

Questions and Answers about Autodesk Certification

1. What is the Autodesk Certification Program?

The Autodesk Certification program enables experienced users to receive special recognition for their knowledge of a specific Autodesk software application. Autodesk provides an end-to-end certification solution; a pre-assessment of application proficiency, Autodesk Authorized Certification Courseware for reviewing the knowledge and skills covered on a certification examination and Certified User and Certified Expert examinations for validating your knowledge and skills.

2. Who should attempt Certification?

The **Certified User** and **Certified Expert** credentials are for anyone seeking to validate their knowledge of Autodesk software. The design and visualization industries are competitive environments, where only the best stand out. Anyone who uses Autodesk software for professional reasons can benefit from the program by emphasizing their skills and knowledge with an official certification from Autodesk. An Autodesk Certified User or Certified Expert has validated their knowledge and skills of the performance tasks specified for the specific examination.

3. What score must I obtain to pass a certification examination?

The passing score varies by certification examination. Please refer to information about a specific certification examination to determine the passing score.

4. What happens if I do not pass?

If you do not pass, you will receive a Diagnostic Score Report that indicates areas for improvement. You may then retake the examination after 7 days. You can take the examination three times a year. If you do not pass after three attempts, you must wait until one year has passed from the first attempt before retaking an examination.

5. Once granted, does certification last forever?

Certification validates your knowledge and skills using a specific version of an Autodesk application. Although certification for a particular version of an application never expires, certification is not considered current unless you have passed the latest recertification examination, and the full examination for the prior release.

6. What is a recertification examination?

A recertification examination is a much shorter version (20-30 questions) of the standard examination that focuses on new features and functionality in the current release. A recertification examination is offered for each major release of an Autodesk application. As with a User or Expert examination, you can take a recertification examination up to three times a year.

7. How much does it cost to take the examination and how do I pay?

The costs for the examinations are:

Application Proficiency Examination	\$18 USD per attempt
User Examination	\$150 USD per attempt
Expert Examination	\$150 USD per attempt
Recertification Examination	\$50 USD per attempt

To purchase a certification examination visit <http://autodesk.starttest.com>. Click the **Purchase** link to see the available certification products for Autodesk applications. You may purchase an examination by first establishing a candidate profile and paying by credit card.

8. Where can I take an examination and how do I schedule my session?

You can take the examination at any participating Autodesk Authorized Certification Center. When you purchase your certification examination you have the option of scheduling your examination at the time of purchase, or any time in the future. To schedule your examination at the time of purchase click the **Schedule** link and then use the **Center Search** function to locate an Authorized Test Delivery Facility in your country or area. After you locate a list of potential centers, select a center and click the option to continue your appointment. If the center has open appointments you will have the option of selecting a time that is convenient for you. To schedule an appointment after the time of purchase, visit <http://autodesk.starttest.com>, log in to your profile, and then click the link for your unscheduled appointment. You will then be able to schedule your appointment by locating a center.

9. How do I prepare for the certification examination?

Each certification examination assesses your knowledge and skills of specific tasks using an Autodesk application. For most certification examinations, Autodesk offers an Autodesk Official Certification Courseware (AOCC) book, available for purchase. The courseware provides a detailed listing of the knowledge and skills covered on a certification examination, as well as instructional lessons and exercises for the skills assessed on the examination. AOCC books also include a CD with the exercise files, and a 30-day Trial CD of the application. You may purchase these titles from <http://autodesk.starttest.com>.

The certification examination objectives are also listed on the Autodesk Test site. Visit <http://autodesk.starttest.com> and click the **Purchase** link. Locate the examination in the list of available products, and click the **Details** link. Click the link to view the examination objectives.

You may also review the certification examination objectives from <http://www.autodesk.com/certification>. From this page click the link for a specific Autodesk certification, and then download or open the Adobe Acrobat Examination Overview document.

10. What do I receive when I become certified?

When you obtain Autodesk Certified User or Certified Expert status you obtain the right to use the official Autodesk Certified logo in marketing your Autodesk skills (on business cards, websites, Résumés, and so forth) as specified in the logo usage guidelines. You also have access to your electronic Certificate, and if you choose (when establishing or modifying your candidate profile), you may request your certification results be available in the Certified Users database.

You will need to log in to your profile to view your certification history and access your score reports, certificates, and any associated certification logos. To log in, visit <http://autodesk.starttest.com>.



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