

FAQ for vSphere 8 Courses and Licensing

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Following the release of VMware® vSphere® 8, IT Academy has vSphere 8 courses available. Here are answers to frequently asked questions.

Getting Started with vSphere 8

Q. When should I begin migrating to vSphere 8?

A. We recommend that you begin the migration as soon as possible. With the release of vSphere 8, vSphere 7 began its end-of-life track. vSphere 7 will be removed from the academic license portal as soon as the next major vSphere release is out. We anticipate this will be one year or more from the initial release.

[Learn more about vSphere 8.](#)

Q. Where is vSphere 8 software available for download?

A. vSphere 8 software is available for download through the [VMware evaluate portal](#), including a 30-day evaluation license key.

Q. Will vSphere 7 still be available for download?

A. The vSphere 7 software bundles will still be available for download for a limited time through a dedicated process for IT Academies:

- On December 1, 2022, the vSphere 7 academic evaluation license keys started their end-of-life track and will be removed upon the next major release of vSphere. We anticipate this will be one year or more from the initial release.
- As of December 1, 2022, the vSphere 6.7 academic evaluation license keys completed their end-of-life track and are no longer available.

Other key dates you should be aware of relevant to vSphere 7 are:

- Course content: All vSphere 7 courses will be removed from our portals (Kivuto, D2L, Gilmore) on **January 1, 2024**.
- Exam: The VCP-DCV exam based on vSphere 7 will expire on **January 31, 2024**.
- NDG Labs:
 - End of ICM v7.0 purchase of access codes, bulk orders, and enrollment on **November 31, 2023**
 - End of purchase of direct access and claiming of access codes on **December 31, 2023**
 - End-of-life lab process start on **January 31, 2024**
 - Final shut down of the vSphere 7 labs on **July 1, 2024**

For other information and resources, please visit [this post](#) on our community page.

Academic Evaluation Licenses

Q. Where are vSphere 8 academic evaluation license keys available?

A. vSphere 8 academic evaluation license keys are available both on Kivuto and Brightspace portals. You can also access more information [here](#).

Q. Will you still offer the older vSphere academic evaluation license keys?

A. Beginning December 2022, the vSphere 7 academic evaluation license keys began their end-of-life track and will be removed upon the next major release of vSphere. We anticipate this will be one year or more from the initial release.

On December 1, 2022, the vSphere 6.7 academic evaluation license keys completed their end-of-life track and are no longer available directly from the site. To request a license, please send a request to itacademy@vmware.com.

Course Content and Certification Updates

Q. Where are the vSphere 8 courses available?

A. The VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage v8.x and VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure v8 are available in our academic portals (both Kivuto and Brightspace).

Q. What resources are available to help me teach the vSphere 8 courses?

A. You can start preparation for teaching the VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage v8.x by downloading our [Teaching vSphere: ICM v8 FAQ](#), which has answers to your questions, along with additional resources like [this video](#).

We encourage everyone to follow our [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube channel](#) to ensure they get notified when the latest videos, webinars, Q&A sessions and other resources related to vSphere 8 are released.

Q. When and where will vSphere 8 course labs be available?

A. Our academic lab partner NDG has begun offering vSphere 8 course labs through the latest version of NETLAB+ and through their cloud lab offering.

[Request an NDG demo](#).

Q. Are vSphere 8 certification exams available now?

A. Yes, the PSE exam for the VCP-DCV certification based on vSphere 8 was released January 2023. The previous PSE exam for the VCP-DCV certification based on vSphere 7 will expire January 31, 2024.

Q: Are exam vouchers available for vSphere 8-related certifications?

A: Yes, discount vouchers are available. These vouchers provide 70% off exam fees for VCTA and VCP certifications, and we have found that access to these discounts increases the likelihood that individuals will take the next step to get certified. Only instructors can request vouchers. [Request vouchers](#).

Instructor Training

Q. Where is training on vSphere 8 available for instructors?

A. For instructors, the “What’s new: vSphere 7 to 8” course is available in the Train-the-Trainer group on VMware Customer Connect Learning.

- Please remember that updated courses for vSphere 8 have been added, and vSphere 7 courses have started their end-of-life track. It is essential to begin familiarizing yourself with vSphere 8 as soon as possible to ensure a timely migration to the latest version.

Compatibility

Q. Where can I find information about vSphere 8 requirements?

A. You can always find the most current information about technical requirements for VMware products, including vSphere 8, by consulting the [VMware Compatibility Guide](#).

Learn More

Q. When and where can I ask questions about vSphere 8 courses and licensing directly?

A. We invite you to attend one of the bi-weekly Interactive Discovery Sessions. [Sign up for a session](#).