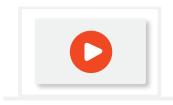


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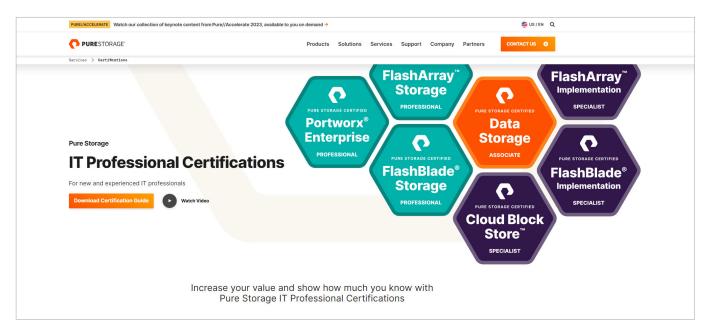
Ready. Set. Get Certified.

It's time to get recognized for your skills and experience.

STEP 1: PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

While on-the-job experience with Pure products and solutions is important, Pure Storage offers certification prep courses to help you get ready for your exam. Our prep courses include hands-on labs to help you acquire new knowledge and practice the related skills. Each certification prep course is offered in three different modalities—you choose whether you want to take instructor-led training, virtual instructor-led training, or self service on demand training, practice the skills and knowledge you will gain.

To begin, go to <u>Pure IT Professional Certifications</u>. You'll see the main certification page, like the one shown here.



Scroll down the page. Then select the certification that you want to view.

You can find information about each certification, exam details, prep course descriptions, and additional tips to help you to prepare for and maintain your certification.

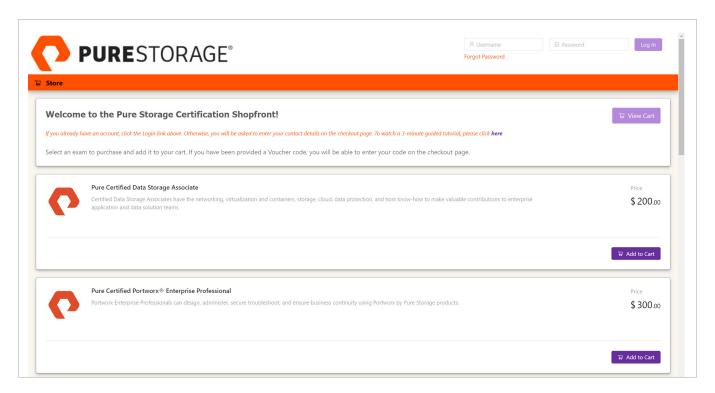
STEP 2: SCHEDULE THE EXAM

After you have prepared for the exam, it's time to schedule the exam. Pure Storage certification exams are secure, proctored sessions that you can always take from the convenience of your home or office. You choose the exam and exam time that works best for you through our Pure Storage Certification Shopfront.

Alternatively, you can access the Shopfront from any exam page on purestorage.com by clicking the **Schedule This Exam** button in the upper-left corner.



Whether you click the link above or click **Schedule This Exam**, the Pure Storage Certification Shopfront appears.



Watch this <u>3-minute video</u> to learn how to order and schedule exams, create your account, and pay with either a credit card, PayPal, or a voucher.

Rescheduling Exams

In the event you need to change your test day, no problem! Please just log in to your Exam Studio portal at least 24 hours before the time of your exam. From your Exam Studio portal, click either Reschedule or Cancel (cancel still allows you to schedule the exam again, even if you used a voucher originally.)

Test Your Device in Advance

Pure Storage uses the ProctorU platform to administer our IT professional certification exams. The ProctorU platform offers a powerful, convenient, secure, and cost-effective way to take your test from a private study room or from the comfort of your own home, avoiding the need to drive to a test center.

Click <u>here</u> to learn what to expect on exam day, including how to download the Guardian Browser and test your equipment in advance. To get answers to common questions about ProctorU, click <u>here</u>.

