

# AWS Certified Security - Specialty



The **AWS Certified Security - Specialty** exam is intended for individuals who perform a security role and have at least two years of hands-on experience securing AWS workloads.

## Earning this certification shows:

- Understanding of specialized data classifications, encryption methods, and secure Internet protocols, as well as the AWS mechanisms to implement them.
- Knowledge of AWS security services and features of services which provide a secure production environment, as well as an overall understanding of security operations and risks.
- Competency gained from two or more years of production deployment experience using AWS security services and features.

## AWS preparation resources:

- AWS Training for security
- AWS Exam Readiness Training
- Whitepapers and technical documentation
- Sample questions
- Practice exam

## Learn more:

Get the official exam guide and sample questions on our website. When you're ready, you can take the exam from home or at a testing center.

[Learn more](#)



### EXAM FORMAT

65 questions; multiple choice, multiple answer

### DELIVERY METHOD

Testing center or online proctored exam

### TIME TO COMPLETE

170 minutes

### PASSING SCORE

750

### EXAM COST

300 USD

### PRACTICE EXAM COST

40 USD

### EXAM LANGUAGES

Available in English, Japanese, Korean, and Simplified Chinese



## Exam content outline:

**Domain 1:** Incident Response (12%)

**Domain 2:** Logging and Monitoring (20%)

**Domain 3:** Infrastructure Security (26%)

**Domain 4:** Identity and Access Management (20%)

**Domain 5:** Data Protection (22%)

## Response types:

- **Multiple choice:** Has one correct response and three incorrect responses (distractors)
- **Multiple response:** Has two correct responses out of five response options

## AWS Certification benefits:

Once you are AWS Certified, you can take advantage of the following benefits:



### DIGITAL BADGES

Showcase your AWS Certification achievement with digital badges on your social media and email signatures.



### EXAM DISCOUNT

Get access to a 50% discount voucher to apply toward recertification or any other exam.



### PRACTICE EXAMS

Prepare for your next AWS Certification with a voucher that qualifies you for a free practice exam.



### LEARN MORE

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## What is the value of employing AWS Certified staff?

According to research by Enterprise Strategy Group (ESG)<sup>1</sup>, employing AWS Certified staff can provide operational advantages and drive innovation. Here's what IT decision makers at organizations with AWS Certified staff said:

- 91% said having AWS Certified staff increases innovation with AWS services.
- 86% said having AWS Certified staff improved the security of cloud workloads.
- 89% report faster troubleshooting, and 85% say they achieve faster deployment times.

<sup>1</sup> ESG Research Insights Paper Commissioned by AWS, [Understanding the Value of AWS Certifications to Organizations](#), October 2020.