ACE CC FAQs
Frequently Asked Questions about ACE and Creative Cloud

Why is there a difference in Creative Suite (CS) and Creative Cloud (CC) certifications?
When you purchased a version of a CS product you were able to use that version indefinitely, so the certification remained valid indefinitely as well. When you certify on a perpetual product you continue to be an expert on that version, but as features are added and changed you will, over time, be using a different product. To ensure that all our ACEs have a level playing field, only those who are able to show they have the most current knowledge are able to represent themselves as ACEs of the most recent product/exams.

What do the CC changes mean to the ACE program?
The process of registering and taking exams and becoming certified do not change with the release of CC.

Do I have to recertify every time my CC product is updated?
No. The CC products will be updated regularly, but not all changes will impact the skills that make ACEs. You will need to recertify after the expiration date to continue to represent yourself as a current CC ACE.

For how long will my CC certifications be valid?
Your ACE CC certification will be valid for two years after the date you certify.

How long will my existing certifications be valid?
Your existing Creative Suite certifications will always be valid; however, they will only be valid for the product version on which you were certified.

Will the beta exams count as my CC certification?
Yes. If you participate in our exam beta process, and receive a passing score for a live exam based on your answers to questions from a product beta, that passing score will apply toward your Creative Cloud certification. If you are interested in participating in upcoming betas, please follow us on Facebook and Twitter for recruitment updates.
How long will the CS6 exams be available?
The CS6 exams will continue to be available for as long as Adobe continues to sell and provide product support for CS6.

How will the exam process change for taking the CC exams?
You will continue to register for and take exams through the Pearson VUE testing network. Register for your exams at www.pearsonvue.com/adobe.

What about my certification that isn't CS/CC?
Currently there are no changes to our other exams/certifications in the ACE program.

Should I wait to certify until the CC exams are available?
We recommend you certify on the version of CS or CC you are/will be using and with which you are most comfortable to give you the best opportunity for passing the exam.

Have additional questions?
For certification related questions, contact aceprogram@pearson.com