
VMCE v8 to VMCE v9 Certification Update Rules (EMEA)

1. Introduction

This document defines certification rules for the upcoming VMCE v9 program (ETA: Q4 2015), which matches new features that will be available in Veeam® Availability Suite™ **v9**.

There are several scenarios in which students will complete the VMCE v9 certification:

- A student who has not participated in a previous VMCE program version (a new student)
- A student who has taken VMCE v7 course and/or exam
- A student who has taken VMCE v8 course and/or exam
- A student who has taken VMCE v7 course and/or exam who also upgraded to VMCE v8

2. New students

When the VMCE v9 program is launched, any student eager to get VMCE-certified but has not started VMCE program in one of the previous versions will need to:

- Attend the VMCE v9 classroom through instructor-led training (ILT) or live online learning at one of the available Veeam-authorized education centers (VMAEC):
<http://www.veeam.com/vmce-education-centers.html>
- Pass the VMCE v9 proctored exam at an available Pearson Vue test center:
<http://www.pearsonvue.com/veeam/>

3. VMCE v7/8 course attendees/certified engineers

- **VMCE v7 course attendees with no exam:** VMCE v7 course attendees who didn't pass either the VMCE v7 or VMCE v8 exam will be required to take a new, full VMCE v9 course and pass the VMCE v9 proctored exam at a Pearson Vue test center.
- **VMCE v7 certified engineers:** VMCE v7 certified engineers who did not upgrade to VMCE v8 will be provided with a free What's New in v9 online course and will then have to pass the VMCE v9 exam at a Pearson Vue test center.
- **VMCE v8 course attendees with no exam:** VMCE v8 course attendees who didn't validate VMCE v8 exam will be provided with a free What's New in v9 online course and will then have to pass the VMCE v9 exam at a Pearson Vue test center.
- **VMCE v8 certified engineers:** VMCE v8 certified engineers will be provided with a free What's New in v9 online course (and practice exam) and will automatically upgrade their status to VMCE v9 once completed.

4. VMCE certification maintenance: Rule changes

All VMCEs are required to keep Veeam Software knowledge and certifications current.

Starting with VMCE v9, the process for mandatory paid VMCE upgrade certification rules will change from every major release to every two major releases. Example with VMCE v9:

- **VMCE v8 certified engineers** are provided with a free upgrade to VMCE v9 status and they will have to pass the VMCE v10 exam, proctored by Pearson Vue, and potentially take a What's New paid course.
- **New students** who validate VMCE v9 through a paid course and exam will be provided with a free upgrade path for VMCE v10 and will have to pass the VMCE v11 exam, proctored by Pearson Vue, and potentially take a What's New paid course.