

Certification Transition

Change is often a great thing. However, navigating through times of change can sometimes be challenging. At Google for Education, we want to ensure that we're recognizing and validating the educators, trainers, and innovators who have taken the initiative to certify their skills. With that in mind, we've updated our certification options to make them more relevant to the various roles we've observed in our communities. We understand there might be some confusion during this transition period. Use this guide to verify the validity of existing certificates and understand where they overlap with the new changes. For more information, visit g.co/educertifications.

For Educators

Retired certifications

Basics Exam

The Basics Exam assessed basic product knowledge of Google for Education tools. No official certification or badge was issued beyond the basic certificate of completion.

Certificate expirations

Current certificates of achievement are valid for 12 months after the date of completion.

Retired Branding



Google Educator Exams

The Google Educator exams assessed advanced product knowledge on core Google for Education tools.

Certificate expirations

Last certificate issued on June 28, 2015. Current certificates will be valid for 18 months from last date of issue. Certificates will no longer be valid after December 31, 2016.

Retired Branding*



*There is no existing badge for Google Educators.

NEW certifications as of June 28, 2015

Google Certified Educator Level 1

Level 1 Certified Educators (GCE1) have demonstrated the fundamental skills needed to implement Google for Education tools in the classroom to enhance teaching and learning.

What's changed?

The content at the fundamentals level has changed to focus on classroom and school use cases. Therefore we have launched a new performance-based exam to assess the application of these skills.

Branding



Google Certified Educator Level 2

Level 2 Certified Educators (GCE2) have demonstrated the advanced skills needed to integrate Google for Education and other online tools to transform teaching and learning in schools.

What's changed?

The content at the advanced level now focuses on core technology-integration techniques for Google for Education tools in the classroom. The new GCE2 exam is a performance-based assessment of these competencies and does not center on product knowledge – i.e., more skills-focused than knowledge-focused.

Given the change in content, Google Educators are NOT automatically granted the new GCE2 certification. You must pass the new exam in order to receive an updated certificate and badge.

Branding



For Trainers

Retired certifications

Google Educator Exams

The Google Educator certificate was once the prerequisite for applying to the trainer program.

Certificate expirations

Last certificate issued on June 28, 2015. Certificates will be valid for 18 months from last date of issue. Certificates can be used to apply to the trainer program until December 31, 2016.

Retired Branding*



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NEW certifications as of June 28, 2015

Trainer Essentials Exams

What's changed?

The product-focused Google Educator exams were originally designed with trainers in mind. We have rebranded the certificate for that reason. The Trainer Essentials certificate is the new prerequisite for applying to the trainer program.

The branding of the certificate is the only thing that has changed for the existing exams; the content is the same. The certificate still requires you to pass the 4 core exams + 1 elective. Study the content in the Trainer Learning Center to prepare.

Branding



Google Education Trainer

Google Education Trainers have gone through a rigorous assessment and application process to validate that they have the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver effective training and professional development to educators.

Retired Branding



Google for Education Certified Trainer

What's changed?

Only the branding of the program. The application will be the same for new trainers.

All existing trainers will be granted the the new certifications and receive updated branding.

Branding



For Innovators

Retired certifications

Google Certified Teacher

The Google Certified Teacher (GCT) program was introduced to recognize outstanding educators, creative leaders, and ambassadors for change.

GCTs were required to complete an Action Plan that encouraged positive change in their communities through the use of Google technologies.

Retired Branding



NEW certifications as of June 28, 2015

Google for Education Certified Innovator

What's changed?

We recognize that innovation occurs at all roles in the school community, not just classroom teachers, and have updated the branding of the program to reflect that. Certified Innovators are the next generation of Google Certified Teachers.

New Certified Innovators will continue to be ambassadors and thought leaders who push forward the field of education through creative Innovation Projects.

All existing GCTs will be granted the new certifications and receive updated branding.

Branding



To verify Certified Educators, you should request to see a valid certificate with unique certification number.
To verify Certified Trainers and Innovators, search edudirectory.withgoogle.com.

