



Autodesk Certification Now Available Through Pearson VUE Testing Centers

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Associate Certification Exams for Key Autodesk Software Products Extended to 165 Countries

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[Autodesk, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:ADSK) announced the expanded availability of the [Associate Certification](#) exam to 165 countries through an alliance with Pearson VUE Testing Centers, a leading provider of global computer-based services. This partnership provides opportunities to Autodesk customers and partners in markets where certification has not been previously available, enabling them to certify their 2D and 3D technology skills and remain competitive in the global marketplace.

"We are looking forward to working with Autodesk to implement their certification program in our proctored centers," said Robert Whelan, president and chief executive officer of Pearson VUE. "We're confident that our testing system and state-of-the-art testing centers will provide the consistency, control, security and coverage Autodesk requires, while providing greater convenience for their candidates."

Autodesk currently has a network more than 1,900 [Authorized Training Centers](#) (ATC) in 24 countries, many of which are also Authorized Certification Centers. These centers deliver both the Associate- and the Professional-level exams and are able to offer training. Autodesk Authorized Training Centers must meet rigorous standards and are well equipped to prepare candidates to successfully achieve the globally recognized certification. The partnership with Pearson VUE enhances the offerings of the current Autodesk Authorized Certification Centers by expanding the availability and convenience for customers to schedule exams, as well as driving demand for more training services. Pearson VUE can accommodate customers who are only interested in taking an Associate Certification Exam, and do not desire training, permitting more flexibility in the certification program.

"As the global marketplace becomes more competitive, we know our users are looking to differentiate themselves," said Joe Astroth, Autodesk's chief education officer. "Becoming certified in Autodesk software is one of the best ways to demonstrate technical expertise to current and future employers."

Availability

Autodesk Associate Certification through Pearson VUE is available for professionals using [AutoCAD](#), [AutoCAD Civil 3D](#), [Autodesk 3ds Max Design](#), [Autodesk Inventor](#) and [Autodesk Revit Architecture](#) software. Design and engineering professionals can take the certification exams in English, German, Portuguese, and Traditional Chinese. The new 2011 product exams will be available beginning in August.

In addition, Autodesk will offer free certification for the second year in a row at [Autodesk University](#), as well as a preparation lab, offering assessment and practice tests and a study room with study materials.

For more information about Autodesk Certification, visit www.autodesk.com/certification.

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc., is a world leader in 2D and [3D design](#), engineering and entertainment software for the manufacturing, building and construction, and media and entertainment markets. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk continues to develop the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art software to help customers experience their ideas digitally before they are built. Fortune 100 companies -- as well as the last 15 Academy Award winners for Best Visual Effects -- use [Autodesk software](#) tools to design, visualize and simulate their ideas to save time and money, enhance quality and foster innovation for competitive advantage. For additional information about Autodesk, visit www.autodesk.com.

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