Partner Ready Certification and Learning

Onboarding guide for partner employees

FY2021

Welcome. Your investment in HPE Partner Ready Certification and Learning is the beginning of a long term relationship with Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

HPE Partner Ready Certification and Learning can open doors for your career and business. HPE provides continuous learning activities and plans, as well as professional certification for the most sought-after IT disciplines enabling businesses to be more successful.

Use this guide to start your learning journey, explore the My Learning portal for free web-based training, guided learning plans, and continuous learning activities, or step right onto an HPE certification path.

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Your HPE Partner Ready Certification and Learning experience

Register for a Partner Ready Portal account[1]

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– Explore My Learning portal (for example, create a learning plan) – View training opportunities on Top Recommended Training list and our training calendar – Learn through web-based training, instructor-led training, virtual labs, and/or HPE Press – Understand your partner ready program requirements	– Take an exam – Be certified as a technical or sales expert – Meet your partner ready program requirements	– Track your achievements in My Learning – Promote your expertise – Take advantage of the benefits for certified professionals	– Evaluate your career goals – Stay up-to-date with new learning assets, events and quarterly webinars – Join our HPE Partner Ready Certification and Learning online community

[1] First-time users must register for access into HPE Partner Ready Portal, The Learning Center, and My Learning portal.

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Get your access to the HPE Partner Ready Certification and Learning program

Register for the Partner Ready Portal

These instructions are for you if you work for an HPE partner or for an HPE authorized self-maintainer.

If you are a new user, your first step is to register* for the Partner Ready Portal partner.hpe.com
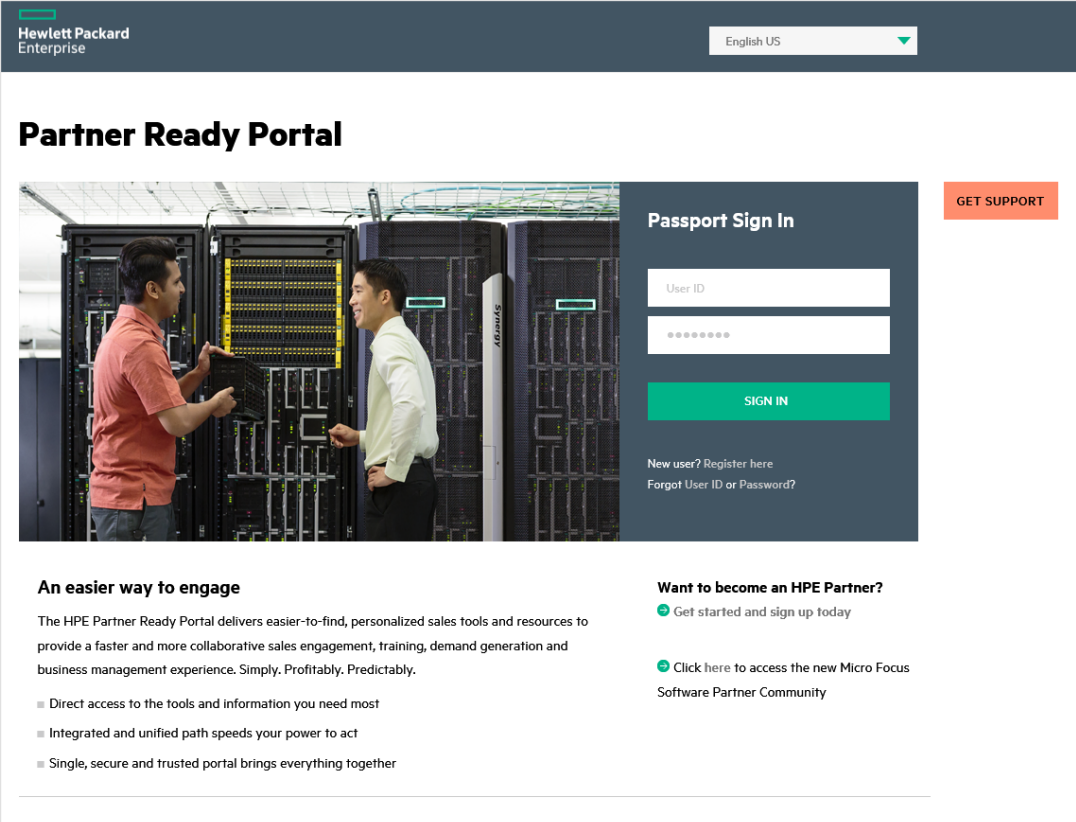
Candidates interested specifically in Aruba networking sales tools, additional learning opportunities and resources should register here partner.hpe.com/aruba

When you register for a Partner Ready Portal account, you are automatically registered for the HPE Certification and Learning program and assigned a Learner ID.

