

# No-Am CATC Newsletter 4-4-2024

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**AUTHORIZED TESTING CENTER**

## NEWS UPDATE

April 4, 2024

# The latest from our technology team

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## 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.

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- **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.
- **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

## The official release of Compass Cloud is coming soon!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the open beta of Compass Cloud. We are excited to announce that the official release of the new exam delivery system will be today, April 4, 2024! To prepare you for the launch, find the most up-to-date Compass Cloud resources:



- [What is Compass Cloud?](#)
- [Compass Cloud datasheet](#)
- [Compass Cloud FAQ](#)
- [Choosing your Compass exam delivery system](#)
- [Get started with Compass Cloud](#)

### Use the right Compass modality for your CATC

Compass Cloud must be used in-person at a Certiport Authorized Testing Center with the Exam Administrator (Proctor) and the Test Candidate(s) in the same room. It will not work for exams proctored remotely.

For remote proctoring, please use [Exams from Home \(EFH\)](#). If you are using EFH for in-person testing, please move to Compass Cloud.

[Tell me more](#)

Emma Bury: Field Marketing Manager



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## Join the CERTIFIED Community



### Join us for CERTIFIED Academy: Design 2024

CERTIFIED Academy: Design is an immersive online professional development program for CTE educators, particularly those focusing on design and engineering. This is your chance to learn from your fellow creative educators and industry professionals and, if you opt for the paid access, certify your own skills.

From now through May, we'll help you discover new ways of teaching and dive together into available resources for your classroom.

[I'm ready to register](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager

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## Exploring workforce readiness through project-based learning

Discover strategies to harness the power of project-based learning and Microsoft Office Specialist certification, helping prepare students for the demands of the workforce and post-secondary education. Listen to student success stories, discover effective tools, and acquire practical insights to enhance student success rates, teacher effectiveness, and program efficiency.

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Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager

# Adobe Certified Professional

## Certiport's Adobe Certified Professional Spring Qualifier ends on May 3, 2024!



Certiport's 2024 Adobe Certified Professional U.S. National Championship Spring Qualifier ends on May 3, 2024! Students who are 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!

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**My students are ready to submit a project**

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager



## Updates for our Microsoft educators

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### **Microsoft Office Specialist 2013 retirement**

As we near the completion of the release of Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) 365 Apps certifications in all planned languages, the **MOS 2013 certifications will be fully retired on June 30, 2024**. We encourage those currently certifying in this MOS version to update the most recent Microsoft certifications. Find planned release timeframes for each MOS 365 Apps exam localization on our [Exam Releases page](#).

*Please note that the retirement of the English exam versions of the MOS 2013 occurred on July 13, 2023, while the Japanese exam versions retired on March 31, 2023.*

**Give me the retirement details**

Caroline Campbell: Product Marketing Manager





## 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. At the Championship, they can meet other students from around the U.S. and compete to win prizes, including an all-expenses-paid trip to the World Championship.

If your students haven't taken a certification exam yet, there's still time! All Microsoft Office Specialist Office 2019 and Microsoft 365 App exams in Excel, PowerPoint, and Word submitted before May 3, 2024, will be counted. Plan to get your students certified today and help them qualify.

[Show me the current 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.

[I want to read the story](#)

Caroline Campbell: Product Marketing Manager



# Unity Certified User: Programmer Certification UI update

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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](#).

Caroline Campbell: Product Marketing Manager

# Resources for You

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## 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.

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