

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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## 1 What is Adobe Certified Professional?

Adobe Certified Professional, delivered by Certiport, is the industry-recognized certification that demonstrates knowledge of Adobe Creative Cloud software and essential skills for digital media careers. Each certification is tied to one Creative Cloud product.

## 2 What certifications are available?

There are currently seven certifications available:

- Visual Design Using **Adobe Photoshop**
- Graphic Design & Illustration Using **Adobe Illustrator**
- Print & Digital Media Publication Using **Adobe InDesign**
- Digital Video Using **Adobe Premiere Pro**
- Visual Effects & Motion Graphics Using **Adobe After Effects**
- Web Authoring Using **Adobe Dreamweaver**
- Multiplatform Animation using **Adobe Animate**

To learn more about the exam versions and languages that are available, please visit [certiport.com/adobe](https://certiport.com/adobe).

## 3 Why was Adobe Certified Professional created?

Adobe partnered with Certiport to establish industry certifications in response to the global demand for a skilled creative workforce.

We enable employers to find creators with the technical and practical knowledge necessary for on-the-job success.

Prior to June 2021, this program was known as Adobe Certified Associate. The new title better reflects the professional-level skills that are required to earn each certification.

## 4 How is Adobe Certified Professional earned?

Each Adobe Certified Professional certification is earned by passing a 50-minute, live-in-the-app exam that is administered through a Certiport Authorized Testing Center (CATC).

The exams are integrated with Adobe software, designed by industry experts, and psychometrically validated, allowing for an authentic assessment of job-ready skills.

## 5 How do I take an Adobe Certified Professional exam?

Exams are delivered in person and online through Certiport Authorized Testing Centers (CATC). To register for an exam, locate and contact your nearest CATC at [portal.certiport.com/Locator](https://portal.certiport.com/Locator), or reach out to a Certiport Solution Provider in your country at [certiport.pearsonvue.com/Solution-providers](https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Solution-providers).

## 6 What are the benefits of becoming an Adobe Certified Professional?

Creative Cloud skills are in demand, and creators who validate their knowledge gain credibility and a competitive edge.

Adobe Certified Professional offers proof of the technical and practical skills that are necessary for success in digital media and design careers.

Certification is also valuable in bridging the gap between academia and industry, as it helps educators keep a curriculum relevant to today's job market.

## 7 I have an Adobe Certified Associate certification. How do I become an Adobe Certified Professional?

In June 2021, all valid certifications that were earned through live-in-the-app exams (CC 2018 or newer) automatically adopted the new Adobe Certified Professional title for the remainder of their three-year eligibility period.

Certifications that were earned through simulation-based exams (CC 2015 or earlier) will remain under the Adobe Certified Associate name. To become an Adobe Certified Professional, candidates must pass a live-in-the-app exam.

## 8 What happens when I pass an Adobe Certified Professional exam?

Upon passing an exam, candidates receive an official certificate through their Certiport.com account and an invitation from Credly to claim a digital badge.

Adobe Certified Professionals are encouraged to share their achievement with the world by adding digital badges to portfolios, resumes, LinkedIn pages, and social profiles.

Certiport will also send a congratulatory email with resources to support further learning and career growth.

## 9 Do Adobe Certified Professional certifications expire?

Yes, each certification becomes non-current three years after the date of issue.

## Specialty Credentials

## 10 What are Adobe Certified Professional specialty credentials?

Individuals who complete a pair of eligible certifications are recognized as Adobe Certified Professionals in Visual, Video, or Web Design.

These specialty credentials require knowledge of two products that are frequently used together in industry, such as Premiere Pro and After Effects.

Real-world workflows often involve multiple Creative Cloud tools. With specialty credentials, creators signal that they are ready to take on complex projects across a variety of formats.

## 11 How are specialty credentials earned?

Specialty credentials are automatically awarded upon passing exams for two eligible certifications. For each specialty, there is one mandatory certification and two options for the second certification. Both certifications must be earned through live-in-the-app exams (CC 2018 or newer).

### Adobe Certified Professional in Visual Design

- Adobe Photoshop (required)
- Adobe Illustrator or Adobe InDesign

### Adobe Certified Professional in Video Design

- Adobe Premiere Pro (required)
- Adobe After Effects or Adobe Photoshop

### Adobe Certified Professional in Web Design

- Adobe Dreamweaver (required)
- Adobe Photoshop or Adobe Animate

## Educator Information

## 12 How do I offer Adobe Certified Professional exams to my students?

Educators can offer exams by registering their institution as a Certiport Authorized Testing Center (CATC). To learn more visit [www.certiport.com/go](http://www.certiport.com/go).

## 13 How can I prepare my students for certification?

Educators have prepared students for Adobe certification through year-long, semester-long, and intensive courses.

Certiport offers several learning products to help educators integrate the exams into a curriculum, such as practice tests, courseware, and textbooks: [certiport.pearsonvue.com/Certifications/Adobe/ACA/Learn](http://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Certifications/Adobe/ACA/Learn).

A wide range of free resources are available on the Adobe Education Exchange: [edex.adobe.com/certification](http://edex.adobe.com/certification).

## 14 Is there a bulk purchase option for educators?

Institutions can purchase an Adobe Certified Professional Site License that includes unlimited access to Adobe exams and practice tests with an upfront, one-time annual cost. Learning materials are also available for bulk purchase.

*Certiport is the official exam development and delivery partner for the Adobe Certified Professional program for Adobe Creative Cloud.*

Learn more about Adobe certification.

Visit [www.certiport.com/adobe](http://www.certiport.com/adobe) or call today at: **888-999-9830**.