between small and large scale
Self Assessment

✓ Skills Measured

What skills will be measured?

How will they be measured?

How often do I use these skills?
Preparation Resources

✓ Preparation Resource Document

✓ Web Courses

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The following resources are available to help you prepare for your exam, but are not required. Please utilize this list of preparation resources with the list of skills measured topics to identify appropriate training options for possible knowledge gaps found.

Please note that completing the recommended training courses does not guarantee you will achieve the requirements for a specific Certification exam.

Preparation resources .pdf

You may also search the ArcGIS Resource Center for additional materials.
3 More Ways to Prepare
Register for an Exam

Registering for an Exam

Exams are offered at over 5,000 locations around the world through Pearson VUE, our testing partner. Registering is simple on the Pearson VUE site. You can search testing sites worldwide to find a time and location that's convenient for you. We recommend that you register for your exam at least five days in advance of the examination date to allow for processing of your registration and payment.

- Be sure to review the agreements and policies before registering.

Pricing and Payment

Each Esri Technical Certification exam costs $225 USD. The cost is the same to retake an exam.

You may register and pay for an exam through Pearson VUE using a credit card or you may purchase an exam voucher through Esri. We recommend international candidates purchase directly from Pearson VUE.

Note: Federal customers must pay exam fees directly to Esri to qualify as a GSA Schedule contract purchase.

GI Bill Reimbursement

Esri Technical Certification exams are covered under the GI Bill. Qualified candidates will need to purchase their exam with Pearson VUE via credit card and then submit a form for reimbursement under the GI Bill provision.

- Search for approved certification exams. Type Esri for the L&C Name and select Certification for LAC Category Type.
- If you qualify, submit an Application for Reimbursement.
- Get additional information on GI Bill Licensing and Certification benefits.
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