

Brocade New Certification Program Frequently Asked Questions

Introduction

Brocade Education updated its best-in-class certification program to align more closely with Brocade technology areas. The new program is streamlined with clearly defined certification tracks organized by job role and proficiency level. This structure ensures that individuals learn the skills that are most relevant to their job.

The updated certification program is based upon the results of a series of workshops from all Brocade stakeholders. New systems are being implemented for ease of exam development and management. Processes are being updated to improve exam security and protect Brocade intellectual property. The purpose of this document is to answer questions about this transition.

General Questions and Answers

Q. When does the new Brocade Certification Program begin?

A. The new certification program will go into effect on November 1, 2016. The tables at the end of this document outline the upcoming changes. The new program will consist of 15 certification exams and two accreditation exams.

Q. What happens to the current certification program?

A. The current certification program becomes inactive on November 1, 2016 with the exception of exams outlined in the table below.

Q. What happens to my Brocade Distinguished Architect (BDA) credential?

A. The BDA credential will never expire and remains a capstone credential for Brocade.

Q. Will there be a BDA in the new program?

A. There will be an updated capstone credential called the Brocade Distinguished Master. The Brocade Certification Program Guide outlines the requirements.

Q. How is the new certification program different from the current program?

A. The new certification program is simplified. It is technology track-based and the certifications are organized by four major job roles and three proficiency levels with a master credential for each technology area. Some certifications will require more than one exam.

Q. What are the job roles and proficiency levels?

A. The job roles are Architect/Designer, Implementer, Administrator, and Support. The proficiency levels are Associate (foundational), Professional (intermediate), Expert (expert), and Master.

Q. How were the job roles and proficiency levels determined?

A. The job roles and proficiency levels were determined through a series of workshops which included all Brocade stakeholder groups.

Q. Which exams will retire on November 1, 2016?

A. The chart displays current exams that will be updated or retired.

Exam Number	Name	Acronym	New Exam Number	Name
143-085	Brocade Certified Fabric Professional Gen 5	BCFP Gen 5	143-090	Brocade Professional SAN Administrator 2017 ¹
143-425	Brocade Certified Fabric Administrator Gen 5	BCFA Gen 5	143-430	Brocade Associate SAN Administrator 2017 ¹
143-130	Brocade Certified Architect for FICON	BCAF	143-140	Brocade Professional Mainframe Connectivity Architect ²
150-320	Brocade Certified Layer 4-7 Engineer 2010	BCLE	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
150-420	Brocade Certified Layer 4-7 Professional 2010	BCLP	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
150-820	Brocade Certified Ethernet Fabric Professional 2015	BCEFP 2015	200-200	Ethernet Fabric Foundations ¹
170-010	Brocade Certified vRouter Engineer 2013	BCVRE	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
170-110	Brocade Certified vRouter Professional 2013	BCVRP	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
160-110	Brocade Accredited Technical Support Specialist	BATSS	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
160-120	Brocade Accredited Internetworking Specialist	BAIS	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
160-130	Brocade Accredited Data Center Specialist	BADCS	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
160-140	Brocade Accredited FICON Specialist	BAFS	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
160-160	Brocade Accredited FCoE Specialist	BAFCoES	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
160-190	Brocade Accredited Network Advisor Specialist	BANAS	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
160-200	Brocade Accredited Ethernet Fabric Specialist	BAEFS	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
160-220	Brocade Accredited Fabric Resiliency Specialist	BAFRS	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
160-230	Brocade Accredited Ethernet Fabric Support Specialist	BAEFSS	None	Retiring November 1, 2016 No replacement
	Brocade Distinguished Architect	BDA		Brocade Distinguished Master

¹ Exam scheduled to be published on November 1, 2016.

² Exam scheduled to be published in December 2016.

Q. Which current exams will remain in the new certification program?

A. The chart displays current exams remaining in the new certification program.

Exam Number	Name	Acronym
143-280	Brocade Certified Fabric Designer Gen 5	BCFD Gen 5*
170-030	Brocade Professional vADC Administrator	BPvADCA 2016
180-210	Brocade Professional IP Administrator 2016	BPIPA 2016
160-240	Brocade Accredited vRouter Implementer	BAvRI
160-250	Brocade Accredited IP Storage Network Administrator	BAIPSNA

*Exam and certification will be rebranded to Brocade Professional Fabric Designer Gen 5.

Q. Which courses map to each exam in the new certification program?

A. Courses associated with each exam in the new certification program are listed in the table. Refer to the Brocade Certification Program Guide for complete certification requirements.

Exam Number	Name	Course Number
143-090	Brocade Professional SAN Administrator 2017	BPSA 300
143-140	Brocade Professional FICON Architect 2017	CAF 200
143-280	Brocade Professional SAN Designer Gen 5*	CFD 200
143-430	Brocade Associate SAN Administrator 2017	BASA 200
143-710	Brocade Advanced SAN Troubleshooting	SANTS 300
143-810	Brocade Professional IP Storage Network Administrator 2017	EFSA 300
143-910	Advanced IP Storage Network Troubleshooting	IPSN TS300
170-030	Brocade Professional vADC Administrator 2016	vADC 200
180-110	Brocade Associate Campus Implementer 2017	BCI 200
180-210	Brocade Professional IP Administrator 2016	BPIPA 200
180-310	Brocade Advanced IP Troubleshooting	IP TS300
180-320	Brocade BGP and MPLS	BGP 400/MPLS 400/MPLS 450
190-110	Brocade Professional Ethernet Fabric IP Administrator 2017	EFIPA 300
190-210	Brocade Advanced Ethernet Fabric IP Troubleshooting	EFIP TS300
200-200	Brocade Ethernet Fabric Foundations	EFF 200

*Rebranded from Brocade Certified Fabric Designer Gen 5. No new exam content. Course numbers may change.

Q. Who do I contact with questions?

- A.** For general questions about the Brocade Certification Program, contact certification@brocade.com.
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