

# DASCA CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The DASCA (Data Science Council of America) Certification Process provides a well-defined and structured pathway for professionals seeking to enhance their expertise and achieve globally recognized certifications in data science.

# **How to Get DASCA Certified: An Overview**

The DASCA certification process generally consists of the following key steps:

### 1. Check Your Eligibility

Before you begin your application, it is important to confirm your eligibility. Start by checking your candidacy <u>here</u>, to ensure that you meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the certification program.

### 2. Complete Your Registration

Once you've confirmed your eligibility, the next step in starting the application process is to create your <u>myDASCA</u> account. This account will give you access to an easy online application process. You will need to fill out a form with accurate and complete details about your educational qualifications and work experience. After successfully submitting the online application form and paying the fee, you will receive a registration confirmation email and access to your myDASCA account.

### Note:

- When creating your account, you must use the legal name exactly as it appears on your government-issued identification (ID).
- Register with a personal email for uninterrupted access to important emails from the Data Science Council of America.

# 3. Study and Prepare

After you have successfully completed the registration process, the logistics team will contact you via your registered email address to confirm your shipping information. You must ensure and confirm that the shipping address is accurate. If any changes are needed, you should make them within 24 hours of completing your registration. You will receive the DASCA Exam Preparation Kit, which includes learning material for essential reading, within the standard delivery timeframe of 3-4 weeks.

### 4. Schedule Your Exam

Once you are ready to take the certification exam, you can easily schedule it online through your myDASCA account. DASCA provides 180 days from the registration completion date for the candidates to study, prepare for, and take their exams. It is strongly recommended that you thoroughly familiarize yourself with the <u>exam policies</u> prior to scheduling the exam.

Learn more about the exam scheduling policy here.

**Note:** PDS<sup>™</sup> candidates get a time period of 365 days from the registration completion date to complete the requirements.

### 5. Certification Award

After passing the DASCA certification exam and meeting other conditions defined by the DASCA Professional Certifications Board (DPCB), the results are published within 10-12 business days of taking and successfully passing the exam.

Once the results are published, the Digital Badge will be made immediately available to you. You can expect to receive the credential kit, which includes a printed certificate, lapel pin, and the DASCA code of ethics booklet, within 3-4 weeks from the date of the award. You will also receive an email containing details of your digital badge, allowing you to showcase your achievement on social platforms. After receiving your award, you will be able to use the designation after your name.

### 6. Maintaining Your Certification

Maintaining your certification by renewing or upgrading is mandatory to ensure that it remains valid and up to date. It's best to renew your certification before the Standard Credential Renewal deadline, as this shows your continuing competence and dedication to the profession. DASCA will send you reminder emails about renewing your certification, and you can easily renew by clicking the links in these emails or by logging into your myDASCA account. You must ensure that your registered email address is current.

You can also check if you qualify for an upgrade, which requires meeting specific eligibility requirements. Upgrading your certification allows you to demonstrate advanced skills and knowledge in your field, providing you with greater professional recognition and career opportunities.



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