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NEWS UPDATE

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Discover your CERTIFIED community



Join CERTIFIED Academy: Design- Hands-on learning in the classroom

Research studies consistently demonstrate the power of active learning or learning by doing. Helping students become more engaged in the learning process means creating hands-on learning opportunities.

Join our next CERTIFIED Academy: Design webinar on April 17, 2024, at 1 PM EDT. We'll learn from Autodesk educators about how they incorporate hands-on projects and playful learning opportunities that keep students engaged and excited about engineering and design.

[Reserve my spot](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



Don't miss this chance to save \$100 on your CERTIFIED Educator Conference pass!

The early bird discount for the CERTIFIED Educator Conference in Orlando, Florida, June 17 - 19, 2024, has been extended until **April 15, 2024**. This means that if you register before this date, you will receive \$100 off on your registration fee for the premier educator conference of the summer. By attending, you will:

- Learn from renowned keynote speakers, such as Ron Clark and Melissa Stockwell
- Participate in breakout sessions and workshops presented by fellow educators
- Enjoy a teacher lounge, casino night, and educator award night
- View the 2024 Adobe Certified Professional and Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship Awards Ceremonies
- Earn 18 professional development hours

Join your fellow educators at CERTIFIED 2024! Register now to save.

I'm ready to save

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager



Updates for Adobe educators

2024 Adobe Certified Professional certification exams are officially here!

We are excited to share that the 2024 Adobe Certified Professional certification exams are available. While there are no changes to the exam objectives, candidates will now be able to test on the latest version of Adobe Creative Cloud software.

As a reminder, on June 30, 2024, we will be retiring the 2021 versions of the Adobe Certified Professional exams. The 2022 and 2023 exams will remain available.

Any Certiport Authorized Testing Center that currently delivers 2021 exams should prepare to deliver a more recent version of the exams instead. Please review the Adobe Program support page to ensure all technical requirements are met for Compass exam delivery.

For a complete list of all Adobe Certified Professional exam versions and languages, check out our [release schedule](#). Updated 2024 CertPREP practice tests will soon be available and listed on our release schedule as well.

I'm ready to stay up-to-date

Emma Bury: Field Marketing Manager



Are your students ready to enter?

Certiport's 2024 Adobe Certified Professional U.S. National Championship Spring Qualifier ends on May 3, 2024! Students named Spring Qualifier Champions of their state will earn an invitation to the U.S. National Championship where they can meet other students from around the U.S. and compete to win scholarships, prizes, trophies, medals, the title of U.S. National Champion, and an all-expenses-paid trip to the World Championship.

If your students haven't taken a certification exam and submitted a project, there's still time! Candidates should have a certification in Photoshop, InDesign, or Illustrator and submit an original design project. Have they already earned their certification exam? Submit a project today!

My students are ready to submit a project

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager

Updates from our Technology team

Compass Cloud is officially here!

We are happy to announce the official release of Compass Cloud! Compass Cloud is the newest mode of exam delivery featured on our Compass exam deployment platform. It is a completely online, browser-based solution that will streamline the test administration process and exam set-up for in-person testing. Features include:

- **Browser-based Solution:** No need to set up and configure live-in-the-application (LITA) software, including Microsoft, Adobe, and Autodesk.
- **Platform Compatibility:** It supports all major platforms, making it accessible on Windows, Mac, and Chromebook.
- **Localized Content:** The system now supports multiple languages. Click [here](#) for a full list.
- **Enhanced Scheduling:** Schedule exam sessions from a computer or mobile device and administer different exam titles to test candidates within a single scheduled session.
- **Flexible Exam Administration:** Manage group proctoring and unlock exams from the Compass Cloud Administration Dashboard.
- **Simplified Candidate Experience:** The exam launch pathway has been improved for a more user-friendly experience.

[Tell me about Compass Cloud](#)

Emma Bury: Field Marketing Manager



Exciting changes are coming to your Certiport account!

Certiport is excited to announce that we have begun work modernizing our Portal, the authenticated/logged in area of our website, to provide you with an even better user experience. We're busy working behind the scenes to help ensure a seamless transition as we develop an optimized and responsive interface that makes managing your account easier than ever before.

Here's what to expect:

- **Optimized for any device:** The new portal interface is being designed with responsiveness in mind, ensuring seamless functionality on any device. Whether you're accessing it from your desktop, tablet, or smartphone you can expect the same intuitive experience.
- **Rolling updates:** As soon as new features are ready, we'll be rolling them out to you. You won't have to wait for major releases to start enjoying the benefits of our upgraded portal.

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- **Transition period:** During the transition period, both the old and new features will coexist, allowing you to gradually acclimate to the updated portal at your own pace. We'll provide guidance and support every step of the way to ensure a seamless experience.
- **Release notes:** A week before each scheduled update, we will release detailed notes outlining the new features and improvements. This will give you time to familiarize yourself with any changes and ask any questions you may have.

I want to stay up-to-date

Emma Bury: Field Marketing Manager



Updates for Microsoft educators



Help your students earn an invitation to compete at the Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship!

The 2024 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship Spring Qualifier ends on May 3, 2024! Students who are named the Spring Qualifier Champions of their state will earn an invitation to the 2024 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship where they can meet other students from around the U.S. and compete to win scholarships, prizes, trophies, medals, the title of U.S. National Champion, and an all-expenses-paid trip to the World Championship. Check to see if your students are ranked in the top three!

[Show me the Spring Qualifier rankings](#)

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager



Non-profit launches IT careers with Microsoft Certified Fundamentals

NPower, a U.S.-based non-profit organization, is committed to forging pathways for military veterans and young adults from underserved communities to pursue careers in technology. In line with this mission, they have introduced the Microsoft Certified Fundamentals certification program, empowering their trainees to acquire sought-after IT skills and fostering a dedication to lifelong learning. Explore how these trainees have undergone transformation through the certification process, nurturing a passion for cloud computing and machine learning, and arming themselves for the demands of today's job market.

[Show me the success story](#)

Caroline Campbell: Product Marketing Manager



Unity Certified User: Programmer certification UI update

The Unity Certified User Programmer exam has recently undergone an update. This update includes enhancements to the user interface (UI), aligning it with the latest Unity UI standards, as well as the incorporation of refreshed questions to enrich the testing experience. It is important to note that while these updates have been implemented, none of the objective domains have been modified. To preview this updated exam, access the [Unity Certified User: Programmer Test Drive exam](#) . For more information on the certification exam, [visit the Certiport website](#).

Resources for you

Stay Updated on Certiport's Latest News

New Product Information

See what exams have been recently released or are coming soon.

Live Trainings

View the calendar for upcoming onboarding and support webinars.

System Maintenance

Mark your calendar! See what dates are scheduled for periodic maintenance, as maintenance can affect exam delivery.

Compass Updates

Get detailed information on upcoming changes to the Compass exam delivery software.

Important Notices [RSS](#)

Get notifications regarding the use and support of our exam products, delivery systems, solutions, and features.

Exam Content Updates [RSS](#)

Review planned release dates of exams undergoing maintenance.

Support

Find answers online including FAQs, Quick Reference Guides, Technical Requirements, or the different ways to contact our Technical Support team.



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