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VMware Certified Design Expert - Data Center Virtualization 2024 (VCDX-DCV)

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS INTRO

Certification Requirements hold value because they signify that you have undergone the necessary lessons, training, seminars, and hands-on experiences that are required to fill the job.

LEARN MORE

We welcome you to visit the official VCDX-DCV 2024 certification webpage:

https://www.vmware.com/learning/certification/vcdx-dcv.html

CERTIFICATION SUPPORT

If you need help with a Certification Path or with Certification Requirements, please contact the Certification Support Team at: *certification@vmware.com*

CANDIDATE AGREEMENT

The *Candidate Agreement* is a legal document between the candidate and VMware regarding participation in the VMware Certification Program including access to and use of any Program benefit, VMware Certification credentials, or any VMware Certification logo that VMware makes available as part of the Program.

CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

The VMware Certified Design Expert - Data Center Virtualization 2024 (VCDX-DCV 2024) certification validates an individual's advanced knowledge and skills in gathering and interpreting requirements, planning, creating, documenting, testing, and defending an implementable VMware vSphere-based design that meets customer objectives and constraints. This certification is intended for experienced professionals who are experts in data center virtualization technologies. Job-roles associated with this certification include solution architects, design architects, and consultants.

In this document we show the different certification paths available to earn the VCDX-DCV 2024 certification, depending on what certifications you already hold. You may follow this guide as a learning resource of what is required of you to earn this certification.

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Certification Path Requirements

Certification path if you hold no VCDX Certifications:

1. (Required) Earn the VCP-DCV 2024

VCP-DCV 2024

2. (Required) Earn the VCIX-DCV 2024 Badge (Or have a VCIX-DCV 2021 or 2022 or 2023)

VCIX-DCV 2024

3. (Required) Review and understand the blueprint

Blueprint

4. (Required) Select and build a design, based on the guidance in the handbook

Handbook

5. (Required) Submit and pass the application and design review

Design Application

Application Form

6. (Required) Successfully defend your submitted design against three panelists (75 minutes) and design a solution to a randomly provided scenario (45 minutes)

Certification path if you hold a VCDX in a different track:

1. (Required) Earn the VCP-DCV 2024

VCP-DCV 2024

2. (Required) Earn the VCIX-DCV 2024 Badge (Or have a VCIX-DCV 2021 or 2022 or 2023)

VCIX-DCV 2024

3. (Required) Review and understand the blueprint

Blueprint

4. (Required) Select and build a design, based on the guidance in the handbook

Handbook

5. (Required) Submit and pass the application and design review

Design Application

Application Form

6. (Required) Successfully defend your design against three panelists (60 minutes)

Certification Path Requirements

Certification path if you hold a VCDX-DCV:

1.(Recommended) Attend one of the training courses in 2024

VMware vSphere: Design [V8]

VMware vSphere: Design [V7]

2.(Required) Review and study the topics and objectives listed in the *Exam Guide (3V0-21.23)* OR *Exam Guide (3V0-21.21)* and pass ONE of the qualifying exams:

VMware vSphere 8.x Advanced Design (3V0-21.23)

145 Minutes 60 Questions $450 USD

Schedule Exam

Advanced Design VMware vSphere 7.x (3V0-21.21) – Retiring soon on January 31, 2024

150 Minutes 60 Questions $450 USD

Schedule Exam

FAQs

If I have more than one VCDX, can I take any VCAP Design exam to upgrade?

The tracks are all individual, so to upgrade to VCDX 2024, you will need to take the latest VCAP Design exam in that track. For example, if you are a VCDX-DCV 2022, regardless of how many other VCDXs you hold, you will need to pass the latest VCAP-DCV Design exam to upgrade to VCDX-DCV 2024.

What are the costs associated with the VCDX program?

The VCDX has two separate fees: An Application Fee of $995 USD is collected when you have submitted a complete application package. If the application is accepted for a defense before the VCDX Panel, a Defense Fee will be due: either $3000 for in-person defenses or $995 for remote defenses. First-time defenses are typically held in-person; however, we are currently only offering remote defenses due to in-person restrictions. Fees are subject to change. Any and all costs related to traveling to a design defense are the candidate's responsibility.

During my VCDX defense, I couldn't get through all of my prepared presentation. Will that affect my result?

No, it will not. The presentation is a tool to refer to when answering questions from the panelists, rather than to use as a full presentation. Although you will be given a few minutes to provide an overview, be prepared to start answering questions at any time. Use your presentation as an indexed tool to quickly jump to slides that will help answer specific questions. Since the panelists have reviewed the design already, they will already know much of what you are presenting, and they want to ensure there is time to answer questions they have. Overall, it is better to answer the questions than to go slide by slide through the presentation.