

ORACLE EDUCATION UNVEILS CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME

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Programme to be Proof of Excellence that can lead to Reduced Information Technology Costs and Increased Productivity

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Dedicated to establishing an industry standard of competence for IT professionals using Oracle technologies, Oracle Corp. today unveiled the Oracle Certified Professional (OCP) Programme. Developed and owned by Oracle Education, the OCP Programme will provide companies a standard worldwide measure for establishing technical competence using Oracle technologies.

"In our research on certification, we have found that companies can save more than £8,000 annually per certified employee due to increased efficiencies and less down time," said Ellen Julian, analyst for International Data Corporation. "Certification programmes can help companies identify competent technology professionals who can have a significant impact on a business' bottom line."

Oracle Certified Professional Programme (OCP) seeks to identify individuals demonstrating a depth of knowledge in a variety of Oracle technical professional roles. Individuals are required to pass a series of tests related to their technical professional role to achieve certification. The computer-based tests, which will be administered by Sylvan Prometric, are based on a combination of real-world problem solving and in-depth technical knowledge.

Initially, certification will be offered for Oracle Database Administrators. Additional tracks are scheduled to be added over time. To help individuals determine their readiness for certification, Oracle will make assessment tests available on-line at <http://education.oracle.com/certification>. In addition, Oracle will offer post-certification training to certified professionals to keep them current on advances in Oracle technologies.

"We are committed to making our customers more successful by establishing a standard for measuring competence on Oracle technologies," said Ray Lane, president and chief operating officer, Oracle Corporation. "With the increasing reliance on advanced technology systems to gain a competitive advantage, the pressure is on IT managers to hire and retain the best people. The Oracle Certified Professional Program will take a lot of the guess work out of hiring database administrators."

The OCP Program is designed to work in tandem with Oracle Education. Job role-based Instructor-Led Training (ILT) courses, web-based training over Oracle Learning Architecture, and CD-ROM based training are all available from Oracle Education and directly support the content of Oracle's certification tests.

Pricing and Availability

The Oracle Certified Professional Program is scheduled to be available worldwide on November 3 through Sylvan Prometric Regional Service Centres. Certification tests will cost £78.13 for each exam. The Oracle DBA Certified Professional track is comprised of four tests, for a total cost of £312.52. To contact Sylvan Prometric about the Oracle Certified Professional Programme, call your nearest Sylvan Regional Service Centre:

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