

# VMware Cloud Foundation 5.2 Administrator

## Exam Details (Last Updated: 08/26/2024)

The VMware Cloud Foundation 5.2 Administrator (2V0-11.24) exam, which leads to VMware Certified Professional – VMware Cloud Foundation Administrator 2024 certification (VCP-VCF Administrator 2024), is a 70-item exam with a passing score of 300 using a scaled method. Candidates are given an appointment time of 135 minutes, which includes adequate time to complete the exam for non- native English speakers.

## Exam Delivery

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## Certification Information

For details and a complete list of requirements and recommendations for attainment, please reference the [VMware Education Services – Certification website](#).

## Minimally Qualified Candidate

The candidate can install, configure, manage, and perform basic troubleshooting of the VMware Cloud Foundation (VCF) solution but occasionally needs to research topics or request assistance. The candidate should have at least six months or more of experience working with the VCF solution and all its components. The candidate should have one to two years or more of experience working in IT. The candidate is knowledgeable of the features, functions, and architectures of all VCF components, which include the following: VMware vSphere Enterprise Plus (which includes vCenter Standard, ESXi, vSphere with Tanzu), vSAN, NSX Networking, Aria Automation, Aria Operations, Aria Operations for Logs, Aria Suite Lifecycle, Aria Operations for Network, HCX, and DSM. The candidate may occasionally need to research some topics related to the aforementioned components or request assistance. The candidate has advanced level experience working with vSphere and its command line but occasionally needs to research topics or request assistance. The candidate may need to research some VCF related topics. The candidate possesses most of the knowledge shown in the exam sections (blueprint).

## Exam Sections

VMware exam blueprint sections are now standardized to the five sections below, some of which may NOT be included in the final exam blueprint depending on the exam objectives.

- Section 1 – IT Architectures, Technologies, Standards
- Section 2 – VMware by Broadcom Solution
- Section 3 – Plan and Design the VMware by Broadcom Solution
- Section 4 – Install, Configure, Administrate the VMware by Broadcom Solution
- Section 5 – Troubleshoot and Optimize the VMware by Broadcom Solution

If a section does not have testable objectives in this version of the exam, it will be noted, accordingly. The objective numbering may be referenced in your score report at the end of your testing event for further preparation should a retake of the exam be necessary.

## Sections Included in this Exam

Section 1 - IT Architectures, Technologies, Standards

NO TESTABLE OBJECTIVES THIS SECTION

Section 2 - VMware by Broadcom Solution

Objective 2.1 - Identify the VMware Cloud Foundation components (vSphere, vSAN, NSX) and architecture (including stretched)

Objective 2.2 - Describe the requirements for implementing private cloud solutions based on VMware Cloud Foundation

Objective 2.3 - Identify the use cases for the different components of the VMware Aria Suite (including VMware Cloud Foundation Network Operations)

Objective 2.4 - Identify the use cases for vSphere IaaS control plane (formerly vSphere with Tanzu) based on VMware Cloud Foundation

Objective 2.5 - Identify the use cases for Data Services Manager

Objective 2.6 - Identify the use cases for VMware Cloud Foundation Add-Ons

Section 3 - Plan and Design the VMware by Broadcom Solution

NO TESTABLE OBJECTIVES THIS SECTION

Section 4 - Install, Configure, Administrate the VMware by Broadcom Solution

Objective 4.1 - Identify the installation and configuration process (bring-up) for VMware Cloud Foundation components

Objective 4.2 - Deploy and configure a VMware Cloud Foundation management domain

Objective 4.2.1 - Deploy and configure a VMware Cloud Foundation management domain using VMware Cloud Builder

Objective 4.2.1.1 - Validate the prerequisites for deploying VMware Cloud Foundation

Objective 4.2.1.2 - Deploy the VMware Cloud Builder appliance

Objective 4.2.1.3 - Prepare ESXi hosts

Objective 4.2.1.4 - Deploy the VMware Cloud Foundation management domain (including vCenter, vSAN, NSX, and SDDC Manager) using VMware Cloud Builder

Objective 4.2.2 - Configure the VMware Cloud Foundation management domain.

