

# Cognos Certification Program

## **Recognizing knowledge. Empowering businesses.**

A reliable standard for measuring the knowledge and skills of professionals working with Cognos technology, assessing their readiness to successfully implement, operate, and maintain Cognos solutions.

Cognos, an IBM company, provides world-class, training and certification solutions that reflect our latest technologies, products, and best practices.

The Cognos Certification Program establishes an industry standard benchmark and validation of technical competence for professionals working with Cognos technology. The program provides a way for professionals to demonstrate their competence in a competitive marketplace, empowering businesses to leverage their performance management solutions from Cognos with confidence.

Cognos Certification is the only authorized accreditation in the industry for benchmarking and validating Cognos expertise.

## **Benefits of Certification for Individuals**

- Demonstrated professional credibility as a certified Cognos practitioner
- Professional advantage derived from validating business and technical skills
- Enhanced career advancement and opportunities

## **Benefits of Certification for Cognos Partners**

- Demonstration of the qualifications and proficiency of your company's employees in implementing Cognos solutions
- Differentiation for your company in a competitive marketplace
- Increased confidence in your consultants' abilities
- Increased client satisfaction

## **Benefits of Certification for Customers**

- Confidence in the services of consultants assisting with your implementation
- Confidence that your staff is qualified and proficient in

the skills needed to administer and manage your Cognos solutions

- Assurance of a high standard of user expertise within your company's Business Intelligence Competency Center (BICC)
- Assurance you are hiring the right resources on the team to maximize your investments in Cognos in the shortest amount of time
- Increased self-sufficiency with Cognos technology
- Increased employee productivity and satisfaction
- Reduced overall support costs

## **The Cognos Certification Levels**

Cognos Certification is available for all technical professionals whether they are developers, data modelers, report authors, administrators, Competency Center Specialists, or support personnel. This is a tiered certification program, with the first tier focusing on foundational product knowledge requirements based on key roles in working with Cognos software.

### *Role-based Certification*

Covers the fundamental knowledge requirements for working with Cognos products, including:

- Authoring reports
- Designing and building models
- Developing applications
- Administering and supporting implementations

### *Professional Certification*

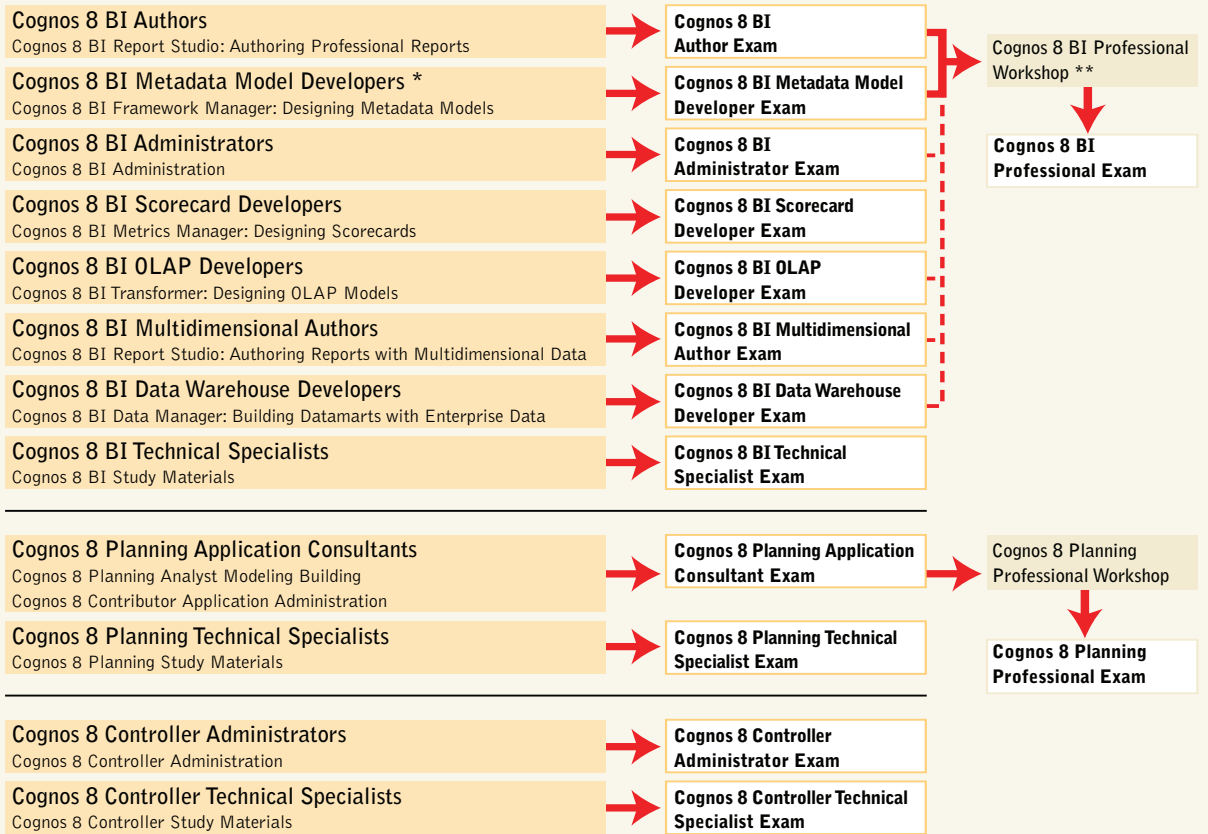
A higher-level of solution-focused certification that validates the knowledge and skills required to integrate Cognos products while delivering effective, value-driven business solutions.

## **Preparing for Certification**

To become Cognos Certified, candidates must pass certification exams, which are administered by Prometric. With more than 2,000 test centres, Prometric ensures convenient worldwide access to the certification exams.

## Cognos 8 Certification

Based on your role, use this graph to help identify the courses that will help you prepare for the certification exams.



\* Cognos 8 BI Metadata Model Developer was previously known as Cognos 8 BI Modeler

\*\* Three BI certifications are required for the Cognos 8 BI Professional Workshop. Both Cognos 8 BI Author and Metadata Model Developer are mandatory however you may select from any of the other certifications indicated by the dotted arrow for your third certification.

We recommend Cognos classroom training, hands-on field experience, and review of study guides to prepare for your certification exams.

The study guides provide detailed outlines of exam topics, preparation recommendations, and sample questions. For further details and to book a time to take an exam, visit the Cognos Prometric Web site at <http://prometric.com/cognos>

### About Cognos, an IBM company

Cognos, an IBM company, is the world leader in business intelligence and performance management solutions. It provides world-class enterprise planning and BI software and services to help companies plan, understand and manage financial and operational performance. Cognos was acquired by IBM in February 2008. For more information, visit [www.cognos.com](http://www.cognos.com).

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