

# **AGILE ANALYSIS CERTIFICATION**

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## 1.0 Introduction

This document provides the necessary information for candidates pursuing the Agile Analysis Certification (IIBA-AAC). Direct links are provided to the IIBA® website where applicable.

IIBA-AAC recognizes and indicates to employers your ability to apply an agile mindset to the fundamental knowledge, competencies, and techniques of business analysis. While there is no work experience requirement, this certification is recommended for business analysis professionals with two to three years' experience implementing analysis-related work in an agile context.





Competencies expected and recognized through this specialization are aligned with <u>Agile Extension</u> to the <u>Business Analysis Body of Knowledge (BABOK® Guide)</u>, version 2.

IIBA is committed to providing full access to its credentialing products and services and complying with applicable laws and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Information about **testing accommodations** is available on the <u>Exam Information</u> page, under Candidate Frequently Asked Questions. To request accommodations, please contact <u>certification@iiba.org</u>.

IIBA's credentialing policies and practices are guided by the International Standards Organization, ISO/IEC 17024, and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.



# 2.0 Six Steps to Certification















### 1. Purchase the Exam

Login with your IIBA credentials or create a new account.

From your profile page, open the Certification menu.

Select My Certifications, AAC and

**Get Started** 

Purchase your exam and go to the next step.

From the day IIBA receives payment for your exam, you will have <u>12</u> months to schedule and take your exam. It is only within that time that you can request a refund.

There will be no refunds after 12 months and you will forfeit the exam fee payment. There is a fee associated with each exam attempt. The exam rewrite fees are not included with the initial exam fee.



# 2. Agree to the Attestations

Login with your IIBA credentials.

From your profile page, open the Certification menu.

Select My Certifications, AAC and

**Submit my Attestations** 

You will be asked to read and abide by:

- ☐ Code of Ethical Conduct and Professional Standards
- ☐ IIBA Certification and Recertification Terms and Conditions
- ☐ AAC Certification Handbook
- ☐ IIBA Guide to Online Proctored Exams





# 3. Study and Prepare for the Exam

#### **Exam Structure**

Duration: 120 minutes

Questions: 85 multiple-choice, scenario-based questions

Format: Online remote proctored

Type: Competency-based

Read more about the Exam Format and Navigation.

## **Knowledge Areas**

The exam tests your ability to answer questions focused on real-world scenarios. It covers the 4 Knowledge Areas or Domains discussed in the Agile Extension to the BABOK Guide. They are further categorized into competencies and proficiency levels. Study the <u>Agile Extension</u> and the Competency & Proficiency Levels.

**IIBA-AAC Exam Blueprint** 

Knowledge Areas (KAs)	% of Questions
	per KA
1. Agile Mindset	30%
2. Strategy Horizon	10%
3. Initiative Horizon	25%
4. Delivery Horizon	35%

## **Study and Learning Options**

	IIBA Endorsed Education and Training: <u>Endorsed Education</u> <u>Providers and Academic Members</u> offer a variety of learning options. You can search this database for AAC and filter for location, virtual, in class, etc. Also, see the current list of EEP <a href="Exam Prep Course">Exam Prep Course</a> offerings.
	Self-Directed Learning: The Agile Extension to the BABOK Guide v2 is a study resource. <u>IIBA's Knowledge Hub</u> provides online, searchable access to supporting materials. <u>IIBA Members</u> have free access to these materials. Also, see the <u>Agile Analysis</u> <u>Certification Self-Assessment</u> .
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☐ IIBA Chapter Study Groups: <u>IIBA Members</u> can participate by searching for "Study Group" within <u>Chapter Events</u>.





## Candidate Responsibility

If you do not meet the requirements on your exam day, you will not be able to take the exam and will forfeit your exam fee.

#### 4. Review Exam Information

The AAC exam is offered as an online remote proctored exam managed by IIBA's exam delivery partner PSI®. DO NOT use company office or company laptop/computer to sit for your exam as work environments and company computers often have firewalls and restrictions.

#### You Must Have the Following:

#### 1. Government-issued Photo Identification (ID)

The ID must be the original document, current, signed and in western characters. Your **first name** and **last name** must match exactly in three places: your identification, IIBA and PSI. There can be no differences. If your name does not match your identification, you must notify IIBA. **Only IIBA can make the required update for you** and can be contacted at <a href="mailto:certification@iiba.org">certification@iiba.org</a>. All updates must be done at least **1 week before** your scheduled exam, or you will not be able to take the exam.

