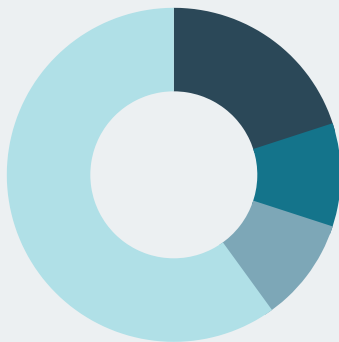# Preparing for Your Exam

Why Should I Prepare for My Certification Exam?

→ Preparing for certification gets you recognition from your peers

- Learn what you need to know at a greater depth
- Go outside of your comfort zone
- Discover new approaches, common mistakes, solutions

→ The average person uses only a small subset of a given technology.

- Gain advanced knowledge through preparation

→ Job requirements drive what you learn

- Learn for the job you WANT not the job you HAVE

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Planning Your Study and Preparation for Oracle Certification Exams

Review Exam Topics **20%**
Complete a Personal Gap Analysis **10%**
Review Recommended Training **10%**
Practice Where You Need Help **60%**

How to Get Started

We recommend you begin your certification preparation by going to the exam details page.

1. Review and become familiar with all the topics shown on the exam page.

2. Perform a gap analysis on what you are confident in and what you may need additional help with.

3. Review recommended training.

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Perform a Gap Analysis

You may focus your preparation based on your personal gap analysis of the following topics you will be tested on:

☐ Planning and Budgeting Cloud Overview

    ☐ Describe Planning and Budgeting Cloud system architecture and requirements

    ☐ Identify deployment use cases

    ☐ Describe Planning Cloud and related components

☐ Data Management

    ☐ Describe use cases for Data Management

    ☐ Perform administration tasks: predefine system setting profiles, set up source systems, register target applications, set up drill through

    ☐ Set up definitions for import format, locations, period mappings, category mappings

    ☐ Perform loading data tasks: create member mappings, define data load rules, run or schedule data load rules

☐ Business Processes / Frameworks

    ☐ Describe best practice Enterprise Planning framework

    ☐ Convert on-premises Planning / PBCS application to EPCS application

    ☐ Perform Planning and Forecasting Preparation configuration task for initial model enablement and updates

    ☐ Explain role of Data Load template and how to use templates for each business process

    ☐ Diagnose enabled business process features for impact on application elements (members, forms, calculations)

    ☐ Design extensions to business process model and identify impact on elements and adjustments post calculation - e.g., custom dimensions, varying trend / inflation by period, additional Plan Element members

    ☐ Design when / how to use the custom BSO and ASO plan types alongside the EPBCS plan types

    ☐ Deploy Data Maps and Smart Push for out of box integration between the business processes and reporting

☐ Workforce

    ☐ Enable and configure Workforce business process elements and perform post configuration tasks

    ☐ Set up metadata - accounts (Salary Grades, Taxes, Benefits, and Additional Earnings) and drivers, and employee components (Employee, Job, Skillset, Union Code etc.)

    ☐ Configure Compensation Planning - execute Benefits and Taxes Wizard and set workforce global assumptions

    ☐ Perform loading employee data and execute Process Loaded Data rule

    ☐ Manage and execute employee calculations and other default calculations (incl. Synchronize rules)

    ☐ Deploy Workforce Data Maps with included ASO Reporting Cube

☐ Projects

    ☐ Describe types of projects and impact on Financials

    ☐ Enable and configure Projects business process elements and perform post configuration tasks

    ☐ Set up metadata - accounts and drivers (project-related expenses, benefits, capitalization, revenue recognition, earned value measurement, resource utilization), global project assumptions

☐ Building out a Planning Application

    ☐ Set up Planning security

    ☐ Load and calculate data

    ☐ Create and enhance data forms

☐ Using Planning Web

    ☐ Describe how to analyze data using sandboxes

☐ Oracle EPM Cloud Foundation

    ☐ Set up and configure Cloud security

    ☐ Build EPM Cloud automation routines - Job Scheduler, EPMAutomate

    ☐ Build integrations across systems and services - Integrated EPM Business Processes, REST APIs

    ☐ Perform lifecycle management for different scenarios

Perform a Gap Analysis

- ☐ Setting up a Planning application

    - ☐ Create a Planning application
    - ☐ Design application framework (metadata and user-defined elements)
    - ☐ Design and implement importing and exporting metadata
    - ☐ Set up multicurrency application
    - ☐ Customize predefined artifacts and navigation flows

- ☐ Financials

    - ☐ Enable and configure Financials business process elements and perform post configuration tasks
    - ☐ Set up and customize chart of accounts within prebuilt Account dimension structure
    - ☐ Diagnose how Plan Element dimension interacts with the driver-based account calculations
    - ☐ Diagnose the calculation model and how Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow are integrated based on the different options available
    - ☐ Design integration between Projects, Workforce and Capital to Financials

- ☐ Capital

    - ☐ Enable and configure Capital business process elements and perform post configuration tasks
    - ☐ Set up metadata - accounts and drivers

- ☐ Strategic Modeling

    - ☐ Describe Strategic Modeling framework within PBCS/EPBCS
    - ☐ Create strategic models
    - ☐ Perform what-if analysis with scenarios

- ☐ Designing Business Rules

    - ☐ Explain planning methods: driver-based, trend-based planning, and direct input
    - ☐ Create a business rule using design components
    - ☐ Create and use templates
    - ☐ Administer Essbase Servers, applications, and databases for Planning applications

- ☐ Using Smart View

    - ☐ Describe Smart View and EPM Cloud extensions
    - ☐ Analyze data using ad hoc and Smart Forms
    - ☐ Administer Planning

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