

Veeam Certified Engineer (VMCE) VMCE7 to VMCE8: Upgrade Rules

1. Introduction

This document defines certification rules for the upcoming VMCE8 program (ETA Q4 2014), which matches new features that will be available in Veeam® Availability Suite™ V8.

There can be two scenarios:

- A student with no existing VMCE certificate (a new student).
- A student with the VMCE 7 certification.

2. New students

When the VMCE 8 program is launched, any student eager to get VMCE-certified but who have not completed the VMCE 7 certification, will need to:

- Attend the VMCE 8 classroom through Instructor-Led Training (ILT) or Video-on-Demand Learning (VODL) at one of the available Veeam Authorized Education Centers (VMAEC). **Note:** VODL is available in North America only.
- Pass the VMCE 8 proctored exam at an available Pearson Vue test center.

These students may exceptionally be authorized to follow the free online "VMCE 8 – What's New" course on Veeam.com, and then validate their VMCE certification with a VMCE 8 proctored exam at an available Pearson Vue test center.

3. VMCE 7 Certified Engineers

Students who complete the VMCE 7 certification program will be entitled, with a specific restricted access, to the free online "VMCE 8 - What's New" course on the Veeam.com website.

These students will then need to pass the VMCE 8 proctored exam at an available Pearson Vue test center to upgrade their certificate from VMCE 7 to VMCE 8. This must occur in the allowable certification maintenance time according to the certification rules below.

Students who attend the VMCE 7 ILT or the VODL, but who do not complete the VMCE 7 exam, will exceptionally be authorized to follow the free online "VMCE 8 – What's New" course on the Veeam.com website, and then validate their VMCE certification with a VMCE 8 proctored exam at an available Pearson Vue test center.

4. Certification Maintenance: Reminder from the VMCE Program Guide

All VMCEs are required to stay current on knowledge and certifications related to Veeam Software. This includes re-certification on all new major releases of Veeam Software. VMCEs will have 120 days, after the release of a major software update and the release of associated upgrade courses and exams, to take the course and pass the exam necessary to upgrade the certification level.

If VMCEs fail to upgrade in the allotted time, there will be another 90 days under which they must take the full course and pass the full exam. After this time, if any VMCEs have still not been upgraded, the certification will expire and the engineer will no longer be eligible for the benefits of the VMCE program.