Objective 4.2.2.1 - Identify the different backup methods for components within the VMware Cloud Foundation management domain

Objective 4.2.2.2 - Configure the Backup of VMware Cloud Foundation Management Components

Objective 4.2.2.3 - Identify the use case for certificate management in VMware Cloud Foundation

Objective 4.2.2.4 - Configure Certificate Management

Objective 4.2.2.5 - Configure Password Management

Objective 4.3 - Deploy and configure an NSX Edge Cluster

Objective 4.3.1 - Validate the prerequisites for deploying an NSX Edge Cluster

- Objective 4.3.1.1 - Identify the uplink requirements for deploying an NSX edge cluster
- Objective 4.3.1.2 - Identify the TEP requirements for deploying an NSX edge cluster
- Objective 4.3.2 - Scale an NSX Edge cluster by adding or removing edge transport nodes
- Objective 4.3.3 - Given a scenario, identify the role of BGP in route propagation with NSX Edge Cluster
- Objective 4.4 - Deploy VMware Aria Suite Lifecycle using SDDC Manager
  - Objective 4.4.1 - Validate prerequisites for deploying Aria Suite Lifecycle.
  - Objective 4.4.2 - Create Application Virtual Networks (AVNs) in preparation for deploying the VMware Aria Suite
    - Objective 4.4.3 - Complete basic configuration of VMware Aria Suite Lifecycle
- 4.5 - Deploy VMware Aria Suite using VMware Aria Suite Lifecycle
  - Objective 4.5.1 - Validate the prerequisites for deploying the VMware Aria Suite
- Objective 4.5.2 - Deploy VMware Aria Suite
- Objective 4.6 - Deploy and configure a virtual infrastructure (VI) workload domain using SDDC Manager.
  - Objective 4.6.1 - Validate prerequisites for deploying a VI Workload Domain
  - Objective 4.6.2 - Identify the steps for deploying a VI workload domain
  - Objective 4.6.3 - Deploy a VI Workload Domain using SDDC Manager
- Objective 4.7 - Enable vSphere IaaS control plane (formerly workload management) within VMware Cloud Foundation
  - Objective 4.7.1 - Identify the prerequisites for enabling Workload Management
    - Objective 4.7.1.1 - Identify NSX Edge requirements for enabling Tanzu on a Cloud Foundation workload domain
      - Objective 4.7.1.2 - Identify Overlay network requirements for enabling Tanzu on a Cloud Foundation workload domain
      - Objective 4.7.1.3 - Identify Ingress and Egress network requirements for enabling Tanzu on a Cloud Foundation workload domain
      - Objective 4.7.1.4 - Validate prerequisites to enable and configure Supervisor
  - Objective 4.8 - Create and configure a vSphere Namespace
    - Objective 4.8.1 - Download the vSphere CLI tools to a developer workstation
- Objective 4.9 - Deploy stretched clusters across availability zones for VMware Cloud Foundation.
  - Objective 4.9.1 - Validate the requirements for deploying stretched clusters
  - Objective 4.9.2 - Identify the procedure for deploying stretched clusters
- Objective 4.10 - Deploy and manage VMware Cloud Foundation using the VMware Cloud Foundation APIs
- Objective 4.11 - Given a scenario, scale a VMware Cloud Foundation deployment.
  - Objective 4.11.1 - Validate the prerequisites for host commissioning
  - Objective 4.11.2 - Add hosts using host commissioning
  - Objective 4.11.3 - Remove hosts using host decommissioning
  - Objective 4.11.4 - Scale a cluster within VMware Cloud Foundation
    - Objective 4.11.4.1 - Add a host to the existing cluster
    - Objective 4.11.4.2 - Remove a host from an existing cluster

