



Oracle Database Certification Questions Answered

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Why is there only one Oracle Database Administrator Certification credential now rather than Associate (OCA) and Professional (OCP) levels?

Oracle Certified Associate (OCA) and Oracle Certified Professional (OCP) are not two distinct disciplines. OCA is not a complete skill set. The skills presented through both Administration I and Administration II exams are required in order to be an Oracle Database Administrator Certified Professional. Only OCP has a complete core DBA skill set.

The Administration I exam and recommended training focus on fundamental Database Administration topics such as understanding the database architecture, managing database instances, managing users, roles and privileges, and managing storage that lay the foundation for a Database Administrator entry-level job role. Stopping here does not provide the full skills and knowledge required of a Database Administrator.

Now that there is no longer a stopping point at the OCA level of certification, we hope to encourage candidates

to complete the Database Administrator Certification journey by continuing on to gain the full skill set of a Professional Database Administrator by passing the Administration II exam.

The Administration II exam and associated recommended training assume knowledge of the features covered in the Admin I exam and goes on to test on advanced topics such as multi-tenancy, backup and recovery, deploying, patching, and upgrading.

Certification is a culmination of training, practice, experience, and the ability to pass the exam. Paring down the certification to a single Database Administrator certification at the Professional level really aligns more closely with what is required in the job role of an experienced Database Administrator.

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Will there no longer be an Oracle Certified Associate (OCA) credential awarded for passing the Admin I exam?

There is no longer an OCA credential awarded for Oracle Database Administrator as we are now only recognizing the full skill set worthy of the OCP label. This skill set is too large to fit into one exam. The skills tested in the second exam assume knowledge of SQL and the skills tested in the first exam.

The Oracle Database Administration I exam builds a strong foundation for moving on to the Oracle Database Administration II exam. Preparing for and passing both exams gives DBAs a full set of skills to perform successfully in their jobs.

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Will passing a SQL exam still be a requirement?

SQL skills are required in order to earn the Oracle Database Administration 2019 Certified Professional certification, but SQL skills relevant to a Database Administrator are now covered in the Administration I exam and recommended training. A separate SQL exam is not required in order to earn this certification.

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Is attendance in an Oracle University hands-on course a requirement to earn the OCP certification credential?

No. The requirement for a new candidate to earn the Oracle Database Administration 2019 Certified Professional is to pass the exams Oracle Database Administration I | 1Z0-082 and Oracle Database Administration II | 1Z0-083.

Although training is not required, we very strongly recommend that you consider training when preparing for your exam. The chances of attaining the skills and knowledge required of an OCP DBA and of passing the exams are greatly enhanced by completing the relevant training.

Recommended courses to prepare for Oracle Database Administration I | 1Z0-082 are:

- Oracle Database: Administration Workshop
- Oracle Database: Introduction to SQL

Recommended courses to prepare for Oracle Database Administration II | 1Z0-083 are:

- Oracle Database: Deploy, Patch and Upgrade Workshop
- Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators
- Oracle Database: Backup and Recovery Workshop
- Oracle Database: Managing Multitenant Architecture
- Oracle Database Administration: Workshop

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Can I take exam 1Z0-082 before taking exam 1Z0-083?

The exams can be taken in any order, but it will benefit you the most to prepare for and take the Oracle Database Administration I | 1Z0-082 before taking Oracle Database Administration II | 1Z0-083. The

Admin II exam assumes skills and knowledge tested in the Admin I exam. We strongly recommend taking the exams in order (1Z0-082 first, then 1Z0-083).

How do I upgrade from an earlier version of Database Administrator Certified Professional?

Take a look at the table below to find your path to Oracle Database Administration 2019 Certified Professional from your specific starting point, as well as recommended training:

Not Yet Certified	Recommended Training	Exam
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Administration Workshop Oracle Database: Introduction to SQL 	Oracle Database Administration I 1Z0-082
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Deploy, Patch and Upgrade Workshop Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators Oracle Database: Backup and Recovery Workshop Oracle Database: Managing Multitenant Architecture 	Oracle Database Administration II 1Z0-083

Upgrading 10g, 11g, 12c, or 12c R2 OCA or OCP Database Administrator certification

The exams can be taken in any order, but it will benefit you the most to prepare for and take the Oracle Database Administration I | 1Z0-082 before taking Oracle Database Administration II | 1Z0-083. The Admin II exam assumes skills and knowledge tested in the Admin I exam. We strongly recommend taking the exams in order (1Z0-082 first, then 1Z0-083).

Even though there is no pre-requisite to take the exam, we recommend these courses for everyone preparing for the Oracle Database Administration II exam.

Additionally, you will need one or more New Features courses to update your skills.

