

Java and Oracle Solaris Certification: One-Course Requirement FAQ



Beginning August 1, 2011, four Java and Oracle Solaris certification paths will include a new mandatory course attendance requirement. Candidates may earn their certifications using the current track requirements found on the Oracle Certification website through July 31, 2011. Currently these four certifications are the **only** Java and Oracle Solaris certification exams that have a hands-on training requirement. **All other** Java and Oracle Solaris certifications can still be attained **without hands-on training**.

Qualifying Courses

Certification Path	Approved Training*
Oracle Certified Professional, Oracle Solaris 10 System Administrator	Solaris 10 Operating System Essentials
	Solaris 10 Features for Experienced System Administrators
	System Administration for the Solaris 10 OS Part 1
	System Administration for the Solaris 10 OS Part 2
	Make the Transition to the Solaris 10 Operating System
	Solaris 10 ZFS Administration
	Sun Virtualization: Solaris 10 Containers Administration
	Sun Systems Fault Analysis Workshop
	Solaris System Performance Management
	Dynamic Performance Tuning and Troubleshooting With DTrace
	Network Administration for the Solaris 10 Operating System
Oracle Certified Expert, Oracle Solaris 10 Security Administrator	Solaris OE Network Intrusion Detection
	System Administration for the Solaris 10 OS Part 2
	Network Administration for the Solaris 10 Operating System
	Configuring Security on the Solaris 10 OS
	Enterprise Intrusion Analysis
	Solaris Trusted Extensions Installation, Configuration
Oracle Certified Master, Java SE 6 Developer	Solaris OE Network Intrusion Detection
	Java Programming Language, Java SE 6
	Fundamentals of the Java Programming Language, Java SE 6
	Developing Applications With the Java SE 6 Platform
	Object-Oriented Analysis and Design Using UML
Oracle Certified Master, Java EE 5 Enterprise Architect	Java SE Performance Tuning
	Java Programming Language, Java SE 6
	Object-Oriented Analysis and Design Using UML
	Developing Applications for the Java EE 6 Platform
Developing Architectures for Enterprise Java Applications	

*Approved Training:

Only instructor-led courses from the above list of Oracle University courses meet the training requirement. This includes live web classes (LWC) and live virtual classes (LVC). Training must be delivered by an Approved Training Provider.** Self Study CD-ROM and Knowledge Center courses (including recorded web courses, RWC) DO NOT meet the hands-on course requirement for certification.

** Approved Training Providers:

- Oracle University Training Center, Oracle Authorized Education Center, or Oracle Authorized Education Partner
- Oracle Academy and approved programs
- Oracle Workforce Development Program

Frequently Asked Questions

» **Why is Oracle adding a hands-on course requirement?**

Many Oracle certifications require hands-on course attendance as a part of the certification path. The course requirement is being added to these certification paths to bring them in line with Oracle Certification Program's standards for the levels of certification under which they fall.

The course requirement helps Oracle warrant that candidates have relevant hands-on expertise in the subject area for which they intend to certify. It separates people who can cram well from professionals with practical experience and in doing so, adds to the overall value of the Oracle certification credentials.

The list of qualifying courses for the Java OCM exam or the Oracle Solaris OCP/OCM exam is, however, very extensive in order to accommodate those who would like to focus on a specific area within the certification.

» **Does the one-course requirement affect all former Sun certifications?**

No. Only the above certification exams above have a one-course requirement. This means that the Oracle Solaris Associate exam and all other Java exams, including the very popular Java Programming exam, can be taken without prior hands-on training.

» **I have already started preparing for my exam; if I don't take it by August 1, 2011, will I be required to complete training?**

Yes. Anyone who does not completely finish the current track requirements before August 1, 2011 will be required to meet the new requirements, which includes a mandatory course attendance requirement.

Those who have started preparing have until July 31, 2011 to certify, possibly using an Oracle Certification Value Package with a free retake exam to do so.

» **I have 10 years of experience with Java (or Oracle Solaris); do I have to complete the course requirement?**

Yes. Anyone who does not hold one of the applicable certifications before August 1, 2011 will be required to fulfill the training requirement. Oracle offers a variety of courses that fulfill the requirement so that candidates can find a course that best suits their needs. After all, Oracle can verify a person's attendance to training and ability to meet certification standards, but not someone's seniority.

» **I completed a course, will that course count toward certification?**

Only the courses on the list above will count. Earlier versions of these courses will not count. The list of approved courses is subject to modification/expansion as new courses are released and older courses retired.

» **I am already certified, do I need to complete a course to recertify?**

No. Any candidate who already holds one of the certifications in the list above will not have to recertify or take any additional training to keep their certification current.

» **Are there any exceptions to the training requirement?**

No. There are no exceptions to the training requirement.

» **I obtained my certification before August 1, 2011. When the next versions of these certifications are released, will I have to complete a training requirement to upgrade to the new version?**

Those who are upgrading are typically not required to attend another course when upgrading their certification, however, track requirements do change and are subject to modification.

» **Do all training delivery options qualify as meeting the hands-on course requirement?**

No. Only instructor-led courses from the above approved list of Oracle University courses count toward the training requirement. This includes live web classes (LWC) and live virtual classes (LVC).

Self Study CD-Rom and Knowledge Center (including Recorded Web Courses – RWC) courses are excellent study and reference tools but DO NOT meet the hands-on course requirement for certification. Training must be delivered by an approved Oracle University training provider.*

» **How does Oracle verify that I have completed the necessary training to receive my certification?**

Upon completion of their certification track requirements, Candidates are required to complete a Course Submission Form, providing the details of the required course(s). The form will trigger a request for Oracle to verify your attendance in an approved hands-on course. After verification by Oracle, the form will generate a permanent record in Oracle's certification database, showing that the requirement has been met.



Should you have any further questions, please contact ocpexam_ww@oracle.com