- Objective 4.11.5 - Scale a VMware Cloud Foundation Domain
  - Objective 4.11.5.1 - Add a cluster to an existing VMware Cloud Foundation Domain
  - Objective 4.11.5.2 - Remove a cluster from an existing VMware Cloud Foundation Domain
- Objective 4.11.6 - Scale a VMware Cloud Foundation deployment with a workload domain
  - Objective 4.11.6.1 - Add a workload domain to an existing VCF deployment
  - Objective 4.11.6.2 - Remove a workload domain from an existing VCF deployment
- Objective 4.12 - Given a scenario, perform Day 2 Operations within VMware Cloud Foundation SDDC Manager
  - Objective 4.12.1 - Implement backup and recovery strategies for VMware Cloud Foundation components.
  - Objective 4.12.2 - Perform lifecycle management for VMware Cloud Foundation components.
  - Objective 4.12.3 - Perform update/rotate/and sync for passwords managed by the SDDC Manager
  - Objective 4.12.4 - Perform rotation of certificates managed by the SDDC Manager
  - Objective 4.12.5 - Upgrade VMware Cloud Foundation
    - Objective 4.12.5.1 - Differentiate between the types of bundles available in VMware Cloud Foundation
    - Objective 4.12.5.2 - Based on a scenario, identify the correct upgrade procedure for VMware Cloud Foundation.
    - Objective 4.12.5.3 - Download update bundles in a connected environment using the SDDC Manager UI
    - Objective 4.12.5.4 - Download update bundles in a disconnected environment using the Offline Bundle Transfer Utility (OBTU) CLI tool
    - Objective 4.12.5.5 - Apply software updates using the Async Patch CLI Tool
    - Objective 4.12.5.6 - Perform an update pre-check for a workload domain in preparation for performing an upgrade
- Objective 4.13 - Given a scenario, perform Day 2 Operations within VMware vCenter.
  - Objective 4.13.1 - Given a scenario, configure Role-based Access Control to vCenter
    - Objective 4.13.1.1 - Identify the capabilities of the different out of the box roles within vCenter
    - Objective 4.13.1.2 - Create vCenter Roles
    - Objective 4.13.1.3 - Add an identity source (such as Active Directory) to vCenter
    - Objective 4.13.1.4 - Assign Roles to Users/Groups
    - Objective 4.13.1.5 - Assign Permissions to Users/Groups
- Objective 4.14 - Given a scenario, manage the lifecycle of a Virtual Machine.
  - Objective 4.14.1 - Create a Virtual Machine template
  - Objective 4.14.2 - Create a Virtual Machine from a VM Template
  - Objective 4.14.3 - Create a Virtual Machine from an ISO/OVA
  - Objective 4.14.4 - Destroy a Virtual Machine
  - Objective 4.14.5 - Given a scenario, manage virtual machine snapshots
    - Objective 4.14.5.1 - Identify the capabilities of the different out of the box roles within vCenter
    - Objective 4.14.5.2 - Create vCenter Roles

- Objective 4.14.5.3 - Add an identity source (such as Active Directory) to vCenter
- Objective 4.14.5.4 - Assign Roles to Users/Groups
- Objective 4.14.5.5 - Understand the impact of completing different snapshot operations.
- Objective 4.14.6 - Given a scenario, complete day 2 operations on a virtual machine
- Objective 4.15 - Given a scenario, configure vSphere Networking components
  - Objective 4.15.1 - Configure a Virtual Distributed Switch
  - Objective 4.15.2 - Configure Network IO Control
  - Objective 4.15.3 - Configure a Port Group
- Objective 4.16 - Given a scenario, configure Content Libraries to manage resources
  - Objective 4.16.1 - Create a Content Library
  - Objective 4.16.2 - Publish a Content Library
  - Objective 4.16.3 - Subscribe to a Content Library
- Objective 4.17 - Given a scenario, configure vSphere storage components
  - Objective 4.17.1 - Given a scenario, configure VM storage policies
- Objective 4.18 - Given a scenario, manage ESXi hosts
  - Objective 4.18.1 - Given a scenario, manage host lifecycle using VMware Lifecycle Manager images
  - Objective 4.18.2 - Given a scenario, secure a ESXi host
  - Objective 4.18.3 - Given a scenario, configure a ESXi host and host profile
- Objective 4.19 - Given a scenario, secure workloads and infrastructure using encryption
  - Objective 4.19.1 - Given a scenario, identify how to secure workloads using Virtual Machine Encryption
  - Objective 4.19.2 - Given a scenario, identify how to secure workloads using host-based encryption
  - Objective 4.19.3 - Given a scenario, identify how to secure vMotion with encryption
- Objective 4.20 - Given a scenario, perform Day 2 Operations within VMware NSX.
  - Objective 4.20.1 - Given a scenario, create a segment using VMware NSX
  - Objective 4.20.2 - Given a scenario, configure logical routing in NSX
  - Objective 4.20.3 - Configure logging for NSX components
  - Objective 4.20.4 - Differentiate between the use cases for deploying a new NSX Fabric vs. joining an existing NSX Fabric
  - Objective 4.20.5 - Create a VPC and configure projects to enable multi-tenancy in NSX
  - Objective 4.20.6 - Given a scenario, identify the use cases for VMware NSX advanced features
  - Objective 4.20.7 - Given a scenario, configure VMware NSX advanced features
    - Objective 4.20.7.1 - Configure a DHCP server for an NSX Segment
    - Objective 4.20.7.2 - Configure an NSX load balancer (not AVI)
    - Objective 4.20.7.3 - Configure Network Address Translation (NAT) in VMware NSX
    - Objective 4.20.7.4 - Configure an IP Pool and IP Block
    - Objective 4.20.7.5 - Configure VPN service for NSX
- Objective 4.21 - Given a scenario, perform Day 2 Operations for VMware vSAN.

