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- 1. Certified BAs on an average earn 16% higher
- 2. Better career progression
- 3. Enhanced BA capabilities
- 4. Better job satisfaction



## **Comparison of IIBA® certifications**

Aspect	ECBA <sup>TM</sup>	CCBA®	CBAP®	AACTM		
Education	No requirements ©					
BA Work Experiences	None	3750 Hours in last 7 years 2 KAs above 900 hours / 4 KAs above 500 hours	7500 Hours in last 10 years 4 KAs above 900 hours	None		
PD Hours	21 hours in past 4 years	21 hours in past 4 years	35 hours in past 4 years	21 Hours recommended		
References	None	2 references from car an existing CBAP®. O	None			

## **Comparison of IIBA® certifications**

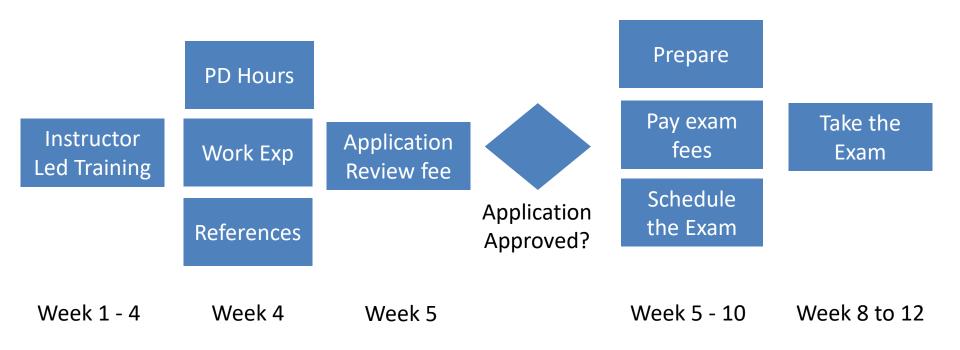
	ECBA <sup>TM</sup>	CCBA®	CBAP®	AACTM
Guide Book		Agile Extension Guide		
Fees	\$225 to \$295	\$505 to \$575	\$505 to \$575	\$305 to \$375
Exam Type (MCQ)	1 Hour	3 Hours	3.5 Hours	2 Hours
	50 Questions	130 Questions	120 Questions	85 Questions
Prep. Effort	60 to 80 Hours	80 to 120 Hours	100 to 150 Hours	60 to 80 Hours



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#### **Certification process**

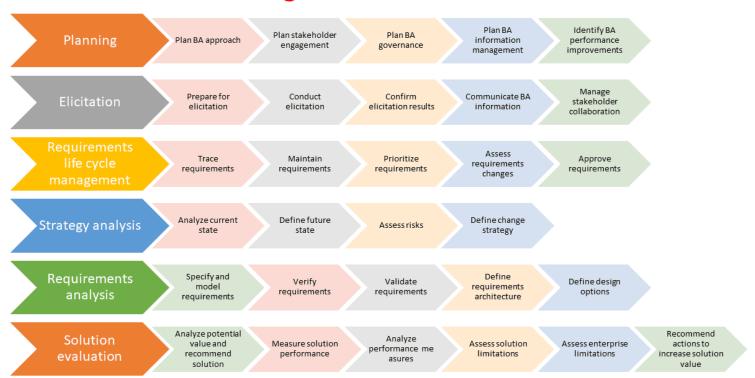


## Exam Prep Tips!

## **Know BABoK KAs - Objectives**

#### BABoK® V3 6 Knowledge Areas and 30 Tasks





## **Know your Tasks**

- Know purpose of each task
- Memorize tasks within each knowledge area
- Understand typical BA flow
  - Keep Adaptive mindmaps in mind
- Understand inputs and outputs



## **Understand techniques**

- Know the key strength of each technique
- For CBAP, know modeling
  - Activity
  - Data
  - State
  - Use case



## Take enough practice tests

- Take chapter end practice tests
- Take at least 4
   simulation tests
   provided
- Analyze answers provided



#### When to take the exam

- Take the exam after a short break
- Don't try to cram the guidebook just before the exam
- Get a good night's rest



## Test Taking Tips!

### **Test Taking Tips**

- First few questions are to unnerve you
- Getting stuck to a question Mark an option, Mark for review and Move
- In first go, answer all that you know and skip what you don't know
- Comeback and review



### Test taking tips

- Choose Most Appropriate
   option, not just correct option
- ✓ Tests your knowledge of the Guidebook
- ✓ Answers need to be as per the Guidebooks not as per your organizational practice



## Generic tips for test taking

- ✓ Questions can be long and can have diagrams.
- ✓ Most options are plausible, but only 1 is correct.
- ✓ Avoid answers which are too prescriptive



### **During examination**

- Flag questions for which you don't know the answer.
- Eliminate choices which are not right.
- Typically there will be 2 choices which are close.



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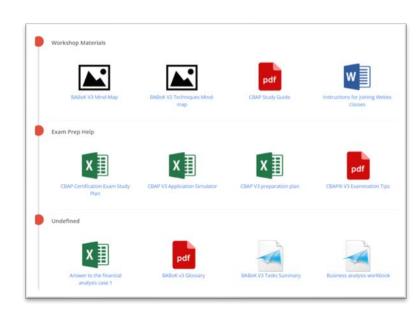




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