

VMware Certified Professional - Data Center Virtualization 2023 (VCP-DCV)

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS INTRO

Certification Requirements hold value because they signify that you have undergone the necessary lessons, training, seminars, and hands-on experiences that are required to fill the job.

LEARN MORE

We welcome you to visit the official VCP-DCV 2023 certification webpage:

<https://www.vmware.com/learning/certification/vcp-dcv.html>

CERTIFICATION SUPPORT

If you need help with a Certification Path or with Certification Requirements, please contact the Certification Support Team at: certification@vmware.com

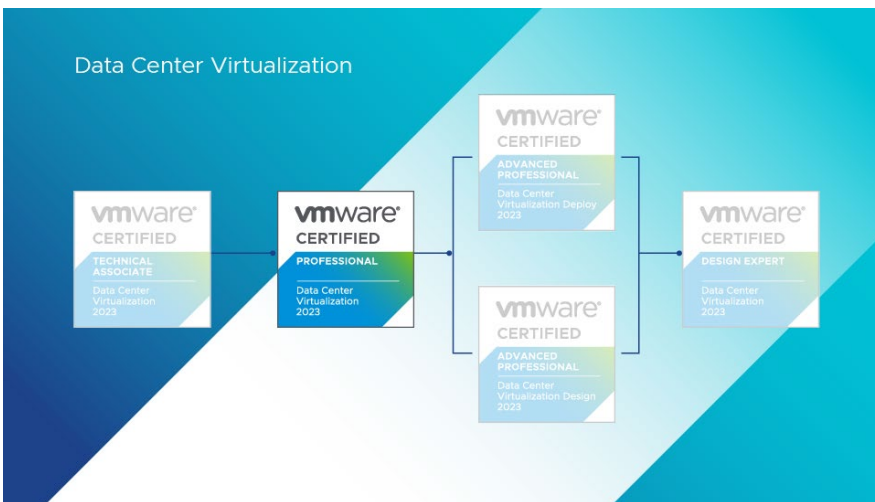
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CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

The VMware Certified Professional - Data Center Virtualization 2023 (VCP-DCV 2023) certification validates an individual's knowledge and skills with VMware vSphere solutions, including virtual machines, networking, and storage. Job-roles associated with this certification include virtualization administrators, system engineers, and consultants.

In this document we show the different certification paths available to earn the VCP-DCV 2023 certification, depending on what certifications you already hold. You may follow this guide as a learning resource of what is required of you to earn this certification.



Certification Path Requirements

Certification path if you hold no VCP Certifications

1. (Recommended) Gain experience with vSphere 7.x or vSphere 8.x
2. (Required) Attend ONE of the required training courses

Courses used by VMware to develop these exams and strongly recommended to you for exam preparation:

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\]](#)

Courses VMware will accept which meet training course requirements (List includes the courses used to develop these exams.):

[VMware vSphere: Advanced Administration \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale plus Troubleshooting Fast Track V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Advanced Administration Workshop \[V7\]](#)

3. (Required) Review and study the topics and objectives listed in the [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.23\)](#) OR [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.20\)](#) and pass ONE of the qualifying exams:

[VMware vSphere 8.x Professional \(2V0-21.23\)](#)

135 Minutes 70 Questions \$250 USD

[Schedule Exam](#)

[Professional VMware vSphere 7.x \(2V0-21.20\) - Retiring soon on January 31, 2024](#)

Certification path if you hold a VCP-DCV 2022

1. (Recommended) Gain experience with vSphere 7.x or vSphere 8.x

Option 1 - Review and study the topics and objectives listed in the [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.23\)](#) OR [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.20\)](#) and pass ONE of the qualifying exams:

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Option 2 - Attend ONE of the training courses in 2023

[VMware vSphere: Advanced Administration \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Security \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: What's New \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: What's New \[V8\] - Digital](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: What's New \[V6.7 to V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale plus Troubleshooting Fast Track \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: What's New \[V6.7 to V7\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Advanced Administration Workshop \[V7\]](#)

Certification Path Requirements

Certification path if you hold a VCP-DCV 2020 or Newer

1. (Recommended) Gain experience with vSphere 7.x or vSphere 8.x
2. (Recommended) Attend ONE of the training courses

Courses used by VMware to develop these exams and strongly recommended to you for exam preparation:

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\]](#)

Courses VMware will accept which meet training course requirements (List includes the courses used to develop these exams.):

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\] – On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale plus Troubleshooting Fast Track V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Advanced Administration Workshop \[V7\]](#)

3. (Required) Review and study the topics and objectives listed in the [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.23\)](#) OR [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.20\)](#) and pass ONE of the qualifying exams:

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Certification path if you hold a VCP-DCV 2019 or Older

1. (Recommended) Gain experience with vSphere 7.x or vSphere 8.x
2. (Required) Attend ONE of the required training courses

Courses used by VMware to develop these exams and strongly recommended to you for exam preparation:

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\]](#)

Courses VMware will accept which meet training course requirements (List includes the courses used to develop these exams.):

[VMware vSphere: Advanced Administration \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

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[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\] – On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale plus Troubleshooting Fast Track V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Advanced Administration Workshop \[V7\]](#)

3. (Required) Review and study the topics and objectives listed in the [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.23\)](#) OR [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.20\)](#) and pass ONE of the qualifying exams:

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Certification Path Requirements

Certification path if you hold a VCP-NV 2020 or Newer OR VCP-CMA 2020 or Newer OR VCP-DTM 2020 or Newer OR VCP-DW 2020 or Newer OR VCP-SEC 2020 or Newer OR VCP-AM 2021 or Newer OR VCP-EWS 2022 or Newer OR VCP-VMC 2022 or Newer OR VCP-CO 2022 or Newer

1. (Recommended) Gain experience with vSphere 7.x or vSphere 8.x
2. (Recommended) Attend one of the training courses

Courses used by VMware to develop these exams and strongly recommended to you for exam preparation:

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\]](#)

Courses VMware will accept which meet training course requirements (List includes the courses used to develop these exams.):

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V8\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage \[V7\] - On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale \[V7\] – On Demand](#)

[VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Fast Track \[V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale plus Troubleshooting Fast Track V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: Advanced Administration Workshop \[V7\]](#)

3. (Required) Review and study the topics and objectives listed in the [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.23\)](#) OR [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.20\)](#) and pass ONE of the qualifying exams:

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Certification path if you completed a vSphere 6.7 course but never certified

1. (Recommended) Gain experience with vSphere 7.x or vSphere 8.x
2. (Required) Have attend ONE of the retired 6.7 training courses
 - VMware Advanced Skills for vSphere Professional Workshop [V6.7]
 - VMware vSphere: Fast Track [V6.7]
 - VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage [V6.7]
 - VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage [V6.7] – Blended Delivery
 - VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage [V6.7] - On Demand
 - VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale [V6.7]
 - VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale [V6.7] - On Demand
 - VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale plus Troubleshooting Fast Track [v6.7]
 - VMware vSphere: Skills for Public Sector Administrators [V6.7]
 - VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting Workshop [V6.7]

3. (Required) Attend one of the required training courses

[VMware vSphere: What's New \[V8\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: What's New \[V8\] - Digital](#)

[VMware vSphere: What's New \[V6.7 to V7\]](#)

[VMware vSphere: What's New \[V6.7 to V7\] - On Demand](#)

4. (Required) Review and study the topics and objectives listed in the [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.23\)](#) OR [Exam Guide \(2V0-21.20\)](#) and pass ONE of the qualifying exams:

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FAQs

Will vSphere V6.7 courses satisfy the VCP-DCV 2023 certification upon passing the exam?

No, but If you have taken a vSphere V6.7 course, you may take the [VMware vSphere: What's New \[V8\]](#) or [VMware vSphere: What's New \[V8\] - Digital](#) or [VMware vSphere: What's New \[V6.7 to V7\]](#) or [VMware vSphere: What's New \[V6.7 to V7\] - On Demand](#) course and it will qualify.

Why does the VCP-DCV 2023 have a year designator as its version?

Data Center Virtualization solutions are frequently updated. Having a year as its certification version allows VMware to better maintain the exam and training content, and more importantly, provides certification candidates to communicate how current their skills are in relation to other certifications.

Do I have to complete the requirements in the order listed?

No, however we strongly recommend that you do so. Also, please note that successfully registering to take an exam does not imply that you meet the certification requirements in full.

How do I share my VCP-DCV 2023 badge?

When you've earned a VMware badge, you will receive an email notification alerting you to claim your badge. When you accept your badge, you'll be brought immediately into a sharing workflow that allows you to share to Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, embed in a personal website, or share over email.

I have completed only version 6.5 course; can I complete What's New [V6.7 to V7] course to fulfill the training requirement towards VCP DCV 2023 certification track?

No, only if you have taken a vSphere V6.7 course, you may take the [VMware vSphere: What's New \[V8\]](#) or [VMware vSphere: What's New \[V8\] - Digital](#) or [VMware vSphere: What's New \[V6.7 to V7\]](#) or [VMware vSphere: What's New \[V6.7 to V7\] - On Demand](#) course to fulfill the training requirement towards VCP-DCV 2023 certification.