- Oracle Database: Managing Multitenant Architecture
- Oracle Database: Backup and Recovery Workshop
- Oracle Database: Deploy, Patch and Upgrade Workshop
- Oracle Database Administration: Workshop

**If you do not take the three recommended training courses above, you will need to add Oracle Database 18c: New Features for Administrators in addition to the New Features courses listed below in order to be fully prepared for the 2019 exam and job role.*

How do I earn Oracle Database Administrator 2019 Certified Professional if	Recommended New Features Courses in Addition to the Courses Above	Pass This Exam
I'm a 10g OCA or OCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database 11g: New Features for Administrators Oracle Database 12c R2: New Features for Administrators Part 1 Oracle Database 12c R2: New Features for Administrators Part 2 Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators (coming soon) 	Oracle Database Administration II 1Z0-083
I'm an 11g OCA or OCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Deploy, Patch and Upgrade Workshop Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators Oracle Database: Backup and Recovery Workshop Oracle Database: Managing Multitenant Architecture 	Oracle Database Administration II 1Z0-083

How do I earn Oracle Database Administrator 2019 Certified Professional if	Recommended New Features Courses in Addition to the Courses Above	Pass This Exam
I'm a 12c OCA or OCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database 12c R2: New features for 12cR1 Administrators Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators (coming soon) 	Oracle Database Administration II 1Z0-083
I'm a 12c R2 OCA or OCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators (coming soon) 	Oracle Database Administration II 1Z0-083

Upgrading 7.3, 8, 8i, or 9i Database Administrator OCP, or Oracle9i Database Administrator OCA

Candidates who hold Oracle Database 7.3, 8, 8i, or 9i Administrator Certified Professional certification, or Oracle9i Database Certified Associate certification can upgrade to 2019 by passing both exams Oracle Database Administration I | 1Z0-082 and Oracle Database Administration II | 1Z0-083.

See the table below to find your upgrade path with recommended training:

How do I earn Oracle Database Administrator 2019 Certified Professional if	Recommended Training	Pass These Exams
I'm a 7.3, 8, 8i, or 9i OCP	Recommended for 1Z0-082 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Administration Workshop Oracle Database: Introduction to SQL 	Oracle Database Administration I 1Z0-082
	Recommended for 1Z0-083 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Managing Multitenant Architecture Oracle Database: Backup and Recovery Workshop Oracle Database: Deploy, Patch and Upgrade Workshop Oracle Database Administration: Workshop Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators (coming soon) 	Oracle Database Administration II 1Z0-083
I'm a 9i OCA	Recommended for 1Z0-082 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Administration Workshop Oracle Database: Introduction to SQL 	Oracle Database Administration I 1Z0-082
	Recommended for 1Z0-083 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Managing Multitenant Architecture Oracle Database: Backup and Recovery Workshop Oracle Database: Deploy, Patch and Upgrade Workshop Oracle Database Administration: Workshop Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators (coming soon) 	Oracle Database Administration II 1Z0-083

Completing an Oracle Database Administration Certification path

Candidates who have passed some exams in a Database Administrator Certification path, but have not yet achieved Certification can earn Oracle Database Administration 2019 certification by passing both exams Oracle Database Administration I | 1Z0-082 and Oracle Database Administration II | 1Z0-083.

See the table below to find your upgrade path with recommended training:

How do I earn Oracle Database Administrator 2019 Certified Professional if	Recommended Training	Pass These Exams
I'm a SQL OCA and have not passed an Admin I or Admin II exam on any version (have not passed 1Z0-052, 1Z0-062, 1Z0-072, 1Z0-053, 1Z0-063, 1Z0-073)	Recommended for 1Z0-082 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Administration Workshop 	Oracle Database Administration I 1Z0-082
	Recommended for 1Z0-083 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Managing Multitenant Architecture Oracle Database: Backup and Recovery Workshop Oracle Database: Deploy, Patch and Upgrade Workshop Oracle Database: Administration Workshop Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators (coming soon) 	Oracle Database Administration II 1Z0-083
I have passed 053, 063, or 073 but not 052, 062, or 072	Recommended for 1Z0-082 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Administration Workshop Oracle Database: Introduction to SQL (if you have not already passed a SQL exam, e.g. 047, 051, 061, 071) 	Oracle Database Administration I 1Z0-082
	Recommended for 1Z0-083 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Database: Managing Multitenant Architecture Oracle Database: Backup and Recovery Workshop Oracle Database: Deploy, Patch and Upgrade Workshop Oracle Database: Administration Workshop Oracle Database 19c: New Features for Administrators (coming soon) 	Oracle Database Administration II 1Z0-083

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Why should I get certified on Oracle Database?

With a certification in-hand, you have a clear way to show employers how and why you are prepared for the job.

While preparing for your certification exams, you are exposed to topics, skill sets, scenarios, and features that you may not otherwise encounter in your daily job. You are able to expand the depth and breadth of your skills and knowledge. Getting certified makes you better at your job.

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Why should I upgrade to Oracle Database Administration 2019 Certified Professional? How will this differentiate me from DBA OCPs on other versions?

If you want your expertise to be at the forefront of Oracle Database technology, keeping your certification current is key. A current certification allows you to:

- Keep current with features and functions even if they are not used in your current systems.
- Let customers know that you are current with Oracle database technology.
- Confidently recommend to your management the best solutions for new requirements.
- Be more confident knowing that “you have what it takes” to manage your systems properly with the latest Oracle database architecture.

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What certification preparation materials are available?

The recommended courses are currently available, and are terrific tools to help you prepare not only for your exam, but for your job as a DBA.

An updated Database Learning Subscription is now available!