

PROFESSIONAL SCRUM CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW



An overview of Professional Scrum certification assessments created by Ken Schwaber, Scrum.org and the Professional Scrum Trainer Community

Scrum.org, the Home of Scrum, was founded by Scrum co-creator Ken Schwaber as a mission-based organization to help people and teams solve complex problems. We do this by enabling people to apply Professional Scrum through training courses, certifications and ongoing learning all based on a common competency model.

Community members share knowledge and gain new insights from each other leveraging forums, blogs and more.

At Scrum.org, we help ensure that individuals understand how to deliver high value products with higher levels of agility using Scrum.

To help meet that goal, Scrum.org provides assessments that can be used as tools to examine, enhance, and certify your knowledge of Scrum.

Professional Scrum Certifications are yours for life with no renewal costs to retain them once you earn that certification.

Professional Scrum Master™ & Professional Scrum Product Owner™

There are three levels of Professional Scrum Master & Professional Scrum Product Owner Certifications (fundamental, advanced and distinguished) that validate and certify your knowledge of Scrum and ability to apply that knowledge.

Professional Scrum Master™



Level 1 - Fundamental

PSM I certification holders have proven that they understand Scrum as described in the Scrum Guide and how to apply Scrum in Scrum Teams. PSM I holders have a consistent terminology and approach to Scrum.



Level 2 - Advanced

PSM II certification holders have proven an understanding of the Scrum Master accountabilities, how the Scrum Team functions and the underlying principles of Scrum and can effectively apply Scrum in complex, real-world situations.



Level 3 - Distinguished

PSM III certification holders have proven knowledge of how to coach, facilitate, mentor and teach Scrum Team members while influencing the overall organization and a deep understanding of the application and practices of Scrum and the Scrum Values.

Professional Scrum Product Owner™



Level 1 - Fundamental

PSPO I certification holders demonstrate a fundamental understanding of the Scrum framework, and how to apply it to maximize the value delivered with a product including the minimum knowledge of the Product Owner accountabilities.



Level 2 - Advanced

PSPO II holders demonstrate Product Ownership knowledge and understanding of how the Scrum framework supports the creation of value including the topics: product vision, product backlog management, release and portfolio planning, business strategy, and working with stakeholders.



Level 3 - Distinguished

PSPO III holders demonstrate a distinguished level of understanding for how to own a vision, manage a Product Backlog, and engage with stakeholders & customers to deliver valuable products using Scrum while being effective in a variety of complex team and organizational situations.



Professional Agile Leadership Essentials™

PAL I certification holders demonstrate a fundamental understanding of how leaders of agile teams best support, guide and coach teams to create conditions for greater agility. They recognize the role that leaders play in creating a successful agile environment.



Professional Agile Leadership™ - Evidence Based Management™

PAL-EBM certification holders demonstrate a fundamental understanding of the EBM framework and how to guide teams toward continuously improving customer outcomes, organizational capabilities and business results.



Professional Scrum Facilitation Skills™

PSFS certification is evidence that you have demonstrated an understanding on how to harness facilitation principles, skills and techniques, and how effective facilitation can help teams move forward toward their desired outcomes of the Nexus framework.



Professional Scrum Product Backlog Management Skills™

PSPBMS certification holders demonstrate an understanding of skills and techniques used to effectively manage a Product Backlog which is both transparent and focused on value.



Professional Scrum™ with User Experience

PSU certification holders demonstrate a fundamental understanding of how to create cross-functional teams that connect more closely with end users and customers, ultimately delivering more value and improving outcomes through better team alignment and integration.



Professional Scrum Developer™

PSD I certification holders demonstrate a fundamental understanding of how to deliver quality software using the Scrum framework while working in Scrum Teams including the application of modern Agile and DevOps practices.



Scaled Professional Scrum™

SPS certification holders demonstrate a fundamental understanding of skills that can be applied to overcome challenges when scaling Scrum beyond a single Scrum Team, and the use and details of the Nexus framework.



Professional Scrum™ with Kanban

PSK I certification holders demonstrate a fundamental understanding of how to improve the way of working by applying Kanban practices in the context of Professional Scrum including the importance of flow.

Separating Training and Certification

Attending a Scrum.org Professional Scrum Training Class is not mandatory to take one of our assessments, although it is highly recommended. We believe that certification is more than just a way to show you attended a class and that is why Scrum.org Professional certifications are available to anyone as they demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the subject in detail. Each Professional Scrum training class includes a free attempt at the corresponding assessment.