- Objective 4.21.1 - Configure and manage storage resources, policies, and performance using VMware vSAN and other storage technologies
- Objective 4.21.2 - Identify the procedure for setting vSAN in maintenance mode
- Objective 4.21.3 - Identify steps to add storage to a vSAN datastore
- Objective 4.21.4 - Identify use cases for enabling/disabling vSAN health alerts
- Objective 4.22 - Given a scenario, perform Day 2 Operations within VMware Aria Suite
  - Objective 4.22.1 - Given a scenario, perform Day 2 Operations within VMware Aria Suite Lifecycle
    - Objective 4.22.1.1 - Patch / upgrade the components of VMware Aria Suite (including Aria Operations for Networks)
  - Objective 4.22.2 - Complete SSL Certificate Management for the Aria Suite Components (including Aria Operations for Networks)
    - 4.22.2.1 - Differentiate between the different certificate creation options
    - 4.22.2.2 - Identify the steps for creating an SSL Certificate
    - 4.21.2.3 - Create a Certificate Request
    - 4.22.2.4 - Generate a self-signed SSL certificate
    - 4.22.2.5 - Import a CA-signed certificate
    - 4.22.2.6 - Apply an SSL certificate to a Aria Suite Component
  - Objective 4.22.3 - Complete License Management for the Aria Suite Components (including Aria Operations for Networks)
  - Objective 4.22.4 - Given a scenario, scale an existing Aria Suite Deployment.
  - Objective 4.22.5 - Configure Multi-Organizational Tenancy
    - Objective 4.22.5.1 - Identify the prerequisites for enabling Multi-Organizational Tenancy
  - Objective 4.22.5.2 - Enable Multi-Organizational Tenancy in Aria Suite Lifecycle
  - Objective 4.22.6 - Create a Log Bundle for an Aria Suite component
  - Objective 4.22.7 - Configure Content Management in Aria Suite Lifecycle
  - Objective 4.22.8 - Given a scenario, operationalize VMware Cloud Foundation with the VMware Aria Suite
    - Objective 4.22.8.1 - Manage the health, performance, compliance and capacity of the VMware Cloud Foundation environment using VMware Aria Operations
    - Objective 4.22.8.2 - Automate deployment and configuration of workloads using VMware Aria Automation
    - Objective 4.22.8.3 - Implement log event monitoring and management with VMware Aria Operations for Logs
    - Objective 4.22.8.4 - Monitor networks using Aria Operations for Networks
    - Objective 4.22.8.5 - Configure single sign-on using VMware Identity Manager (aka Workspace ONE Access)
- Objective 4.23 - Deploy workloads on vSphere IaaS control plane (formerly vSphere with Tanzu)
- Objective 4.24 - Given a scenario, perform virtual machine migrations, operations or tasks using HCX

## Section 5 - Troubleshoot and Optimize the VMware by Broadcom Solution

Objective 5.1 - Diagnose and identify technical issues related to the deployment of VMware Cloud

Foundation Objective 5.2 - Diagnose and identify technical issues related to VMware Cloud Foundation.

