



## Preparation Time for Certification Exams Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What is the average time to prepare for a certification exam if a candidate has 6-12 months experience?**

**A:** There is no definitive answer, as the preparation time depends on a number of factors, such as type of experience the candidate possesses. For example, "support" experience is different from sales to technical support experience and often varies depending on the individual.

A range of preparation time differs based on what a candidate is likely to do in preparing for the exam. The areas of preparation generally include the following:

- 1) Read the product documentation and any other relevant product manuals. This is especially applicable to the areas of the product with which the candidate is unfamiliar. For example, a candidate may be very familiar with configuration within the product, but seriously lacking in knowledge of other functions within the product.
- 2) Complete Symantec training courses provided on the product, read the materials, and perform the laboratory exercises provided in the training course.
- 3) Prepare through hands-on use of the product. This is generally considered vital in order to prepare adequately for an exam unless the candidate is quite familiar with the product and its user interface.
- 4) Review the certification exam objectives and try to relate your own general knowledge and experience to the objectives and perform supplemental review in areas where confidence might be lacking.

Though not absolute, to accomplish these, a typical candidate might spend 12 – 24 weeks of preparation depending upon how familiar they are with the product.

### **Q: Where can I register for the Symantec Product Training course(s) that would help me prepare for my certification exam?**

**A:** Visit [Symantec Product Training](http://www.symantec.com/business/training/product_training/index.jsp) ([http://www.symantec.com/business/training/product\\_training/index.jsp](http://www.symantec.com/business/training/product_training/index.jsp)).

### **Q: Where can I find the certification exam objectives?**

**A:** Objectives for each certification exam can be found on the [Symantec Certification Website](#)

### **Q: Where can I find sample certification exams?**

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### **Q: Where can I learn more about how Symantec Product Training aligns to Symantec Certification exams?**

**A:** Self study guides that align Symantec Product Training lessons and topics with Certification exam objectives can be found on the Symantec Certification Website in the [Exam Details](#) section. The Education [Training Paths](#) are recommended learning paths.