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NEWS UPDATE

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Listen, learn, and grow with your community.



The image is a promotional graphic for the 'CERTIFIED' podcast. It features three circular headshots of the hosts: a woman with glasses, a man with a goatee, and a woman with long dark hair. To the right, the podcast logo 'CERTIFIED' is displayed in green and white, with a microphone icon. Below the logo, it says 'CERTIPORT EDUCATOR PODCAST'. The episode title is 'EPISODE 136: EMPOWERING THE MARKETERS, ENTREPRENEURS, AND CREATORS IN YOUR CLASSROOM'. A green bar indicates 'Available on' followed by logos for Google Podcasts, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts. The website 'www.certiport.com' is at the bottom.

Empower the marketers, entrepreneurs, and creators in your classroom

Marketing and technological expertise are critical not only for marketing students, but also for any student who dreams of building a business, growing an online audience, or sharing a message with the world.

Discover resources for teaching marketing and creative skills to your students, as well as the role AI is playing in classrooms today. Get ideas for projects that help prepare your students for the real world, plus valuable advice to help your students become the marketers, entrepreneurs, and creators of the future.

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Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



Connect and innovate with your fellow educators

Educators need and deserve a community of supportive, like-minded professionals. So how can you build yours?

At the CERTIFIED Educator Conference, you'll participate in numerous networking opportunities, where you can connect with fellow educators and administrators, share ideas, and build valuable relationships.

Join us to expand your professional network and gain knowledge from leading experts in the field. Plus, if you register by April 1, you can save \$100 off your registration fee.

[I'm ready to register](#)

Dominique Delbar: Product Marketing Manager



Introducing Adobe Certified Professional configuration exams and exam previews

To better support CATCs that deliver Adobe certification exams using Compass for Windows or Compass for Mac, we are launching two new tools: Configuration exams and exam previews.

Using configuration exams, CATC administrators and proctors using Compass for Windows can assess system readiness and ensure that Certiport and Adobe applications are communicating with one another in live-in-the-app exams. The Photoshop 2024, After Effects 2024, and Animate 2024 configuration exams are already available on the System Check tab, and the remaining titles go live today, February 27 (Illustrator 2024, InDesign 2024, Premiere Pro 2024, Dreamweaver 2021, Acrobat Pro, and Adobe Express).

With exam previews, candidates take a condensed version of their Adobe certification exam to get accustomed to the interface and different item types. Exam previews for Illustrator 2024 and InDesign 2024 are available in the exam list in Compass for Windows and Compass for Mac, and the Photoshop 2024 exam preview will be live tomorrow, February 28.

Configuration exams and exam previews do not require Certiport vouchers, inventory, or licenses, and are currently only available in English.

Looking for new resources?



Transforming multilingual learning with Pearson English

Looking for multilingual education resources? Discover how Pearson's innovative tools address key challenges and help educators keep students motivated and engaged. Join us on today, Thursday, February 27 at 4:00 pm ET as Sara Davila, English Language Specialist Consultant & Pearson GSE Ambassador, and Chris Morley, Senior Solutions Development Manager at Pearson:

- Dive into the Pearson Global Scale of English (GSE), a standardized, granular scale that measures English language proficiency and its significance for multilingual learners.
- Show how to fast-track your learners' progress with the GSE and its alignment to WIDA and other state standards.
- Introduce Pearson's portfolio of courses, diagnostic assessments, and teacher resources and how they support teaching and keep multilingual learners engaged.

Discover how Pearson can help your learners be themselves in English!

[I'm ready to register](#)

Amandine Judas: Product Marketing Manager



Prepare students for culinary success with Certiport's Culinary Foundations certification

Does your institution offer culinary courses? Prepare learners for future culinary careers with our new Culinary Foundations certification, created in partnership with the World Association of Master Chefs!

Developed by industry experts, subject matter experts, and psychometricians, this certification ensures that learners are ready to excel in professional kitchens as cooks while also building the foundation for future leadership roles.

