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Certifications and badges

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Certifications and the badges that are not certifications

The catalog's foundational exams are AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner and AWS Certified AI Practitioner. The associate exam that best covers the surrounding design is AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate. Developer - Associate fits Lambda and Streams. CloudOps Engineer - Associate fits quotas and operations. Security - Specialty fits IAM and KMS.

AWS Certified Advanced Networking - Specialty is the exam for complex networks, and its last day is 31 December 2026. Connect-specific recognition is a set of Skill Builder learning plans with Credly badges, passed at 80 percent: Communications Specialist, Fundamentals, AI Fundamentals, and Developer, plus an administrator track.

- Cloud Practitioner is the shared vocabulary of accounts, Regions, and billing.
- AI Practitioner is context for generative features. It does not configure a flow.
- The Communications Specialist badge covers telephony, IVR, flows, routing, and omnichannel.
- A badge is issued through Credly within about two weeks of the knowledge check. It is not a proctored certification.

Source: AWS Certification catalog

Sources and go deeper

- [AWS Certification - Validate AWS Cloud Skills - Get AWS Certified](#) AWS docs. last checked 2026-10

- [AWS History and Timeline regarding Amazon Connect - Overview, Functions, Features, Summary of Updates, and Introduction to Amazon Connect Customer |_hidekazu-ko](#) community. last checked 2026-10
- [Amazon Web Services - Wikipedia](#) Wikipedia. last checked 2026-10

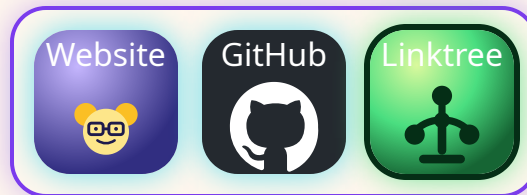
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