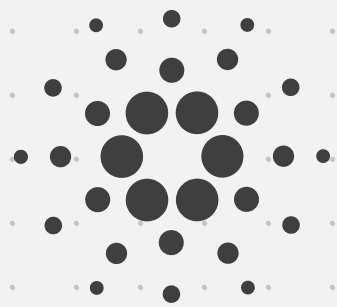




CARDANO ACADEMY

Cardano Blockchain
Certified Professional
Exam Overview

Overview

Knowing Cardano is one thing. Proving you can apply it is another. The Cardano Blockchain Certified Professional (CBCP) is the professional-level certification that sits above CBCA: where CBCA certifies that you understand Cardano and blockchain fundamentals, CBCP certifies that you can reason through governance processes, staking economics, eUTxO design decisions, decentralized identity, and open-source strategy the way a practitioner would.

Delivered through the same trusted pipeline as CBCA — Pearson VUE, proctored, online or at a test center — the exam is built to the standard of the leading professional cloud certifications: scenario-based questions, plausible distractors drawn from real-world misconceptions, and exact-count multi-select items where every mark has to be earned on application rather than recognition.

Course	Cardano Blockchain Certified Professional (CBCP)
Track	Professional Certification · the step above Cardano Blockchain Certified Associate (CBCA) in the Cardano Academy certification path
Format	Proctored exam via Pearson VUE — online (OnVUE) or at a test center. 50 questions, 90 minutes, multiple choice and multiple answer. Preparation via the Cardano Academy professional course set and a 20-question practice exam.
Audience	CBCA-certified professionals and experienced practitioners: developers and architects, governance participants, staking specialists, identity and open-source strategists, consultants and implementation partners
Duration	90 minutes · 50 questions (about 1.8 minutes per question) · pass mark 66% (33 of 50)
Outcome	CBCP certification — pass/fail result on-screen, emailed certificate and a Credly digital badge; valid for 3 years

Why This Certification Matters

The Cardano ecosystem has matured past the point where recognizing terminology is enough. On-chain governance is live, staking secures billions in value, agent-assisted development is reshaping how dApps get built, and decentralized identity is moving from theory into production. Organizations and communities need people who can be trusted to make sound decisions in these systems — and those people need a credible way to prove it. CBCP fills that role.

Every question is a situation with constraints, not a definition to recall: what happens next, what the best choice is, what went wrong. Every answer option is plausible, with at least one distractor built from a documented real-world misconception — the thing a partially-prepared candidate genuinely believes. Roughly a third of questions are exact-count multi-select, scored all-or-nothing. The result is a certification where the pass mark is a genuinely higher bar than its associate-level counterpart, and where holding it signals practitioner-level judgement across the full breadth of the Cardano ecosystem.

Key Takeaways

In preparing for and earning this certification, you will:

- **Demonstrate practitioner-level reasoning across seven domains** — governance, applied governance, eUTxO and agentic development, decentralized identity (KERI), open source, staking rewards, and the durable foundations beneath them all.
- **Reason through Cardano's governance system end to end** — the CIP-1694 roles, the Constitution, Intersect and Catalyst, and the hands-on journey of registering as a DRep, submitting a governance action, voting, ratification and enactment.
- **Apply eUTxO design judgement** — model reasoning, validator design decisions, native assets, and how to direct and verify AI agents building on Cardano — without a single question requiring you to read or write code.
- **Work the staking reward calculation from first principles: the reward pot, treasury cut, pool cost, margin, and proportional split** — applied to the numbers a scenario gives you.
- **Distinguish sound decisions from plausible-sounding mistakes** — the discriminating skill the exam is explicitly built to test.
- **Carry a 3-year credential** — certificate and Credly badge — recognized through the same Pearson VUE pipeline as the leading professional certifications.

Who Is This Certification For?

CBCP is designed for individuals who want to move beyond understanding Cardano and prove they can apply it — the judgement calls of a working practitioner rather than the recall of a student. Representative roles include:

- **CBCA-certified professionals** who are looking to step up to a professional-level credential. The exam-day experience — sitting length, pacing, pass arithmetic — is deliberately identical to CBCA; the questions are a level up.
- **Developers and architects** who want their eUTxO design judgement and agent-era development reasoning certified — no Aiken or Plutus code literacy required.
- **Governance participants** — DReps, delegators, and contributors to Intersect and Catalyst — for whom governance is the exam's largest pillar, spanning both its institutions and the applied journey of a governance action.
- **Consultants and implementation partners** who advise organizations on Cardano and need a credential that certifies application, not attendance.
- **Anyone who completed CBCA** and the Academy's professional course set and is looking to certify that knowledge. CBCA is recommended preparation but not a prerequisite.

Your Preparation Journey

The CBCP body of knowledge is the Cardano Academy professional course set, so preparation is a structured, self-paced journey through free Academy courses — Intro to Cardano Governance, Cardano Governance Applied, Agentic Coding on Cardano, The Future of Digital Identity & KERI, What Is Open Source?, and Staking Rewards & Calculation — with CBCA and Fundamentals material as the assumed foundation. These courses are optional for the exam as foundational preparation. You can take the exam at any stage.

When you are ready, the 20-question practice exam is your dress rehearsal: slightly gentler than the live forms, but sampling every domain and both answer mechanics, with full teaching rationales that explain why the key is right and why each distractor is wrong. Candidates who work through it will have seen every question shape the real exam can throw at them.

Booking and sitting the exam then works exactly as it does for CBCA: register through Pearson VUE, take it proctored online (OnVUE) or at a test center, and receive your pass/fail result on-screen, with your certificate and Credly badge to follow by email.