* Please use your work email address when registering to ensure your certifications (counting for HPE Partner status), will be correctly associated with your current employer.

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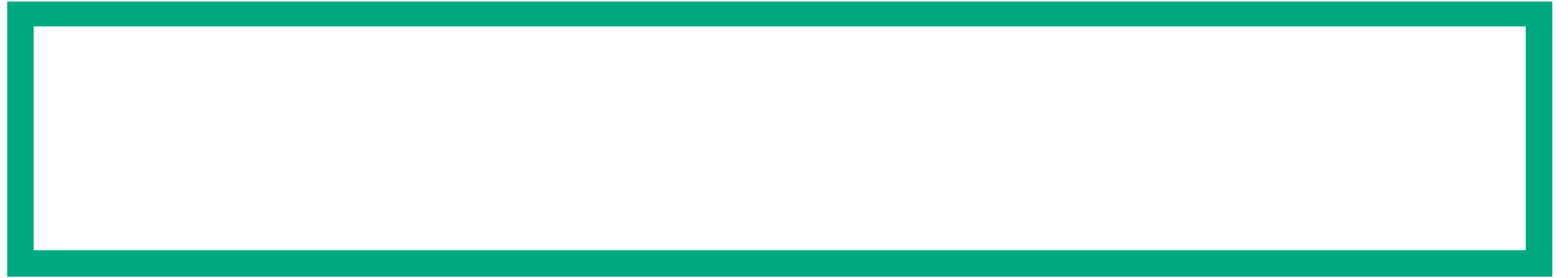# Partner registration for the Certification and Learning program

Step 1: Log into the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Partner Ready Portal at partner.hpe.com or partner.hpe.com/aruba

Step 2: If you are a new user, click "Register Here" and follow the instructions to complete your registration.

Step 3: When you receive a welcome email confirming your account activation, log in to the HPE Partner Ready Portal or Aruba Partner Ready Portal for full access to Certification and Learning, The Learning Center, and My Learning portal.

FAQs on Partner Ready Portal registration

| Question	Answer
How long will it take to get access?	After you complete your registration using your work email address, access should be immediate. Allow up to 2 hours for access processing.
How will I know that my access is approved?	You will receive an email when your access is approved. Your registration is complete when you can view content on Certification and Learning, and the links to The Learning Center are live.
What is a PPA and what do they do?	Partner Portal Administrator is a role assigned by HPE to a person in your company. When you register, your PPA will be notified and can help you resolve access issues.
I have changed employers, what happens to my learning history?	Your history can be transferred to your new employer. See the links under "Quick tips" on the Assist Kit page
How can I find my HPE Learner ID?	Your HPE Learner ID is your unique identifier in The Learning Center and your key to HPE Partner Ready Certification and Learning. You will need this ID to register for learning activities and certification exams. After your HPE Learner ID has been issued, you can find it under the page title on each page of the My Learning portal. It is also shown in The Learning Center under the My Profile tab. In addition, you can request that your HPE Learner ID be emailed to you by completing the HPE Learner ID lookup form.

