

HOW WE PASSED OUR AWS CERTIFICATIONS AND WHY YOU SHOULD TOO_

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ABOUT US_

Consultant at The Scale Factory

Certifications:

- AWS Solutions Architect Professional
- AWS SysOps Administrator Associate
- AWS Security Specialty
- Terraform Associate
- Jenkins Engineer



ABOUT US_

Consultant at The Scale Factory

Part of the hiring team

Certifications:

- AWS Solutions Architect Associate and Professional
- Certified Kubernetes Administrator
- Terraform Associate



TOPICS **COVERED**

1. Overview of AWS Certifications
2. Benefits of Getting Certified
3. Techniques & Resources
4. Practicalities
5. Conclusion

AWS CERTIFICATIONS

Professional

Two years of comprehensive experience designing, operating, and troubleshooting solutions using the AWS Cloud

Associate

One year of experience solving problems and implementing solutions using the AWS Cloud

Foundational

Six months of fundamental AWS Cloud and industry knowledge



Specialty

Technical AWS Cloud experience in the Specialty domain as specified in the **exam guide**





BENEFITS_

For employees

- Better job opportunities and salary
- Professional growth
- Professionalise your team

For employers

- Identify skilled IT professionals via AWS certifications



BENEFITS_

- Increase your confidence
- Change career direction



PERCEIVED DOWNSIDES

- I don't have the time / money
- I don't think I'm ready
- They aren't valuable



TECHNIQUES & **RESOURCES**

- Video lectures
- Practice quizzes
- etc.



TECHNIQUES & **RESOURCES**

Video

- Video courses (A Cloud Guru, Udemy)
- Exam readiness
- re:Invent videos

Books

- Study Guide
- AWS documentation and whitepapers

Hands-on

- Practical experience
- Hands-on Labs
- Practice exams



HOW MATT **STUDIES**

- Video lectures to get a broad understanding
- Practice quizzes to find where I need to focus
- Feynman Technique to improve understanding



PRACTICALITIES —

- Support for non native English speakers
- Booking a test
- etc



PRACTICALITIES

Home (Remote Proctored)

- Can be quieter and more comfortable
- More flexible

Test centre

- Potentially less effort before hand
- Fewer requirements.



THE HIRING **PERSPECTIVE**

Personally I like seeing:

- Certifications that match practical experience
- A variety of certifications
- Certifications that were taken a while ago



**WE'RE
HIRING.**

AWS Consultant

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| SALARY | £65,000 to £100,000 |
| EXPERIENCE LEVEL | Mid/Senior |
| LOCATION | Remote |

Fully remote and flexible working

Incredibly knowledgeable colleagues


High trust, low stress environment

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CONCLUSION & **TAKEAWAYS**

- Get AWS certified!
- Choose the best certification for your career
- Start studying now and book your exam



FURTHER READING_

AWS Certifications Page

<https://aws.amazon.com/certification>

AWS Certification E-book

https://www.experteach.eu/at/assets/files/AWS_TC_Cert_AllUp_eBook_FINAL.pdf

AWS Well-Architected Hands-on Labs

<https://wellarchitectedlabs.com>

Practice exams (SA Pro)

<https://portal.tutorialsdojo.com/courses/aws-certified-solutions-architect-professional-practice-exams>

<https://www.udemy.com/course/aws-solutions-architect-professional-practice-exams-amazon>



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