



IBM Cognos Certification

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will my Cognos 8 certifications still be valid now that Cognos is part of IBM?

Yes. All Cognos 8 certifications will be recognized by IBM. To ensure that your record is complete, go to the Member site on the IBM Professional Certification web site and create or update your member profile – <http://www-03.ibm.com/certify/memberinfo.shtml>.

2. How do the Cognos exams map to the new IBM Cognos certifications?

Although the exam names have remained the same, the certification names have changed to align with IBM naming standards. The table below shows the transitions, including the new exam codes:

Old exam code	New exam code	Exam Name	IBM Cognos Certification Name
BIO-112	COG-112	IBM Cognos 8 BI Author	IBM Certified Designer - Cognos 8 BI Reports
BIO-122	COG-122	IBM Cognos 8 BI Administrator	IBM Certified Administrator - Cognos 8 BI
BIO-125	COG-125	IBM Cognos 8 BI Data Warehouse Developer	IBM Certified Developer - Cognos 8 BI Data Warehouses
BIO-132	COG-132	IBM Cognos 8 BI Metadata Model Developer	IBM Certified Developer - Cognos 8 BI Metadata Models
BIO-135	COG-135	IBM Cognos 8 BI OLAP Developer	IBM Certified Developer - Cognos 8 BI OLAP Models
BIO-142	COG-142	IBM Cognos 8 BI Scorecard Developer	IBM Certified Developer - Cognos 8 BI Scorecards
BIO-145	COG-145	IBM Cognos 8 BI Multidimensional Author	IBM Certified Designer - Cognos 8 BI Multidimensional Reports
BIO-150	COG-105	IBM Cognos 8 BI Technical Specialist	IBM Certified Specialist - Cognos 8 BI
BIO-210	COG-180	IBM Cognos 8 BI Professional	IBM Certified Solution Expert - Cognos 8 BI
FPM-100	COG-400	IBM Cognos 8 Planning Application Consultant	IBM Certified Solution Designer - Cognos 8 Planning
FPM-200	COG-200	IBM Cognos 8 Controller Developer	IBM Certified Developer - Cognos 8 Controller
FPM-210	COG-205	IBM Cognos 8 Controller Technical Specialist	IBM Certified Specialist - Cognos 8 Controller
FPM-300	COG-300	IBM Cognos TM1 Analyst	IBM Certified Specialist - Cognos TM1 Data Analysis
FPM-310	COG-310	IBM Cognos TM1 Developer	IBM Certified Developer - Cognos TM1
FPM-500	COG-480	IBM Cognos 8 Planning Professional	IBM Certified Solution Expert - Cognos 8 Planning

3. What is the IBM Professional Certification Program?

It is a one-stop location to find all information related to IBM Certifications, including processes, policies, contacts, and more - <http://www-03.ibm.com/certify/index.shtml>.



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4. Can I get an updated certificate that reflects the IBM Cognos branding?

Yes. Once you receive confirmation of certification via email, you can download IBM Cognos certificates for the exams on the [Member site](#). Be sure that your profile is accurate, especially that your Prometric Candidate ID is correct. If it is incorrect, the system will not be able to retrieve and display your certification. This is a self-managed system, so you are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of your profile information.

5. Have prerequisites for the Professional Workshops changed?

Yes. See the changes in the course descriptions for the [IBM Cognos 8 BI Professional Workshop](#) and the [IBM Cognos 8 Planning Professional Workshop](#).

6. Where do I register for an IBM Cognos exam on the Prometric web site?

You can register for IBM Cognos exams at <http://www.prometric.com/IBM/default.htm>.

7. Where can I send my questions about IBM Cognos Certification?

Your inquiries should be sent via email to certify@us.ibm.com.

8. Have exam fees changed?

Exam fees vary by market. Consult the [IBM Prometric](#) web site for exam fees in your geographic location.

9. Is recertification required on Cognos 8 BI or Planning or Controller when new point releases are available?

No. The focus of the exams is on general conceptual knowledge applicable across Cognos 8, so no recertification is required.

10. Are there any accommodations for writing the certification exams if English is not my first language?

If you are in Canada, USA, United Kingdom, Ireland, Puerto Rico, Australia or New Zealand, you must contact your local Prometric Test Center and request an ESL (English as a Second Language) form. In all other countries where the exam is not available in the native language, the exam duration will be automatically increased by 25%.