Objective 5.2.1 - Identify the relevant tools for troubleshooting technical issues related to VMware Cloud Foundation

Objective 5.2.2 - Diagnose and identify technical issues related to VMware Cloud Foundation SDDC Manager

Objective 5.2.3 - Diagnose and identify technical issues related to VMware vSphere (including Hosts, Clusters, Networking and Storage)

Objective 5.2.4 - Diagnose and identify technical issues related to VMware vSphere

Objective 5.2.5 - Diagnose and identify technical issues related to VMware vSAN.

Objective 5.2.6 - Diagnose and identify technical issues related to VMware NSX

Objective 5.3 - Given a scenario, troubleshoot the VMware Cloud Foundation Deployment/Bring Up

Process Objective 5.4 - Perform troubleshooting tasks for vSphere

Objective 5.4.1 - Identify the procedure for setting a host in maintenance mode. Objective 5.4.2 - Resolve host connectivity issues

Objective 5.4.3 - Resolve certificate issues

Objective 5.4.4 - Troubleshoot vCLS

Objective 5.4.5 - Troubleshoot snapshot issues

Objective 5.4.6 - Troubleshoot vSphere HA host states

Objective 5.4.7 - Troubleshoot lifecycle management

Objective 5.5 - Perform troubleshooting tasks for vSphere Networking

Objective 5.5.1 - Identify the health of an NSX Edge Cluster to include tier-0 and tier-1 routers.

Objective 5.5.2 - Resolve NSX overlay network connectivity or configuration issues in VMware Cloud Foundation

Objective 5.5.3 - Resolve network connectivity or configuration issues on a vSphere Distributed Switch

Objective 5.5.4 - Resolve load balancing issues in

NSX Objective 5.6 - Perform troubleshooting tasks for vSAN

Objective 5.6.1 - Resolve connectivity or configuration issues with vSAN in VMware Cloud

Foundation Objective 5.6.2 - Recover from a disk or controller failure in vSAN

Objective 5.6.3 - Identify the process to update the vSAN database

Objective 5.6.4 - Identify the process to update the driver/firmware in vSAN

Objective 5.6.5 - Interpret the Skyline vSAN Health Score and complete remediation action(s)

Objective 5.7 - Identify and perform troubleshooting tasks in VMware Cloud Foundation SDDC Manager

Objective 5.7.1 - Resolve issues related to password management in VMware Cloud Foundation. Objective

5.7.2 - Identify how to use the "sos" CLI tool to identify potential health issues in VMware Cloud Foundation

Objective 5.7.3 - Identify how to use the "sos" CLI tool to collect logs for a workload domain as part of a support request

- Objective 5.7.4 - Identify scenarios for using the SDDC Manager local admin account.
- Objective 5.7.5 - Identify how to query passwords for deployed components using SDDC Manager
- Objective 5.7.6 - Identify the steps to restart/resume a failed workflow
- Objective 5.8 - Perform troubleshooting tasks with VMware Aria Suite
  - Objective 5.8.1 - Generate and analyze reports on infrastructure performance, capacity, utilization, and compliance
  - Objective 5.8.2 - Optimize resource allocation and utilization to ensure efficient operation
  - Objective 5.8.3 - Identify and implement improvements to enhance the efficiency, performance and reliability of the VMware Cloud Foundation environment
    - Objective 5.8.4 - Verify the health of a VMware Cloud Foundation deployment
- Objective 5.9 - Identify and perform troubleshooting of vSphere IaaS Control Plane and its components



## Recommended Courses

[VMware Cloud Foundation: Deploy, Manage, Configure](#)

## References\*

In addition to the recommended courses, item writers use the following references for information when writing exam questions. It is recommended that you study the reference content as you prepare to take the exam, in addition to any recommended training.

Name	Products
<a href="http://www.vmware.com">http://www.vmware.com</a>	VMware vSphere Enterprise Plus (which includes vCenter Standard, ESXi, vSphere with Tanzu), vSAN, NSX Networking, Aria Automation, Aria Operations, Aria Operations for Logs, Aria Suite Lifecycle. Aria Operations for Network, HCX, and DSM
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<a href="https://docs.vmware.com">https://docs.vmware.com</a>	VMware vSphere Enterprise Plus (which includes vCenter Standard, ESXi, vSphere with Tanzu), vSAN, NSX Networking, Aria Automation, Aria Operations, Aria Operations for Logs, Aria Suite Lifecycle. Aria Operations for Network, HCX, and DSM
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