



# Announcing E20-260 VPLEX Specialist Exam for Implementation Engineers Retirement

The Specialist - Implementation Engineer, VPLEX certification (E20-260) will be retired on February 2, 2024 and transition from a Certification Exam to an Achievement Assessment. The new Achievement credential is **Dell VPLEX Deploy** (D-VPX-DY-A-24).

This Achievement credential is focused on knowledge of key concepts, strategies and solutions.

## **How will this impact you?**

If you have already taken the aligned training or previously attempted the exam for the **Specialist - Implementation Engineer, VPLEX** certification, plan to take the E20-260 exam by **January 31, 2024**.

- [View the E20-260 exam description and practice test »](#) Once achieved, your credential, Specialist - Implementation Engineer, VPLEX, will not expire.

If you're just beginning your credential journey after February 3, 2024, please choose this Assessment that aligns closest with the knowledge you're looking to develop.

- **Dell VPLEX Deploy** (D-VPX-DY-A-24)

## Specialist - Implementation Engineer, VPLEX Version 2.0

### Certification Description



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#### Certification Overview

The Implementation Engineer, VPLEX Specialist certification formally validates your knowledge, skills and expertise in the deployment of VPLEX systems, including installation, configuration, troubleshooting and management. It also validates your understanding of VPLEX architecture, site planning and configuration requirements.

#### Certification Requirements

To complete the requirements for this certification you must:

1. Achieve one of the following Associate level certifications\*
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 1.0
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 2.0
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 3.0
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 4.0
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 5.0
2. Pass the following Specialist exam on or after April 20, 2021:
  - [E20-260 VPLEX Specialist Exam for Implementation Engineers](#)

Note: These details reflect certification requirements as of **April 20, 2021**.

\*The Proven Professional Program periodically updates certification requirements. Please check the [Proven Professional CertTracker](#) website regularly for the latest information and for other options to meet the Associate level requirement.



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## Exam Description



### Duration

90 Minutes  
(~60 Questions)

**Pass Score: 63**

### Practice Test

Exam - [E20-260](#)

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### Overview

This exam is a qualifying exam for the **Specialist - Implementation Engineer, VPLEX (DCS-IE)** track.

This exam focuses on the deployment of VPLEX systems, including installation, configuration, troubleshooting, and management. In addition, the exam covers VPLEX architecture, theory of operations, site planning, and configuration requirements.

Dell Technologies provides free practice tests to assess your knowledge in preparation for the exam. Practice tests allow you to become familiar with the topics and question types you will find on the proctored exam. Your results on a practice test offer one indication of how prepared you are for the proctored exam and can highlight topics on which you need to study and train further. A passing score on the practice test does not guarantee a passing score on the certification exam.

### Products

Products likely to be referred to on this exam include but are not limited to:

- VPLEX 6.0 Local and Metro
- VNX Arrays
- VMAX Arrays
- SAN Technologies

### Exam Topics

Topics likely to be covered on this exam include:

#### VPLEX Concepts (13%)

- VPLEX terminology and configurations
- VPLEX product hardware and software architecture
- VPLEX application of VS2 and VS6 technology and upgrading from VS2 to VS6
- VPLEX I/O Operations

#### VPLEX Installation and Setup (23%)

- Site Installation Preparation
- Port Identification and Installation Utilities
- Provision storage to VPLEX back-end ports
- Installing VPLEX using EMC procedures
- Installing VPLEX Witness

#### VPLEX Storage Provisioning (20%)

- Virtual Volume Provisioning
- Integrating VPLEX into an existing environment and encapsulating storage
- Creating VPLEX Distributed Devices
- Device and extent management on VPLEX devices

## Volume Management and Protection (20%)

- Expanding VPLEX devices
- Performing data migration using VPLEX
- Protecting VPLEX with RecoverPoint

## VPLEX Monitoring (10%)

- VPLEX events and system reports to an ESRS Gateway
- SNMP data collection
- Setup performance monitors in VPLEX
- Analyze monitoring data in VPLEX

## VPLEX Upgrades and Troubleshooting (13%)

- VPLEX Data collection processes
- Basic troubleshooting on various VPLEX elements
- Basic VPLEX maintenance
- Expanding a VPLEX topology

The percentages after each topic above reflects the approximate distribution of the total question set across the exam.

## Recommended Training

The following curriculum is recommended for candidates preparing to take this exam.

### Please complete all of the following courses

Course Title	Course Number	Mode	Available
VPLEX Concepts and Features	MR-1WP-VPLEXFD	On-Demand	2/19/21
VPLEX Implementation	ESDPSD02668	On-Demand	4/20/21

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