



SAS Certified Professional Program

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What is the SAS Certified Professional Program ?

- Professional qualifications designed to assess SAS knowledge at a job role level
- Made up of five tracks, each certification requires the successful completion of one or more exams to earn a credential
- Developed according to defined international standards and based on survey results and feedback from SAS users

Benefits to Employers

- Provides a reliable way of measuring an individual's SAS software knowledge, including potential job candidates
- Assists in determining employee training paths, and assessing the effectiveness of training
- Helps to ensure the availability of SAS software knowledge and support
- Increases profitability through increased productivity, customer service and motivation

Benefits to Individuals

- Indicates an individual's knowledge with SAS software
- Helps to define training paths
- Enhances professional development
- Increases credibility and marketability
- Earns industry recognition
- Is an internationally recognised credential

SAS' Goals

- To increase the level of SAS software knowledge in the marketplace
- To establish a global standard for measuring SAS software knowledge
- To develop an internationally recognised certification program

Exam Tracks

- SAS Certified Base Programmer
 - SAS Base Programming

- SAS Certified Advanced Programmer
 - SAS Base Programming
 - SAS Advanced Programming

- Note: the v8 Core Concepts exam is accepted as a pre-requisite for the SAS Certified Advanced Programmer

Exam Tracks

- SAS Certified Warehouse Development Specialist
 - SAS Base Programming
 - SAS Advanced Programming
 - SAS Warehouse Technology (under devt.)
 - SAS Warehouse Development Specialist Concepts

- SAS Certified Warehouse Architect
 - SAS Warehouse Technology (under devt.)
 - SAS Warehouse Architect Concepts (under devt.)

Exam Tracks

- SAS Certified webAF Developer : Server-side
 - SAS Base Programming
 - SAS Advanced Programming
 - SAS webAF Server-side Application Development (beta)

Exam Details

■ Exam Structure

- Multiple choice format, 50 – 70 questions per exam
- Exams generated from a question bank – so different for each candidate
- 2 hours exam time allowed
- Immediate Pass/Fail feedback

■ To ensure ongoing SAS expertise, SAS Certified Professionals must be re-certified every 3 years

Administration & Cost

- Administered by Prometric® : a Thomson Learning Company
 - A global leader in technology-based assessment services for IT certification
 - Access to a worldwide network of testing centres for convenience and flexibility

- Cost
 - £109 + VAT per test

Arranging a Test

- Links from SAS UK web site at www.sas.com/uk
 - Exam name, content and objectives
 - Recommended training

- Prometric® web site at www.2test.com
 - Testing centre locator
 - Registration

Some Statistics

- There are currently 3200 Certified Professionals, representing 40 countries worldwide

- For the v8 Core Concepts exam:
 - 70 questions
 - Pass Mark : 72 %
 - Pass Rate : 68 %

Exam Preparation

- “Experience is the best teacher”
- Review exam objectives
- SAS Instructor-Based Training
- SAS Certified Base Programmer special packages :
 - Certification Access Package
 - Certification Fast Track Package

Exam Preparation

- Online Certification Preparation Tools
 - SAS Certification Preparation Course: Base Programming (available May 2003)
 - SAS Certification Preparation Course: Advanced Programming (available September 2003)
 - web-based tutorials
 - 180 day licences
 - approximate cost : £160 + VAT each

Conclusion

- The SAS Certified Professional Program provides a universal, standardised measure of SAS knowledge in a particular job-role
- It has benefits for both employers and individuals
- In 2003, five new credential tracks are being introduced
- The program continues to evolve and we are constantly assessing if new credentials should be added

For More Information...

- ...and to begin the steps to becoming a SAS Certified Professional, please visit www.sas.com/uk and choose **Certification**
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Professional Program

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