

QUANTUM SECURITY & PQC

Post-Quantum Certified Architect

PQCA CREDENTIAL

Validate your ability to assess a cryptographic environment and design an implementable post-quantum migration architecture.

ASSESSMENT

Proctored

120 questions / 180 min

EXAM FEE

US\$699

Training priced separately

VALIDITY

3 years

Renewal required

Credentialed cryptographic design.

WHAT THE CREDENTIAL VALIDATES

- ✓ Map cryptographic dependencies, trust relationships and architectural constraints.
- ✓ Select algorithms and hybrid approaches for specific deployment requirements.
- ✓ Design migration patterns and PKI transition architectures.
- ✓ Build cryptographic agility and document decisions for implementation teams.

WHO IT IS FOR

Security, enterprise and solutions architects, principal engineers, cryptographic engineers and senior technical consultants.

PREREQUISITES

Active Post-Quantum Certified Specialist (PQCS) certification is required.

How to earn PQCA

Hold active PQCS, complete PQCA Training, then pass the PQCA exam.

Assessment, fees and renewal

The PQCA exam

120 questions: 110 scored and 10 unscored pilot items. Pilot items are not identified and do not affect your result.

180 minutes. Closed book, with multiple-choice and scenario questions testing applied competence.

Passing score: 700 on a 100-900 scale. The passing standard is criterion-referenced.

Preparation: complete the required training, then plan 30-50 hours of independent study.

Certification fees

Exam only	US\$699
On-demand + exam	US\$2,999
In-person + exam	US\$3,999

Bundles include the named training format and exam. Annual maintenance is separate.

Exam-only purchase does not waive training or prerequisite requirements.

Booking and retakes. Supervision, location and recording arrangements are confirmed when you book. Retakes: 14 days after the first attempt; 30 days between later attempts; at most four attempts in 12 months. First retake: US\$299. Later retakes: US\$699.

Maintain your credential

Valid for three years. US\$149 annual maintenance covers all active Quantum Academy credentials.

Renew with **60 continuing professional education (CPE) credits** per three-year cycle, with at least **15 each year**. CPE-based renewal is included in the annual fee.

Or renew by re-examination: **US\$399**.

Credential verification

Digital badge and designation: **PQCA**.

Verification record: pqca.pro.

Or email the holder's full name to validation@quantumacademy.com.

Explore the PQCA credential

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