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Your learning journey

Certification and Learning in the Partner Ready portal
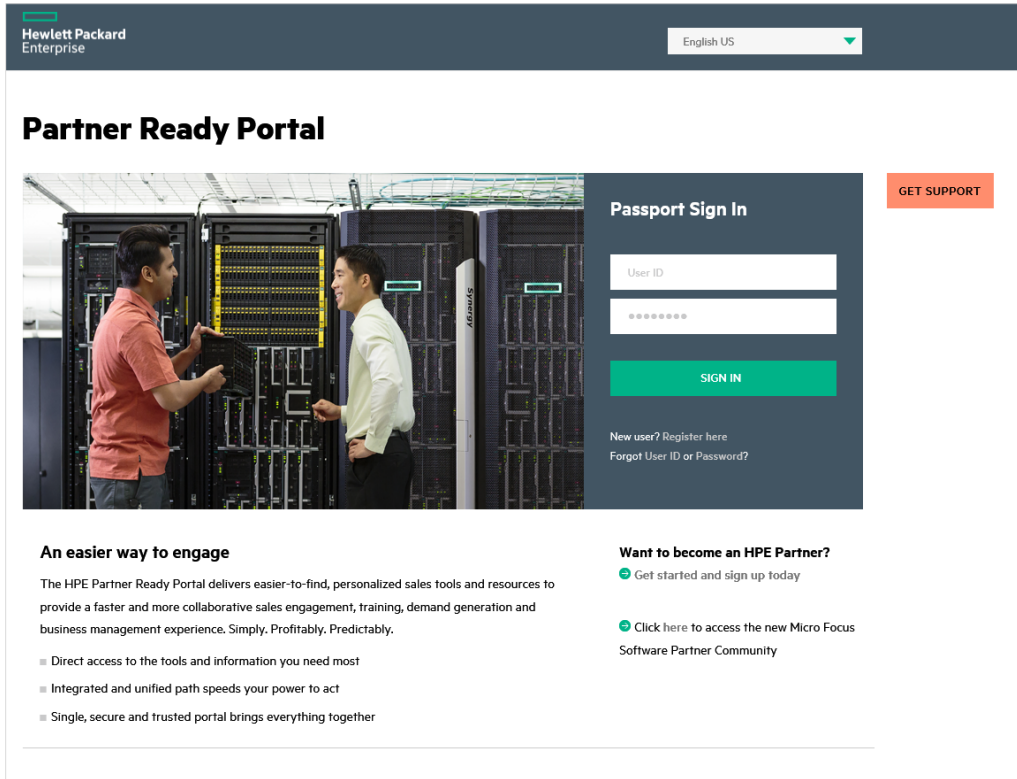
Log in to the HPE Partner Ready Portal partner.hpe.com or Aruba Partner Ready Portal homepage partner.hpe.com/aruba
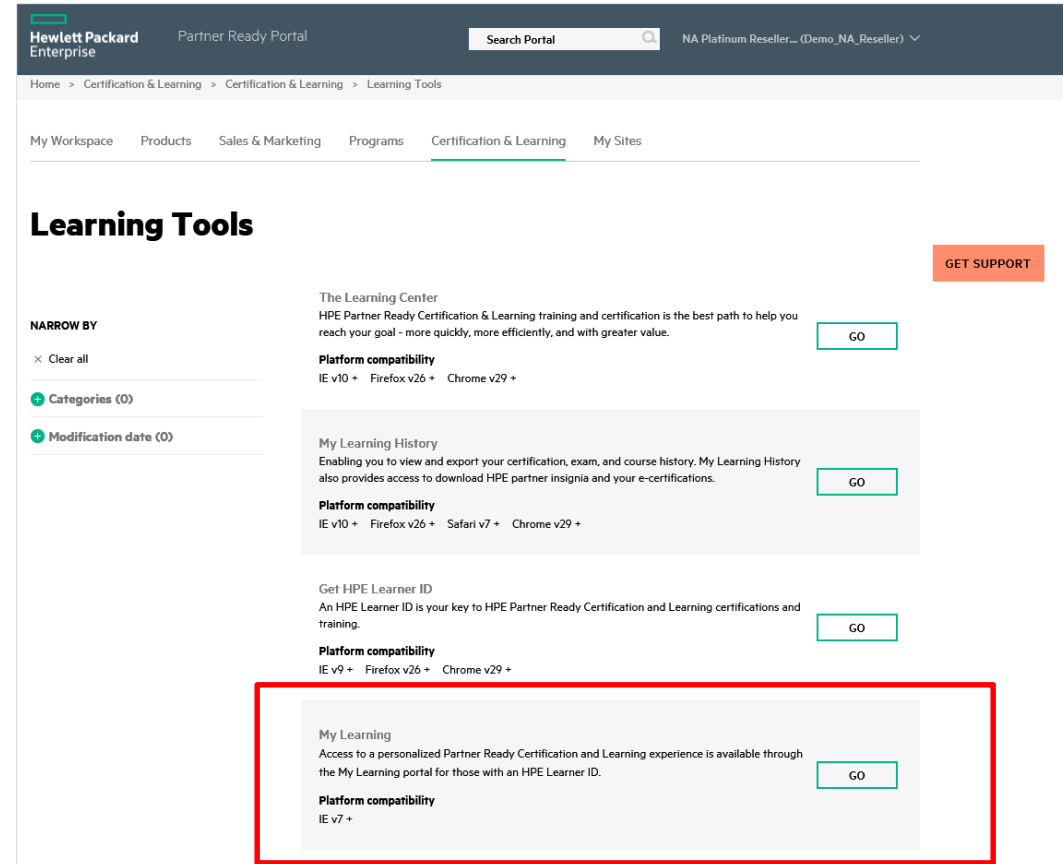
Locate the Certification and Learning section and under Learning Tools, click My Learning

