

Adobe® Certified Expert (ACE)

Q. What is an Adobe Certified Expert (ACE)?

A. An Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) has earned a certification created specifically for graphic designers, Web designers, video professionals, system integrators, value-added resellers, developers, or business professionals seeking recognition for their expertise with Adobe products. By passing one or more ACE exams, you become eligible to promote yourself to prospective clients as a highly skilled, expert-level user of Adobe software.

Q. What are ACE Specialist and ACE Master?

A. There are three levels of Adobe certification.

1. **Single product certification:** Recognizes your proficiency in a single Adobe product. To qualify as an ACE, you must pass one product-specific exam.

Example: ACE, Adobe InDesign® CS

2. **Specialist certification:** Recognizes your proficiency in a specific medium: Print, Web or Video.

To become certified as a Specialist, you must pass the exams on the required products listed below.

Example: ACE Print Specialist (with passing marks on the tests for Adobe InDesign, Adobe Acrobat®, and either Adobe Photoshop® or Adobe Illustrator®)

Specialists must pass all required (R) exams and any one elective (E) within any given certification track

	Print Specialist	Web Specialist	Video Specialist
Adobe InDesign	R	—	—
Adobe GoLive	—	R	—
Adobe Acrobat	R	E	—
Adobe Photoshop	E	R	R
Adobe Illustrator	E	E	—
Adobe Premiere®	—	—	R
Adobe After Effects®	—	—	R

Note: Exam requirements are subject to change.

3. **Master certification:** Recognizes your skills in terms of how they align with the Adobe product suites.

To become certified as a Master, you must pass the exam for each of the products in the suite.

Example: ACE, Creative Suite Master (with passing marks on the tests for Adobe Acrobat, Adobe GoLive, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, and Adobe Photoshop)

Q. What is an Adobe Certified Instructor (ACI)?

A. An Adobe Certified Instructor (ACI) is an ACE who provides instruction on Adobe products. ACIs must have an instructor qualification (a teaching credential, passed the CTT+, or equivalent), in addition to passing one or more ACE exams. For more information visit the ACI home page, <http://www.adobe.com/support/certification/aci.html>



Q. How do I prepare for an ACE Exam?

A. The keys to preparing for an ACE exam are experience with the product and studying using the Exam Bulletin (<http://partners.adobe.com/asn/programs/trainingprovider/aceexams/index.jsp>). To access online training, user guides, and many other study materials, visit Adobe’s training resources page (<http://www.adobe.com/misc/training.html>).

The following resources may also help you prepare for your ACE exam:

- Adobe product user guides
- Adobe Press books
- Adobe Authorized Training Centers (find the AATC nearest you through the Adobe Partner Finder online at: http://partners.adobe.com/asn/partnerfinder/search_training.jsp)
- Adobe online training at www.adobe.elementk.com
- Tutorials and materials from Total Training, at www.totaltraining.com
- Other training resources online at www.adobe.com/misc/training.html

Q. How do I get training?

A. Once you know what product you want to get certified in, use the Adobe Partner Finder (<http://partners.adobe.com/asn/partnerfinder/trainingprovider/index.jsp>) database to locate an Adobe Certified Instructor or an Adobe Authorized Training Center in your area that teaches a class on the Adobe product you want to learn. Contact them directly for more information about their classes and registration details.

Q. What are the benefits to becoming an ACE?

- A.** As an individual with an ACE, you can:
- Differentiate yourself from competitors
 - Get your resumé noticed
 - Attract and win new business
 - Gain recognition from your employer
 - Get the inside track on Adobe’s latest offerings
 - Leverage the power of the Adobe brand and resources

If you are an employer, use ACE as a benchmark so you can:

- Find the right person for the job
- Quickly assess candidate skill level
- Invest in your most promising employees
- Increase productivity and efficiency

Q. What type of exam are the ACE exams?

A. Adobe ACE exams (which are administered by Pearson VUE and Thomson Prometric, independent third-party testing companies) are computer-delivered, closed-book tests consisting of 60 to 90 multiple-choice questions. Each exam takes approximately one to two hours to complete, and results are given to you at the testing center immediately after you complete the test.

Q. How do I register for an ACE exam?

A. Contact Pearson VUE or Thomson Prometric by phone, on the Web, or in-person:

	Pearson VUE	Thomson Prometric
Register online	www.pearsonvue.com	www.2test.com
Register in-person	Find a location online at www.pearsonvue.com	Find a location online at www.2test.com

Q. What is the fee for the ACE exam?

A. Each exam is US\$150 or local currency equivalent.

Q. What is the process for getting recertified on a new product?

A. As new exams for new product versions are released, ACEs have 90 days to get recertified on that new product. The recommended process for getting recertified is as follows:

1. Call the Pearson VUE or Thomson Prometric regional service center to register for the new ACE Exam. A Pearson VUE or Thomson Prometric customer service representative (CSR) will verify your current certification on that product.
2. Give the promotional code “UPGRD” to the CSR, and you will be eligible to receive a 50 percent discount.

Q. What can I expect from Adobe if I pass the ACE exam?

A. As soon as you pass the exam, your name and exam results are given to us by Pearson VUE or Thomson Prometric, our worldwide test administrators. Your exam data is then entered into our database. You will then be sent an ACE Welcome Kit and access to the ACE logo. You are also placed on our certification mailing list to receive special Adobe announcements and information about promotions and events that take place throughout the year.

Q. How long does it take to receive my Welcome Kit?

A. You can expect your Welcome Kit to arrive four to six weeks after we receive your exam results.



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