

Teradata Certification

System Architect Beta Exam

Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ document addresses questions about beta exams. The answers to these questions may not apply to live exam versions.

Who can participate in the System Architect Beta Exam?

To have representation of our wide certification audience, Teradata Certification invites Teradata employees, customers, and partners from around the globe to take the System Architect Beta Exam. Candidates are selected based on their testing history, relevant experience, and geographic representation. Seats are limited but anyone who wishes to participate can email a request to certification.teradata@Teradata.com.

Why should I participate?

Taking a beta exam is your chance to contribute to the Teradata Certification Program. During the beta exam, you may comment on the questions presented. These comments are considered when selecting the questions for the live exam. In addition, participating in the beta allows you to be one of the first Teradata Database Certified System Architects, if all [requirements](#) for the certification are met.

Can I register for System Architect Beta Exam without having taken the Associate Exam or having a bypass for the Associate Exam?

Yes, you may register for the System Architect Beta exam:

- before passing the Associate Exam
- Without a waiver of the Associate Exam

The beta period is the only time that a candidate can take an exam prior to its [prerequisites](#) being met. If you pass the System Architect Beta Exam, you must take and pass (or have a bypass for) the Associate Exam to be awarded the System Architect certification.

Will I earn a certification if I pass?

Candidates who successfully pass the System Architect Beta Exam must complete all other certification requirements prior to being awarded a certification. Candidates who hold any Teradata 14 certification can bypass the Associate exam. If you are not eligible to bypass the Associate exam, you will have to take the exam in order to earn the System Architect certification. When all requirements are met, a certification is awarded.

Will I receive a certificate?

Yes, you will receive a certificate, logo, and digital badge for each beta exam passed. Your certificate will not be available until

- the beta period has ended **and**
- the live exam is available

Approximately two weeks after the exam goes live beta candidates will receive email notification when the certificate, logo, and badge are available.

Why is the beta exam so long in duration?

Beta exams contain more questions than the live exam. Responses to the beta exam questions are used to determine the validity of each question and the content of the final live exam. Candidates taking a beta exam will be scored on the same set of questions as candidates taking the live version of the exam.

How many questions are on the beta exam?

Although the exact number of questions on the System Architect Beta Exam is not disclosed, there are more than 200 questions.

How is the beta exam scored?

Candidates taking a beta exam are scored on the same set of questions as candidates taking the live exam version.

When will I receive my scores?

Beta results are collected and analyzed after the beta period ends. Your exam results will be sent via email by October 2019.

I am Teradata 14 Certified and eligible to bypass the Associate Exam. If I fail the System Architect Beta Exam, do I lose the option to bypass the Associate Exam?

No. If you are eligible to bypass the Associate Exam and choose to participate in the beta exam you are allowed to use the [bypass option](#) for the System Architect Exam even if you fail the beta.

What processes and policies do I need to review?

Review the [Security and Policies webpage](#).

If I'm unable to keep my scheduled appointment, do I have to cancel?

Teradata Certification incurs cost for each beta exam. If you are unable to keep your exam appointment you must cancel following Pearson VUE's cancellation policies included in your confirmation email.