Explore My Learning portal
Your personalized IT skills resource

My Learning portal is your one-stop shop for skills.

Bookmark this URL and you'll always find what you need, based on your role and area of interest easily. You can explore multiple technologies and career paths—and benefit from a wide range of free content—right from your own desk, anytime.

– Create your own learning plan

– View the certifications recommended specifically for you

– Find free and fee-based learning opportunities

– See which benefits you are eligible for

Log into My Learning at mylearninghpe.com with your HPE Passport credentials.

Self-paced learning with HPE Press

HPE Press offers learners the opportunity to study at their own pace with

- Study guides

- Self-directed labs

- Practice tests

- Plus solution overviews

See the wide variety of study materials—including free content—at hpepress.hpe.com.

View the Certification and Learning training calendar

Achieve the skills and expertise to take your career to the next level.

Our training calendar lists a comprehensive portfolio of training and education services, including online training designed to help you acquire, maintain and optimize your IT skills.

Use the filters to search for the courses that meet your needs.

Search for training at certification-learning.hpe.com/tr/TrainingCalendar.

Top Recommended Training
The key to your organization's success

Accelerate your learning with the latest training from HPE. These courses focus on strategic HPE initiatives and highlight the latest solutions and services.

You can choose Sales or Technical training in a broad range of technologies with direct links to each training module.

You can find out more about our Top Recommended Training at
https://www.mylearninghpe.com/hpcpbenefits/TopRecommendedTraining.aspx

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Competency designations for HPE Partners

Partner Ready Competencies recognize and reward HPE Partners who have strong sales and technical capabilities in specific high value solution areas. Partners who meet competency requirements gain access to a broad portfolio of enablement, branding and marketing resources to accelerate their solution sales on HPE infrastructure.

HPE Partner employees may contribute to the achievement of Competencies in a variety of ways, including participating in successful solution deployments or completing a competency validation exam.

Note: HPE Partner Ready Platinum Specialist designations for FY2019 may require earning HPE Competencies to meet program compliance requirements.

Learn more:
– partner.hpe.com Click Programs > Partner Ready Competencies
– Review: Competency Overviews, Partner Profiles, Requirements, Benefits, and so on

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Validate your knowledge

Certification matters

Customers want to work with partners who have up-to-date knowledge and skills. Will they work with you?