#### The following identification is ACCEPTED:

- Government-issued Driver's License
- U.S. Department of State Driver's License
- National/State/Country Identification Card
- Government-issued Passport
- Passport Card

#### **Photo ID Capture for Check-In**

Taking a picture of the Photo ID is part of the check-in process for online remote proctored exams. Test takers can take this picture using their webcam OR mobile device. Mobile device is the default option. Refer to the <u>IIBA Guide to Online Proctored Exams</u> for more information.

## 2. Internet and Technology Requirements

A reliable internet connection and a compatible personal computer, laptop, microphone, camera, and operating system are required. Do the <a href="System Compatibility Check">System Compatibility Check</a> and read the <a href="IIBA Guide to Online Proctored Exams">IIBA Guide to Online Proctored Exams</a> for specifications.

#### 3. Room and Workspace Requirements

A quiet room and clear workspace are required. Read the <u>IIBA Guide to</u> <u>Online Proctored Exams</u> for full details and rules on what is allowed and not allowed during the exam.

#### **Review These Resources Before Your Exam:**

- ☐ PSI Online Proctoring Experience video outlining exam day
- ☐ <u>Certification FAQs</u> for refunds, reschedules, and requests for exam accommodation





#### 5. Schedule Your Exam

The "Schedule and Pass Exam" goal allows you to Schedule, Reschedule, Cancel, and Launch your exam. PSI requires <u>48 hours</u> to schedule, reschedule or cancel.

- 1. Login with your IIBA credentials.
- 2. From your profile page, open the Certification menu.
- 3. Select My Certifications, AAC and Schedule and Pass Exam
- 4. You will be redirected to the PSI Scheduling Page.
- 5. Select "View Available Tests".
- 6. Complete the scheduling process as per the onscreen prompts.

  <u>IIBA Guide to Online Proctored Exams</u> contains helpful screenshots.
- 7. Complete the **PSI Tutorial Test** at least 1 time (and up to 3 times) prior to your scheduled exam.

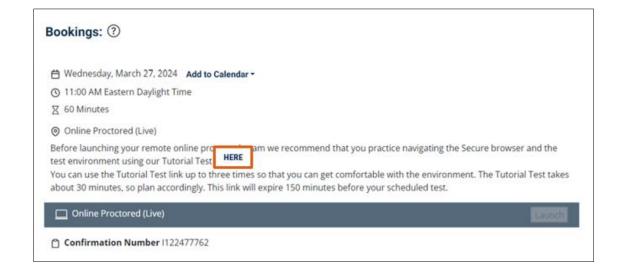
#### Benefits of the Tutorial:

- Ensure you meet security requirements for exam launch
- Practice the room scan
- Experience the exam format

Read more about the PSI Tutorial Test <u>here</u>.

#### How to Access:

Use the individual link provided by PSI in your booking confirmation







#### 6. Get Certified

The "Schedule and Pass Exam" goal is where you will launch your exam on your scheduled exam date and time. You can log in to your exam a half hour (30 minutes) before the exam start time.

- 1. Login with your IIBA credentials.
- 2. From your profile page, open the Certification menu.
- 3. Select My Certifications, AAC and Schedule and Pass Exam
- 4. You will be redirected to the PSI Scheduling Page.
- 5. Select "Launch Exam".
- 6. Follow the check-in procedure and connect with your proctor.
- 7. Complete the exam.

When your exam is completed, you will receive a pass or fail result on your screen. A confirmation of your result will be emailed to you from IIBA within 48 hours.



# 3.0 Your Badge and Certificate

Once you have successfully passed the exam, your name will appear within the <u>Digital Badge Program & Certified Professional Directory</u> unless you have opted out. You can access your certificate and badge directly from this page to download a copy or share on LinkedIn.

IIBA reserves the right to revoke the certification at its discretion and to conduct random audits.

# 4.0 Maintaining Your Certification

Individuals who have attained the IIBA-AAC designation must demonstrate an ongoing professional commitment to maintain their certification by satisfying the Recertification Program requirements. Review the <u>AAC Recertification Handbook</u> for requirements on how to record your 20 Continuing Development Units (CDUs) online in the BA Development Log every year.



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