



# **EXAM INSTRUCTION GUIDE**

Aruba Certified Switching Expert Exam

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## 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 level certifications, but also from years of personal experience in the field.**

**You will access mock customer environments and perform tasks in those environments. These are referred to as practical items (see below). The exam will be delivered online with a remote proctor. It will be in a new environment, through a new delivery provider.**

**Registering for the exam and accessing the exam will happen through a new system. Familiarize yourself with the new access method, so you can get to your exam easily at your scheduled time. Read carefully through the sections below 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 Switching Troubleshooting 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.

**ArubaOS-CX Switching Fundamentals and Implementing ArubaOS-CX Switching:** The ACSX course assumes proficiency of all skills and knowledge from the previous certification courses. If you do not hold the ACSA and ACSP certifications, review these courses (or HPE Press study guides) to ensure that you have the appropriate baseline of knowledge before enrolling in the more advanced Aruba Advanced Switching Troubleshooting 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 Exam section below 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.

Among these resources are:

- o Course student guides
- o Course lab guides
- o AOS-CX 6300 and 8300 configuration guides
- o VSX best-practices guide
- o Many 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 is not to show you the breadth of content areas that will be covered. Instead, it is meant to show you how to access the test environment and various customer scenarios you will encounter. It will enable you to see the environment and how to access the different parts 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.

[ACSX walkthrough](#) (also linked on the MyLearning Portal)

## 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 to click the appropriate Submit button, based on whether you are an HPE employee.

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 know how to set up your workspace to meet proctor requirements.

## DURING THE EXAM

The exam time limit is six 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 Rules document.

When you are finished with all sections of the exam, click the “Submit and End Exam” button and wait for your score report. The report will show on your screen after the exam has completed automatic scoring. **Do NOT click the “Submit and End Exam” button until you have completed all parts of the scenario or your time is about to run out. Once you click that submit button, you will not be able to return to the exam.**

**Ensure you click the Submit button before your time limit expires, so your work will be scored.**

Once you have reviewed your score report, you can email it to yourself for your records by using the “Email” button at the top right. When you are done reviewing the score report, you must message your proctor to let them know you are ready to terminate your exam session.

## AFTER THE EXAM

You will get your score report immediately upon completing the exam.

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

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 scheduling page via the exam data card.