Exam Domains

The exam draws 50 questions to a fixed blueprint across seven domains. While there are Academy courses aligned with the domains, course completion is optional. Successful Pearson Vue examination determines credentialing. Questions test principles, models and processes — never current parameter values, tool versions, or named officials — so the credential stays durable as the protocol evolves.



Domain A: Foundation — 12%

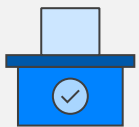
Confirms the durable concepts beneath everything else — eUTxO vs accounts, consensus, decentralization — drawn from CBCA and Fundamentals. Deliberately the lightest slice: if you passed CBCA, this is your warm-up, not a re-run.



Domain B:

Governance — Foundations & Institutions — 20%

The structures of Cardano's on-chain governance: the CIP-1694 roles, the Constitution, Intersect, and Project Catalyst. Governance is the defining post-2023 Cardano capability and, across Domains B and C, the largest pillar of the exam at 32%.



Domain C: Governance — Applied — 12%

The hands-on governance journey: registering as a DRep, drafting and submitting a governance action, voting, and the path through ratification and enactment.



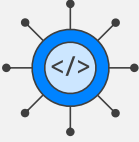
Domain D: Building on Cardano — eUTxO & Agentic Development — 20%

Design reasoning, not code. Tests eUTxO model reasoning, validator design judgement, native assets, and how to direct and verify AI agents building on Cardano — in line with the Agentic Coding on Cardano course it draws from.



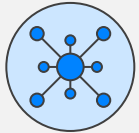
Domain E: Decentralized Identity (KERI) — 14%

The future of digital identity: the concepts and mechanisms of KERI-based decentralized identity, drawn from the Academy's professional identity course.



Domain F: Open Source & Ecosystem — 12%

Open-source strategy and its role in the Cardano ecosystem, drawn from the What Is Open Source? course.



Domain G: Staking Rewards & Calculation — 10%

The calculation domain. Questions give you the numbers and test whether you apply the reward-distribution sequence correctly — pot, treasury cut, pool cost, margin, proportional split. Current on-chain parameter values are never the answer key.

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Our programs are designed to meet the needs of individual learning styles while also leveraging the power of expert-verified information. This is achieved through a user-friendly learning platform that enables participants to easily navigate the program content.



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Wow...awesome and interactive lessons.

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The concept was well delivered.

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The course provides me with a deep understanding of hash functions and their critical role in information security.

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I really enjoyed studying the Hard Fork Combinator application.

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I was captivated by the analysis of the story about the Nakamoto coefficient when measuring the decentralization of a blockchain network.

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Very valuable information about Cardano's architecture and operation.

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I fully understand the course and am very excited about these highly technical and in-depth topics...

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Your Path to Certification

1. Complete the Course & Earn Your Badge



Upon successful completion, the Cardano Foundation grants a **verified digital badge**. This LinkedIn-compliant credential validates your new skills and expertise.

2. Advance to a Certified Associate (CBCA)

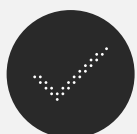
For learners wishing to advance their knowledge, the next step is the Cardano Blockchain Certified Associate (CBCA) exam. This recognized professional certification validates your technical and strategic blockchain knowledge.



Practice Exam and Completion Badge



Certification: \$99,
Online, 90 min., 50 Questions



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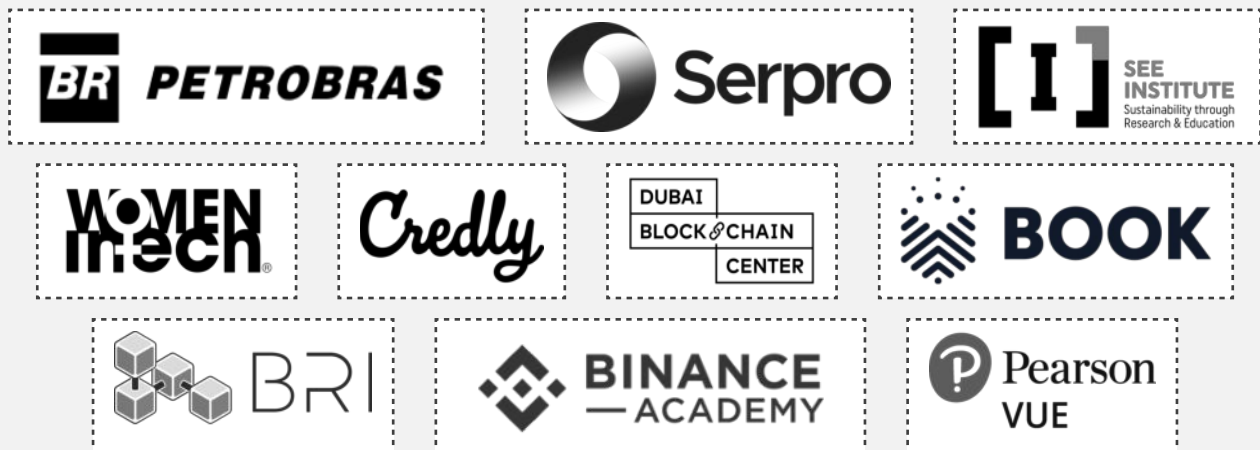


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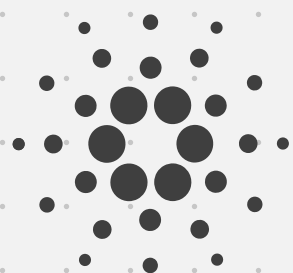
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