



# Get Ahead



## Where Can I Take The Exam?

The exam is now available at conferences around the world. Please check our website for the newest information where you can take the exam. If you know an exhibition and/or event where the exam is not available, please let us know. We will try to offer the exam there too.

The time frame of 90 minutes is sufficient to complete the exam.

## Costs

Currently, the price of the exam is US \$75. Compared with typical prices of over \$200 for other certifications, this is quite reasonable. We have worked hard to keep the exam price affordable to everyone. The BSDCG relies on exam fees as well as donations, DVDs, and merchandise sales. Your exam fees go directly toward improving the certification effort.

We prefer payment at the time of exam registration, but the exam fee can be paid at the conference before the exam starts. However, please note that once the exam starts, it will not be possible to admit latecomers.

## Registration Process

First of all, if you want to take the exam, you need a BSDCG-ID. You can get the BSDCG-ID for free at our registration website:

<https://register.bsdcertification.org/register/get-a-bsdcg-id>

The registration process in short is:

1. Get a BSDCG-ID
2. Choose an exam location
3. Pay the exam fee by credit card or PayPal

Please do not forget your government issued photo ID and the BSDCG-ID on the day of exam. Otherwise you can not take the exam.

## Good To Know

At our website you will find useful information about the certification program. You will also find the dates for the next exam, the chance to register for an exam, and a link to order the BSDCG-DVD:

<http://www.bsdcertification.org/>

All the Events can also be found at

<https://register.bsdcertification.org/register/events/>

There you will also find the proctor of the exam. If you have any question you can contact him/her via email.

At the conferences, there should be a BSDCG booth. If there is no BSDCG booth, we are at a booth with one of the other BSD projects. BSDCG DVD

The BSDCG regularly (twice a year) issues a DVD with the current BSD systems. On the DVD you will also find documents relevant to the exams. Orders for the DVD can be placed at our website.

## The Four Major BSD Projects

All of the four free major BSDs provides an excellent documentation which is also available on the BSDCG-DVD. You will find more information about the BSDs on the websites of these projects:

<http://www.freebsd.org/>

<http://www.netbsd.org/>

<http://www.openbsd.org/>

<http://www.dragonflybsd.org/>

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## Get Involved



# An Idea whose time has come

### Who Is The BSDCertification Group?

The BSDCertification Group (BSDCG) is a free, independent and non profit association. It was founded to develop a uniform certification standard for BSD-based operating systems. To reach this goal, system administrators, authors and teachers of BSD came together, to turn this idea into reality. Supported by many translators and well-known advocates within the BSD communities, this dream has come true.

### Two Certificates

BSD–Unix has been around for 30 years now and the success story does not seem to end. The time is ripe for a unified certification process for these systems. To keep things simple there is not a multitude of certifications available, but just two, the BSD Associate (BSDA) and the BSD Professional (BSDP). The BSDA is for junior system administrators with a good knowledge of UNIX Systems and work at least one year with BSD operating systems. The BSDP is for senior system administrators with an excellent knowledge of BSD operating systems.

### Psychometric Quality

The BSDA certification was developed by a qualified psychometrician. The certification adheres to generally accepted psychometric standards including the "Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing" developed jointly by the American Educational Research Association (AERA), the American Psychological Association, and the National Council on Measurement in Education. After a full beta test period, the psychometrician set the overall passing score for the BSDA

exam at 65%. The scoring algorithm notes how the answers to each question compare to the answers provided by all other examinees. Also, each examinee receives a full report showing a pass/fail score and a score for each knowledge domain. Over time, the psychometrician will also assist the BSDCG towards meeting the certification testing standard published by the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). This provides the highest possible quality of certification testing.

### BSD Associate (BSDA) Certification

Language : English  
Available : 2008  
Re-certification : 5 years

The BSDA exam is for system administrators with a good knowledge of Unix and at least one year experience in the system administration of BSD operating systems.

The exam covers the following knowledge domains:

- Installing/ Upgrading the OS/Software
- Securing the Operating System
- Files, Filesystem and Disks
- User and Accounts Management
- Basic System Administration
- Network Administration
- Basic Unix Skills

### BSD Professional (BSDP) Certification

Language : English  
Available : Q4 2008  
Re-certification : 5 years

It is not necessary to be BSDA certified as a prerequisite. The BSDP certificate is for system administrators with extensive knowledge of Unix and BSD systems. Experienced system administrators of BSD system can register for the exam directly.

The BSDP certification should be available sometime within Q4 2008.

### One Exam For All BSDs

So as not to split the certification over all BSDs and to prevent a multitude of certifications, the exams for BSDA and BSDP are always for all for major BSDs. Candidates should familiarize themselves with FreeBSD, NetBSD, OpenBSD and DragonFly BSD.

### Why Does BSD Need Certification?

- Assist in the hiring process
- Enhance marketing
- Counter the "no support" argument
- Create industry recognition
- Provide an organizational path for students
- Demonstrate competence to a potential employer