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Understand the certification paths HPE offers
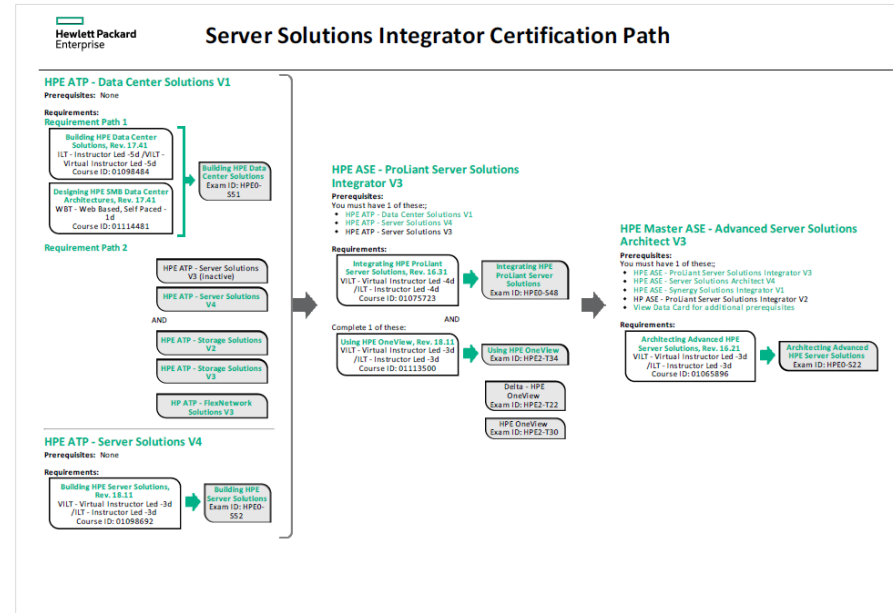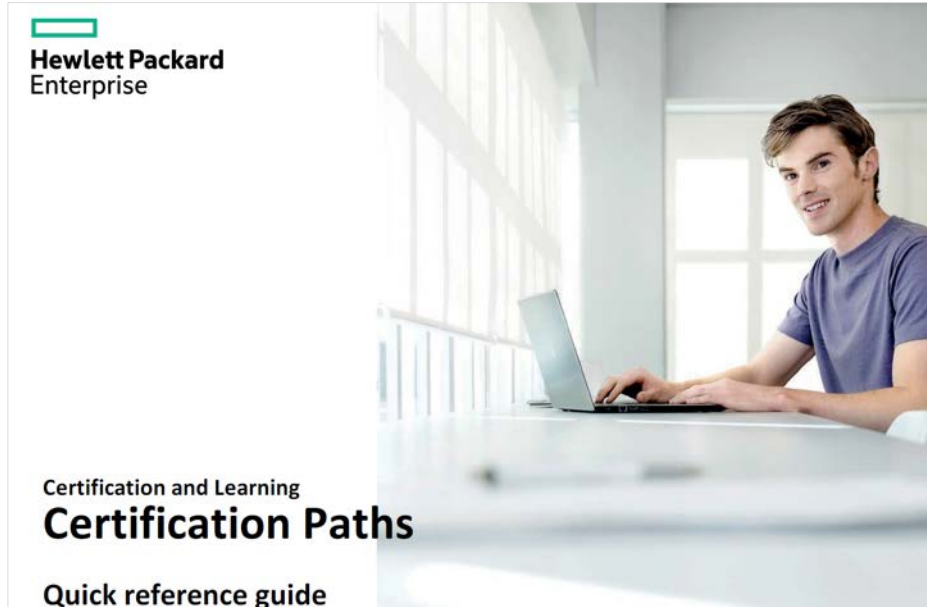
Career certification paths graphically show how to advance through the certification levels in your chosen technology. Training, exams, and pre-requisites are highlighted.

Paths are available for software defined infrastructure, networking, servers, and storage.

You can find this document at certification-learning.hpe.com/tr/CertificationPaths.

