

QUANTUM SECURITY & PQC

Post-Quantum Certified Specialist

PQCS CREDENTIAL

Validate your ability to assess cryptographic exposure, evaluate post-quantum options and contribute to migration planning.

ASSESSMENT

Proctored

100 questions / 150 min

EXAM FEE

US\$599

Training priced separately

VALIDITY

3 years

Renewal required

The foundational PQC credential.

WHAT THE CREDENTIAL VALIDATES

- ✓ Conduct a cryptographic inventory and build a Cryptographic Bill of Materials (CBOM).
- ✓ Evaluate post-quantum algorithms and hybrid implementation approaches.
- ✓ Assess protocol dependencies and prioritize cryptographic assets for migration.
- ✓ Develop a preliminary migration roadmap and assess cryptographic agility.

WHO IT IS FOR

Security professionals, IT architects, developers, systems engineers and technical consultants involved in PQC migration.

PREREQUISITES

No prior credential is required. Complete Post-Quantum Foundation and retain its attendance record before PQCS Training.

How to earn PQCS

Complete Post-Quantum Foundation, complete PQCS Training, then pass the PQCS exam.

Assessment, fees and renewal

The PQCS exam

100 questions: 90 scored and 10 unscored pilot items. Pilot items are not identified and do not affect your result.

150 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 20-40 hours of independent study.

Certification fees

Exam only	US\$599
On-demand + exam	US\$2,399
In-person + exam	US\$3,399

Foundation to PQCS bundle

Foundation + training + exam:
on-demand US\$2,649;
in person US\$3,999.

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\$599.

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: **PQCS**.

Verification record: pqcs.pro.

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

Explore the PQCS credential

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