Questions and Answers about Autodesk Certification

1. What is the Autodesk Certification Program?
The Autodesk Certification program enables experienced users to receive special recognition for their knowledge of a specific Autodesk software application. Autodesk provides a complete certification solution; including assessment tests, Autodesk Official Authorized Training Courseware for preparation, practice test for 2009 professional level exam, and Certification exams for validating your knowledge and skills.

2. Who should attempt Certification?
The Certification credentials are for anyone seeking to validate their knowledge of Autodesk software. The design and visualization industries are competitive environments, where only the best stand out. Anyone who uses Autodesk software for professional reasons can benefit from the program by emphasizing their skills and knowledge with an official certification from Autodesk. An individual who has achieved Autodesk Certification has validated their knowledge and skills of the performance tasks specified for the specific examination.

3. What Autodesk products are Certification exams available for?
Autodesk offers certification exams for AutoCAD, AutoCAD Architecture, Civil 3D, Inventor, and Revit Architecture.

4. Where is Autodesk Certification available?
Autodesk is in the process of launching certification around the globe. It is currently available in the US, Canada and Taiwan. It will be available in 2008 in Northern Europe and India. We will continue to make certification available in more countries in the coming year.

5. What score must I obtain to pass a certification examination?
The passing score varies by certification examination. Please refer to information about a specific certification examination to determine the passing score. These can be found at http://www.autodesk.com/certification.

6. What happens if I do not pass?
If you do not pass, you will receive a Diagnostic Score Report that indicates areas for improvement. You may then retake the examination after 7 days. You can take the examination three times a year. If you do not pass after three attempts, you must wait until one year has passed from the first attempt before retaking an examination.

7. Once granted, does certification last forever?
Certification validates your knowledge and skills using a specific version of an Autodesk application. Although certification for a particular version of an application never expires, certification is not considered current unless you have passed the latest recertification examination, and the full examination for the prior release.

8. How do I update my 2008 User Certification to 2009?
If you have earned a 2008 User certification, you can update to 2009 Certified Professional by taking the 2009 Certified Associate exam. There is no update from 2008 Certified User to 2009 Certified Associate, you must pass the 2009 Certified Associate exam. There is also no update from 2007 Certified User to 2009 Certifications. You must take the required 2009 Certification exams if you are certified on 2007.

9. How much does it cost to take the examination and how do I pay?
Certification costs vary by region. In North America, you can find this information at http://autodesk.starttest.com. Click the **Purchase** link to see the available certification products for Autodesk applications. You may purchase an examination by first establishing a candidate profile and paying by credit card.   Outside North America consult an Authorized Certification Center. Search for one near you at http://autodesk.starttest.com, using the "Center Search" button.

10. Where can I take an examination and how do I schedule my session?

In North America, you can take the exam at any participating Autodesk Authorized Certification Center. When you purchase your certification examination you have the option of scheduling your examination at the time of purchase, or any time in the future. To schedule your examination at the time of purchase click the **Schedule** link and then use the **Center Search** function to locate an Authorized Test Delivery Facility in your country or area. After you locate a list of potential centers, select a center and click the option to continue your appointment. If the center has open appointments you will have the option of selecting a time that is convenient for you. To schedule an appointment after the time of purchase, visit http://autodesk.starttest.com, log in to your profile, and then click the link for your unscheduled appointment. You will then be able to schedule your appointment by locating a center.

Outside North America consult an Authorized Certification Center about scheduling an exam. Search for one near you at http://autodesk.starttest.com, using "Center Search".

11. How do I prepare for the certification examination?

Each certification examination assesses your knowledge and skills of specific tasks using an Autodesk application. For most certification examinations, Autodesk offers an Autodesk Official Training or Preparation Courseware guides, available for purchase. Exam Data sheets or Exam Guides provide a detailed listing of the knowledge and skills covered on the certification examination. Autodesk Courseware provides instructional lessons and exercises for the skills assessed on the examination. The books also include a CD with the exercise files, and a 30-day Trial CD of the application. AOTC courseware can be purchased from http://store.atuodesk.com or an Autodesk Certification Center or Autodesk Training Center. Search for one near you at www.autodesk.com/atc .

12. How can I find out more about what is on the test?

You may review the certification examination objectives from http://www.autodesk.com/certification. From this page click the link for certification options, select your product and test, and then download or open the Adobe Acrobat Examination Overview document or Exam Guide.

13. What do I receive when I become certified?

When you obtain Autodesk Certification status you obtain the right to use the official Autodesk Certified logo in marketing your Autodesk skills (on business cards, websites and Résumés) as specified in the logo usage guidelines. You also have access to your electronic Certificate, and if you choose (when establishing or modifying your candidate profile), you may request your certification results be available in the Certified Users database.

You will need to log in to your profile to view your certification history and access your score reports, certificates, and any associated certification logos. To log in, visit http://autodesk.starttest.com.

14. Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Email certification@autodesk.com with any questions about the program.

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