Nutanix Certification FAQ

WHAT IS THE NUTANIX TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION PATH?

Nutanix Technical Certifications have been designed from the ground up to recognize the real-world skills and knowledge needed to successfully deploy, manage, optimize, and scale a Hybrid Multicloud solution. Earning certifications in these areas validates that you have proven your abilities and are well-equipped to guide your organization along the next phase of their Cloud journey.

HOW MUCH DOES AN EXAM COST?

The exam cost for NCP and NCM exams is USD $199 per attempt. The NCA exam costs USD $99 per attempt.

HOW DO I TAKE A NUTANIX CERTIFICATION EXAM?

Visit the Nutanix University Learning Platform and choose which certification learning plan you would like to enroll in here. Follow the certification learning plan of your choice and you will find the Exam Blueprint Guide with instructions on how to register for an exam and more.

IS MY CURRENT CERTIFICATION (NCP, NCAP, NPX) STILL VALID?

Yes! Once you have achieved a certification, it will remain valid until Nutanix releases the next major version of the certification (i.e NCP-MCI 6). At that time, you have one year to upgrade your certification to the new release before it expires.

I'M AN NCP 5 – WHERE IS THAT ON THE CURRENT ROADMAP?

The NCP 5 is the same as the NCP-MCI 5 certification. It was renamed to better reflect the Nutanix technology it covers, as well as the skills and knowledge you've demonstrated by earning it.

DO I GET A DIGITAL BADGE FOR EACH CERTIFICATION?

Yes, when you pass a certification exam, you will receive a digital badge within 7 days to share with your friends and colleagues.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NCA AND NCP? HOW DO I KNOW WHICH ONE TO GET?

Successful NCA candidates have 6-12 months of IT experience and can assist in operating and managing a Nutanix Enterprise Cloud, while successful NCP candidates have approximately 3-6 months experience working with an AOS implementation as well as additional general systems administration experience (typically 1-2 years).

HOW DOES THE NCX RELATE TO THE NPX PROGRAM?

The new Nutanix Certified Expert - Multicloud Infrastructure (NCX-MCI) Certification recognizes Multicloud infrastructure practioners who have mastered the skills and abilities contained in the *Nutanix Enterprise Cloud Solution Design (ECSD) Boot Camp* to teach strategic, enterprise-class design and delivery skills to Multicloud Infrastructure Practitioners. This course, and the solution design method it teaches, was developed for the NPX Program. It focuses on discovery of business requirements, as well as creating and delivering Cloud-Smart solutions that leverage both the Nutanix stack for Private Cloud and the best offerings from our Public Cloud partners.

The NCX-MCI certification is designed to provide an intermediate step between the NCM-MCI and NPX certifications. NCX-MCI allows ECSD boot camp graduates to validate their advanced design skills and product knowledge by successfully presenting a template-guided solution to a panel of experts. For those who want to go deeper into the core AOS product, and for those who will be engaged in post-sales implementation of G2000-scale solutions (and the documentation required for success) the NPX Program is the next step.

WHY ARE THERE TWO CERTIFICATION EXAMS FOR THE NCP-EUC CERTIFICATION?

The Nutanix Certified Professional - End User Computing (NCP-EUC) certification has two tracks you can choose from depending on your technology experience.

You can choose from either the Nutanix Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) exam or the Nutanix Desktop as a Service (DaaS) exam. A passing score in either exam will result in earning the NCP-EUC certification.

WHAT IS REMOTE PROCTORING?

Remote proctoring allows us to offer Nutanix Certification exams at any location that meets the technical requirements. This means you don't have to travel to a testing center in another city or state.

Remote proctoring provides an experience similar to taking an exam at a testing center in the comfort of your own home or office. As in a testing center you are monitored during your exam and will receive your results immediately upon completion.

This method gives us the flexibility to offer exams as widely as possible while maintaining a secure environment, which increases the trust in – and value of – your certification.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY RESULTS?

You'll receive your exam results on screen immediately, followed by an email shortly thereafter. Your certification will be available in the Education Portal within 7 days.

WHERE CAN I FIND EXAM PREPARATION RESOURCES?

The Exam Blueprint Guide offers guidance on how to prepare for each exam including resources for further study. The guide is available in the certification learning plan.

In addition, we offer training courses that are aligned to each certification, all of which can be found in the Nutanix University learning platform.

HOW LONG IS THE EXAM? HOW MANY QUESTIONS ARE ON IT? WHAT IS COVERED?

All of these questions, as well as details on the knowledge areas and objectives, are answered in the specific Exam Blueprint Guide.

WHEN A NEW VERSION OF AN EXAM IS RELEASED HOW LONG DOES THE PREVIOUS EXAM REMAIN AVAILABLE?

When a new version of an exam is released the previous exam remains available for 60 days. After the 60 day mark, all exams delivered will be the newer version.

Note: Retiring an exam has no impact on the certification status of anyone who took that exam prior to its retirement. It simply means that no one else will earn that particular version of the certification.

ARE THERE ANY COUNTRIES THAT CANNOT TAKE NUTANIX CERTIFICATION EXAMS?

Our testing provider follows the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Control economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. against foreign countries.

Testing services cannot be provided to any person or entity located in the following currently sanctioned countries:

- Iran
- Cuba
- Syria
- North Korea
- Crimea Region of Ukraine
- Sudan

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE OTHER CERTIFICATION QUESTIONS?

Please contact university@nutanix.com and they will by happy to assist you.