Prepare for your certification
Quick steps

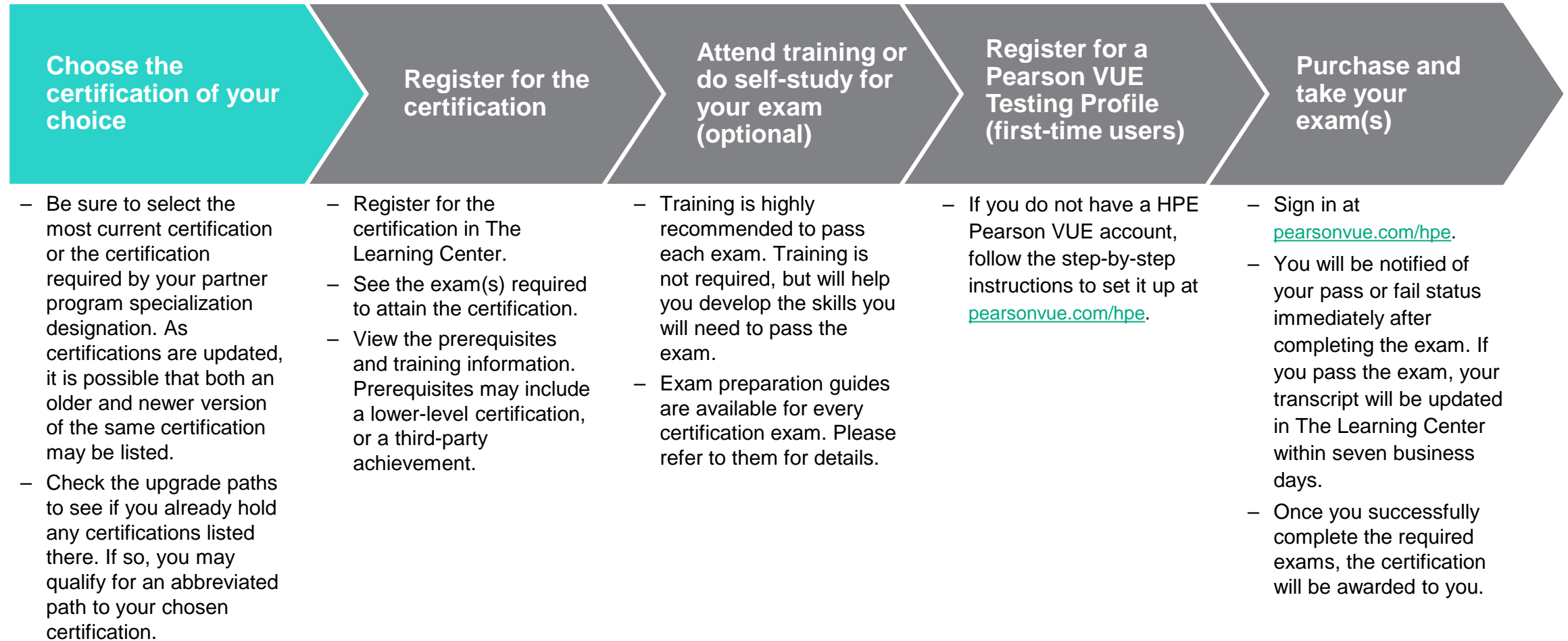| Choose the certification of your choice	Register for the certification	Attend training or do self-study for your exam (optional)	Register for a Pearson VUE Testing Profile (first-time users)	Purchase and take your exam(s)

Choose the certification of your choice

– Be sure to select the most current certification or the certification required by your partner program specialization designation. As certifications are updated, it is possible that both an older and newer version of the same certification may be listed.

– Check the upgrade paths to see if you already hold any certifications listed there. If so, you may qualify for an abbreviated path to your chosen certification.

Register for the certification

– Register for the certification in The Learning Center.

– See the exam(s) required to attain the certification.

– View the prerequisites and training information. Prerequisites may include a lower-level certification, or a third-party achievement.

Attend training or do self-study for your exam (optional)

– Training is highly recommended to pass each exam. Training is not required, but will help you develop the skills you will need to pass the exam.

– Exam preparation guides are available for every certification exam. Please refer to them for details.

Register for a Pearson VUE Testing Profile (first-time users)

– If you do not have a HPE Pearson VUE account, follow the step-by-step instructions to set it up at pearsonvue.com/hpe.

Purchase and take your exam(s)

– Sign in at pearsonvue.com/hpe.

– You will be notified of your pass or fail status immediately after completing the exam. If you pass the exam, your transcript will be updated in The Learning Center within seven business days.

– Once you successfully complete the required exams, the certification will be awarded to you.

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FAQs on Pearson VUE exams

Question	Answer
What are HPE0 proctored exams?	**Proctored exams (HPE0-xxx or HP0-xxx)** are typically administered at Pearson VUE testing centers. Occasionally, HPE will arrange for onsite test centers at major events. An HPE Learner ID is required to register for an exam. All exam registrations, payments, scheduling, and cancellations should be completed by going directly to the following Pearson VUE website: pearsonvue.com/hpe. Exam fees vary by country but usually range from $100 to $200 for proctored exams.
What are HPE2 and HPE3 exams?	**Web-based exams (HPE2-xxx, HP2-xxx or HPE3-xxx, HP3-xxx)** are conducted over the web in a secure browser environment. Web-based exams offer the convenience of 24-hour access but do have a time limit. All exam registrations, payments, scheduling, and cancellations should be completed by going directly to the following Pearson VUE website: pearsonvue.com/hpe. Exam fees vary by country but usually range from $20 to $100 for online exams.
What are HPE6 exams?	**Proctored exams (HPE6-xxx)** are specific to Aruba exams, which are typically administered at Pearson VUE testing centers.
What are online proctored exams?	**Online proctored (OP) exams (HPE0-xxx and HPE6-xxx)** allow you to take a proctored exam in the comfort of your home or office, while you are monitored by an offsite proctor. The OP exam delivery system has very specific technical, system, environment, and testing protocol requirements, which you must review and accept before you can register. OP delivery is available worldwide, except in these countries: China, Japan, Iraq, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. Greeter support, proctor support, and proctor software are currently available in English only. Software performance exams are not eligible for OP delivery. HPE may expand this mode of exam delivery to additional countries or languages in the future. Exam fees for the online proctoring option vary by country and are subject to change. Learn more about the online proctoring option.
Where can I read more about the different types of exams and policies?	Please visit certification-learning.hpe.com/tr/learn_more_about_exams.html to learn more.
What to expect in a Pearson VUE test center?	You may watch this video home.pearsonvue.com/test-taker/security.aspx to learn more.

