

**SAP Solution Brief
SAP Services**



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SAP® SOFTWARE – WITH EXPERTS CERTIFIED BY SAP

SAP®
**Global Certification
Program**

For companies that want to maximize ROI on their SAP® software, selecting qualified people for implementation, operation, and upgrades is essential. SAP's newly revised and expanded certification program is the ideal way to assess and verify the SAP solution skills of consultants and employees. These experts have become proficient through rigorous study and direct experience and have passed demanding process-oriented examinations. They have the ability to align your SAP software to your company's business processes and ensure they meet your overall IT objectives.

For all the right reasons, you have chosen solutions from SAP, the world's leading provider of business software. Now, to take full advantage of your SAP® software, you must be sure that it is implemented and run in a way that meets your company's business needs.

To make this happen, you need the help of highly qualified people with the required technical expertise, and who also understand how SAP software supports and enhances your business processes. But how can you be sure the candidates you are considering have the right background, knowledge, and skills?

SAP Certification – The Right People with the Right Skills

SAP certification is the answer. SAP certification is the ideal way to assess and verify your consultants' or employees' expertise. SAP certification is the only authorized accreditation of SAP software-related expertise in the industry. SAP has been certifying individuals for over a decade. Today more than 140,000 consultants and users worldwide are part of this exclusive community. Targeting application, technology, and development consultants and solution architects, the program offers preparatory training, materials, and computer-based self-assessment tests, as well as access to additional information and services via the SAP portal and collaboration rooms. SAP certification provides a consistent, reliable standard reflecting the skills necessary to successfully implement, operate, and maintain SAP software.

Because you really need consultants and implementation partners who understand not only your software but also your business, SAP has expanded and enhanced its certification program. In addition to fundamental skills such as software functionality and implementation knowledge, the program also focuses on understanding how to enable SAP solutions to optimally support a company's business processes.

SAP has further enhanced the value of certification by adopting three levels of certification, as follows:

- **Associate certification** – Requires fundamental knowledge of SAP solutions and the successful acquisition of broad proficiency
- **Professional certification** – Requires proven project experience, business process knowledge, and a more detailed understanding of SAP solutions
- **Master-level certification** – Requires demonstrated expertise regarding specific aspects of SAP software functionality and technology, as well as the ability to drive innovation and solution optimization that meet an organization's technical and business requirements

Earning a Seal of Quality

At each of these three levels, SAP certification ensures that a consultant has demonstrated the following capabilities:

- A sound understanding of SAP solutions, such as the SAP ERP and SAP Customer Relationship Management applications, and the SAP NetWeaver® platform
- Ability to deliver projects that reflect industry best practices
- An independent validation of knowledge and skills earned through a rigorous certification process

Make SAP Certification Work for You

The benefits of certification are particularly important when working on large-scale, international implementation projects that involve SAP-certified consultants from different countries. With SAP's new certification program, you can be sure that your project team has a consistent understanding of the technology, and a common approach to solving your business problems.

Find Out More

Training and education for SAP certification and certification exams are available at numerous test centers worldwide. For more information about SAP certification, please contact your local SAP training department or visit us online at www.sap.com/education/certification.