To support exam preparation, we've teamed up with GMetrix to provide CertPREP Practice Tests to help candidates master the content with confidence. Get a sneak peek with the Culinary Foundations crossword puzzle! This fun and interactive classroom activity offers a preview of the practice test content while engaging learners.

[Let's see the crossword](#)

Dominique Delbar: Product Marketing Manager



Attention, IT educators.

Release date moved to summer 2025: IT Specialist Device Configuration & Management exam update

To help ensure that you and your candidates have the best user experience, updates to the IT Specialist Device Configuration & Management exam will be released this summer rather than this month. This timing adjustment will align exam updates with changes to the corresponding learning products.

The updates will incorporate Windows 11 concepts into the exam. There will be minor adjustments to the objective domains for Windows 10 and Windows 11, specifically the addition of objective 2.2 and the incorporation of Windows Hello to objective 4.2 of the Windows 11 exam. If you have a license, voucher, or inventory for Device Configuration and Management, you will not need to make any updates to your testing center.

When learners are ready for the exam, they should select the Device Configuration and Management exam. They will be given the option to choose Device Configuration and Management Windows 10 or Device Configuration and Management Windows 11, depending on which platform they used to prepare. The certificate will be the same but the score report will reflect Windows 10 or Windows 11.

Our valued learning partners are working to ensure delivery of their resources in conjunction with the certification exam changes. We are anticipating LearnKey, GMetrix and Brain Buffet to have their content reflect Windows 11 throughout this year.

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Updates to Arabic, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, Spanish, French and Portuguese will be coming at a later time.

[Tell me more about the updates](#)

Ashley Walton: Product Marketing Manager

New questions for the IT Specialist Python certification exam

A new version of the IT Specialist Python exam validates candidates' Python knowledge thanks to performance-based questions, which require real-world coding tasks, including writing Python code in VS Code, an integrated development environment. The Python exam objectives and the certificate candidates receive upon passing the exam remain the same.

Interested in becoming one of our early adopters to review the updates and give feedback? Connect with us!

Already tried out the questions? We'd love to hear about your experience. Send your thoughts to Liliya.Rajsombath@pearson.com.

Show me the new questions

Ashley Walton: Product Marketing Manager



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What's new for your testing center?



Get started with bulb Portfolios

Ready to help your students start a college and career-ready portfolio? Join an upcoming webinar to learn how to seamlessly integrate bulb Portfolios into your CTE classroom.

- **Tuesday, March 4 5:30 p.m. ET**
- **Thursday, March 20 3:30 p.m. ET**

You'll hear simple, effective strategies to get started, using the curriculum and projects you already have planned. Find out how you can help your students create meaningful, tangible evidence of their skills and experiences before the year ends—without adding extra workload for you!

John Medved: Product Marketing Manager

Make 2025 your (testing) year

Make your 2025 testing experience as smooth as possible by updating to the newest version of Compass for Windows, our state-of-the-art exam delivery technology.

After the update your CATC will have the latest updates and bug fixes. The newest version builds on the strong foundation of previous versions, keeps your Compass system current, and is one of the best ways to achieve the best experience possible for every exam delivered.

To stay current, follow these steps:

- Determine which version of Compass you are using by checking the footer or the About Compass page inside of Compass for Windows.
- If your CATC is currently using a version with a number less than or equal to 19.0.2.1158, you **MUST** upgrade to the newest version.
- If your CATC is currently using 19.0.2.1170, we strongly recommend upgrading to the newest version, as support for this version will end in July 2025.
- If your CATC is currently using one of the following versions we recommend moving to the newest version to benefit from **bug fixes and feature enhancements**: 19.0.2.1270, 19.0.2.1322, or 19.0.2.1383.
- Review the **Compass for Windows User Guide** and follow the steps on Page 36.

For more information about Compass contact your Certiport Territory Manager or go to www.certiport.com/compass.

John Medved: Product Marketing Manager

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.

Systems Updates

Get detailed information on upcoming changes to our technology and systems.

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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