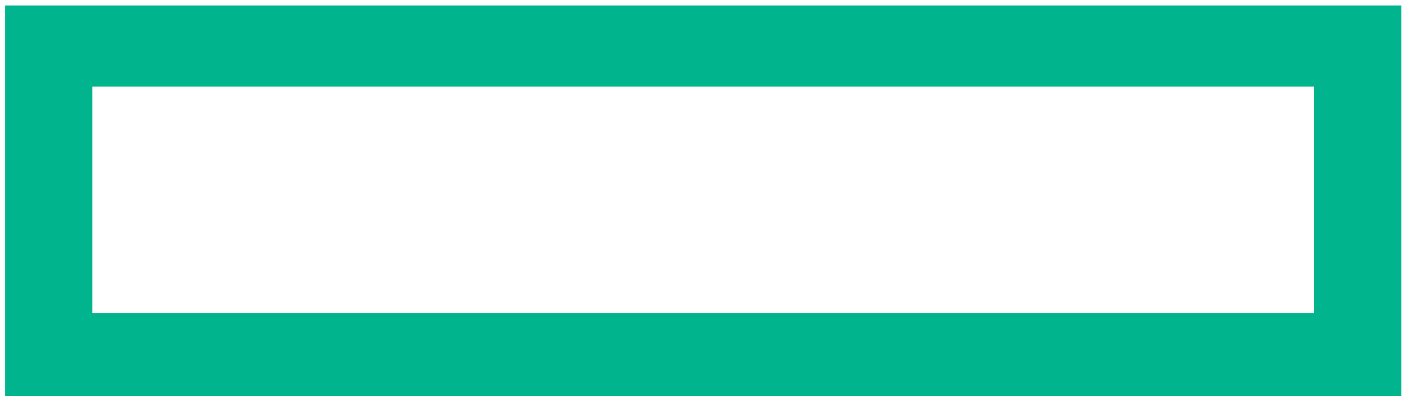




EXAM INSTRUCTION GUIDE

Aruba Certified Design Expert Exam





THE EXAM

This exam is unlike any other Aruba exam you have taken. Thus, it requires a different kind of preparation. You are expected to draw skills and knowledge not only from the course material for this certification and the preceding Associate and Professional certifications, but also from years of personal experience in the field. For Design Expert, there are elements of both wired and wireless, so a knowledge of Mobility and Switching is also expected.

You will be accessing mock customer environments and performing tasks in those environments. These are referred to as Practical Items (see below). This exam will be delivered online with a remote proctor. It will be in a new environment, through a new delivery provider. You will register for and access the exam through a new system. Familiarize yourself with the new access method so you will be able to get to your exam easily at your scheduled time.

Read carefully through the following sections to ensure you are familiar with this new style of exam and are prepared to navigate the environment and perform all necessary tasks.



RECOMMENDED STUDY MATERIALS

Aruba Advanced Network Design and Solutions: Attending the certification course is always recommended to ensure you are familiar with the content areas that will be covered. This course is particularly critical because the lab exercises in the course are specifically designed to help prepare you for what you will encounter on the exam.

The ACDX course assumes proficiency of all skills and knowledge from the previous design certification courses and will draw from mobility and switching knowledge as well. If you do not hold these certifications, review these courses (or HPE Press Study Practical exam guides) to ensure that you have the appropriate baseline knowledge before enrolling in the more advanced Aruba Advanced Network Design and Solutions course.

Samples: Because this exam is being delivered in a new way, it is critical to familiarize yourself with what you will be required to do in the exam. Follow the links in the following Exam section to see walkthroughs of the exam environment.

Available tools and resources

In the practical environment, you will have access to a wide variety of tools and resources, as you would in a normal working environment. Ensure you are familiar with using these tools and resources so you can take full advantage of their presence in the time available to you. Among these resources are:

- o AOS-CX Datasheets
- o Controller & AP Datasheets
- o VRD's (Validated Reference Designs)
- o Transceiver and Cable Guides
- o Other tools and resources that you would use when performing your job

Sample walkthrough

This walkthrough will show you how to navigate the exam and its environment. The intent of this walkthrough is not to show you the breadth of content areas that will be covered in the exam. Instead, it is meant to show you how to access the test environment and various customer scenarios you will encounter within it as you go through the exam. It will enable you to see what the environment will look like and how to access the different parts of the environment you will need during the exam. Familiarity with the environment prior to your test day will be a major advantage as you execute the necessary tasks within the timeframe allowed.

[ACDX Sample Walkthrough](#)

REGISTERING FOR THE EXAM

From the exam data card, you will need to click **Yes** to several candidate agreement terms, then you will click **Submit** to access the registration page. Make sure you click the appropriate submit button, depending on whether you are an HPE employee or not.

You must schedule your exam at least 48 hours before you want to take it. Scheduling will be limited, and you will need to select an available time.



BEFORE LAUNCHING THE EXAM

You will receive an email with instructions to launch your exam at your assigned time.

Review the proctor rules (linked on the exam data card) to learn how to setup your workspace to meet proctor requirements.

DURING THE EXAM

The exam time limit is eight hours.

You will not be permitted to go back and review items. Do not move on to the next item until you have answered the one you are on. Do **not** click the **Save and Next** button at the bottom right of the screen until you are ready to move on.

The full list of rules to which you must adhere during your exam session can be found in the Practical Exam document.

When you are finished with all sections of the exam and with the essay questions, click the **Submit and End Exam**. **Do NOT click the “Submit and End Exam” button until you have completed all parts of the scenario and essays or your time is about to run out. Once you click that button, you will not be able to return to the exam.**

Ensure you click the “Submit and End Exam” button before your time limit expires so your work will be scored.

AFTER THE EXAM

You will get your score report via email within 48 hours of completing the exam.

If you pass, your results will be visible in your profile in SABA within 48 hours of receiving your emailed score.

If you fail the exam, you must wait 30 days before you can take it again.

RESCHEDULING OR CANCELLING YOUR EXAM

If you need to reschedule or cancel your exam, you can do so from the page via the exam data card.