

# What Is The Best Way To Become a Certified Java Developer?

Industry certifications have gained a lot of relevance in the last few years. Employers want you to be skilled and have certifications relevant to the job you are applying for. A certification proves that you have the skills and have spent time and money to get certified.

It also means that you have an industry-acceptable level of Java programming knowledge. So, getting a certification is a critical step in your Java career path and is valuable for any job role you pursue.

To prepare for Java certification, you must follow certain steps. Let's elaborate on these steps to help you understand clearly.

# Decide a certification

Oracle offers certifications for Java SE, Java EE, and web services. Each exam has a different duration, number of questions, eligibility, and passing score. So, deciding the type of certification you want to go for should be your first step.

After selecting the certification, you can start preparing for the exam accordingly.

# Prepare for the exam

Certifications are not easy to crack. You need a dedicated preparation schedule for them based on the exam curriculum. Go through all the exam topics carefully and plan how you will prepare them.

At this time, you can decide whether you want to go for self-study or opt for a Java training program. Oracle also recommends training and hands-on experience for passing the Java certifications.

# Choose a training program

You can look for training programs online or enroll in a coding bootcamp. The [Java track program](#) is a good course to start with if you want to learn the core and advanced Java concepts in detail.

The training program will strengthen your theoretical knowledge and offer you an opportunity to put your learning to practice. Many reputed bootcamps also help in clearing the certification. So, you should look for such coding bootcamps.

# Register for the exam

Registering for the exam entails buying an exam voucher. This voucher is valid for six months. So, schedule your exam before it expires.

For scheduling, you'll get an option to choose the exam date and test center at your convenience. The exams are only delivered by the Oracle testing center or by Pearson VUE, an Oracle-verified vendor.

# Take the exam and get the certificate

The final step is to give the exam on the scheduled date. You will have to go to the center and give the exam. For multiple choice exams, you immediately get the test results. However, for essay and performance-based exams, results can take some time.

The exam results and certification status are available on Oracle's website. Certificates are usually delivered in electronic formats, for which you will get a notification on your mail ID. For a hard copy, you can ask Oracle.

# Conclusion

As Oracle offers Java certifications, it sets a quality bar for everyone. With a certification, you can enhance your job prospects, salary, and chances of promotion. For all these reasons, getting a Java certification is completely worth it.



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