Note: When registering for an exam, learners must use their name as it appears on their government issued identification documents.

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Benefits for Partner Ready Certified Professionals

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Track your achievements

The Certification and Learning program rewards you with progressively greater benefits and rewards. These depend on your status in the program, and can include invitation-only seminars and presentations, along with access to HPE technologists and other HPE resources. You may also qualify for discounts on merchandise and HPE Press publications.

Log into My Learning portal at mylearninghpe.com to view your benefit level.

My Certification Credentials lets you keep track of your current certifications. A list of inactive and expiring certifications is readily accessible on the Inactive and expired certifications page. To determine your appropriate upgrade path, locate the certification(s) you currently hold and check their status on the View all certifications page.

My Certification Coach provides recommendations on certifications you may wish to embark on next.

Promote your achievements

Once your HPE certification is visible under My Credentials on the My Learning portal homepage mylearninghpe.com, it means that you now have a number of options to promote your HPE skills and knowledge with digital badges, e-certificates, ID cards, and level insignias.

Digital badges are online representations of your achievements that you add to any online profile including LinkedIn and Twitter. Clicking on the badge sends the viewer to a custom verification page that includes your name, HPE certification(s) held, skills and capabilities required and issue date. For more information on digital badges, see https://certification-learning.hpe.com/tr/documents/digital_badges.pdf

HPE recommends you print your e-certificates as we do not mail out hard copy certificates to certified professionals.

Note: Digital Badges, e-certificates, ID cards and level insignias are issued for HPE Partner Ready certifications, not exam completions or service qualifications. Not all certifications are supported by digital badges. See the FAQ document for more information on accepting and using digital badges

Enhance your presence on social media

Did you know that on average, LinkedIn members with certifications receive 6x more views to their profiles?

Acquired a new certification?

– Go ahead and add your digital badge to LinkedIn. Click here if you need help

– Twitter is another place where you can highlight your expertise. Just add your certifications to your bio! Click here for help.

Join our LinkedIn community

At close to 25,000 members, HPE My Learning is a great place to get up-to-date information on our program. Plus you get to interact with members of our HPE Partner Ready Certification and Learning team!

Get the latest and share your views on these sites:

🐦	twitter.com/HPE_MyLearning
in	linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=1336927
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Hewlett Packard Enterprise	community.hpe.com My Learning Certification blog My Learning Certification forum
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Useful links

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Hewlett Packard Enterprise	hpe.com
Partner Ready Portal	partner.hpe.com
Partner Ready Certification and Learning	certification-learning.hpe.com
My Learning	mylearninghpe.com
Partner Sales Onboarding U program	mylearninghpe.com/hpcpbenefits/gcpoWelcome.aspx
HPE Press	hpepress.hpe.com

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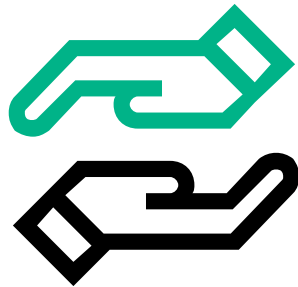
Contact your **HPE PBM** or **Certification and Learning Partner enablement manager**

Go to **Contact our program** at certification-learning.hpe.com/tr/contact.htm

Click on the **Chat Now icon** at certification-learning.hpe.com

(Monday to Friday)

Thank you