TIP(!): If your company has security layers in place (i.e. Zscaler, Carbon Black), you may find it's simpler to test from a personal computer, avoiding potential issues that can happen when security layers block test candidates' ability to comply with proctoring requirements and successfully log in to the exam. Otherwise, you may need to work with your corporation to see if a temporary security exception can be made for your device for the scheduled exam time. (Pure Storage employees who must test from Pure-issued PCs submit a PERC ticket 4 days in advance of the exam to request the security exception for the time of the exam.)

Take Your Exam

To launch the exam:

- 1. Log in to your <u>Pure Storage Certification Shopfront</u> account.
- 2. Click **Start Exam** under the Actions tab on your dashboard.
- 3. Complete your exam by responding to each question. If you do not start your exam or do not appear for the exam, you will receive a No-Show and you will need to reschedule the exam for a later date.
- 4. Watch your email for your Pass or Fail result from CertMetrics, which will arrive to your email within 24 to 48 hours.

Special Considerations

- If you lose connection during your test session, you have 5 minutes to rejoin. If you do not rejoin within 5 minutes, you will need to reschedule your exam.
- If you forget your password, click here to reset it.
- Visit Certification <u>Exam Accommodations</u> to request an accommodation.
- In the event that you do not pass an exam, you must wait 14 days before you retake the exam. If you have attempted and failed an exam three or more times, you must wait 60 days before scheduling an additional exam attempt. You must pay the full registration fee for each attempt.
- If you have questions, please email the Pure Storage PEAK team at peak@purestorage.com.

STEP 3: CLAIM YOUR BADGE

Pure Storage is committed to providing you with the right tools to help you achieve your professional goals. Just as important, we give you ways to communicate your hard-earned certifications in the online marketplace.

We've partnered with Credly to provide you with a digital version of your certification badge. Pure Storage digital badges help you demonstrate your knowledge, skills, and achievements with the world. You can share your success on social media platforms, email signatures, blogs, and other online spaces relevant to your professional activities. Pure Storage digital badges, provided by Credly, confirm your credentials to your employer, colleagues, and more. Anyone can click through to a page that identifies the certification you've received, the skills you've developed, and the programs you've completed.

Get Your Digital Badge

Once you successfully pass a certification exam, look for an email with instructions to access Credly, our digital badge provider, soon after you receive confirmation that you passed your exam.

For complete instructions on how to download and post your badge, go to Share Your Pure Certifications with Digital Badges.





Step 1

Receive an Email from Credly

Create an account and confirm your email address.



Step 2

Claim Your Badge

Follow the instructions.



Step 3

Start Sharing!

Add your badge to LinkedIn, email, and more.

STEP 4: MAINTAIN YOUR CERTIFICATION

All Pure Certification exams have a three-year validity period.

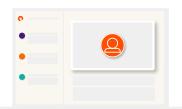
Renew your certifications by meeting Pure Storage-approved continuing education requirements. Continuing education criteria and opportunities for all certifications will be posted by Fall of 2024.

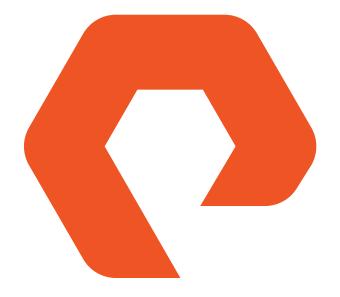


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Resources from Pure PEAK

- Find additional courses at Pure PEAK Education.
- Visit our growing library of knowledge articles at <u>Pure PEAK Knowledge</u>.
- Explore best practices in our Pure PEAK Community.
- Tune in to upcoming webinars to see relevant content.
- Get <u>direct access</u> to our leaders, experts, partners, and latest product news.
- Please contact your Channel Partner for more information on pricing and how to schedule instructor-led training.





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