SAFe® for Architects with ARCH Certification

Architecting for Continuous Value Flow with SAFe

In SAFe®, architects play a key role in the trio of leaders, including product managers and the Release Train Engineer. These people work together to deliver and guide Agile Release Trains (ARTs) to enable continuous value flow.

In the SAFe® for Architects course, you'll get the context to align architecture with business value. You'll understand how system, solution, and enterprise architects collaboratively deliver architectural solutions. And you'll get the guidance and tools you need to work effectively in remote environments with distributed teams.

Learning Objectives

- Develop and communicate the architectural vision
- Develop solution vision, intent, and roadmaps
- Prepare and deliver software effectively and continuously
- Lead and coach architects and team members during Program Increment (PI) Planning and execution

Who will benefit?

The following individuals will benefit from this course:

- System, Solution, and Enterprise architects
- Architects in supporting technical disciplines
- Experienced software developers
- Technical managers making architectural decisions
- Product leaders collaborating with architects

SAFe® for Architects answers the questions

- How do I plan for and execute a PI?
- How do I plan the architectural runway to consistently deliver business value?
- How do I create clarity and visibility into the architectural vision for an ART?

Topics Covered

- Exemplifying Lean-Agile architecture
- Architecting for DevOps and Release on Demand
- Aligning architecture with business value
- Developing Solution Vision, Solution Intent, and Roadmaps
- Preparing architecture for Program Increment (PI) Planning
- Coordinating architecture throughout PI Planning
- Supporting Continuous Delivery during PI execution

- Supporting new Strategic Themes and Value Streams
- Leading as an architect during a Lean-Agile transformation

Attendees Receive

- Course workbook and SAFe Studio access to help prepare you to take the certification exam, claim their digital badge, and tools to get started in your SAFe role
- Remote learning via SAFe® Virtual Classrooms
- One-year membership to SAFe Studio with your first class attendance
    - Platform access to e-learning modules and curated members-only content to support your SAFe transformation
    - Member discussion forms to engage in ongoing conversations on the SAFe framework or how to better perform as part of an Agile Team
    - Curated content-playlists based on your interests and roles, including templated resources and facilitation guides to get you started
- Access to content, tools, and resources you need to practice SAFe every day
- SAFe® for Architects certification exam

Pre-requisites

Those who attend this course should be familiar with Agile principles and practices and must have attended at least one SAFe course prior to attending this one.

SAFe Certification Kit

Attendees who pass the certification exam will receive:

- SAFe® 6 Architect PDF certificate
- A SAFe® 6 Architect digital badge to promote your accomplishment online
- A one-year membership to the SAFe Community Platform, which includes access to the ARCH Community of Practice
- Access to Meetup groups and events that connect you with other certified SAFe professionals
- A variety of learning resources to support certified professionals during their SAFe journey

Exam Details

- Exam name: SAFe® 6 Architect Exam
- Exam format: Multiple choice; Multiple select
- Exam delivery: Web-based (single-browser), closed book, no outside assistance, timed
- Exam access: Candidates can access the exam within the SAFe Community Platform upon completion of the SAFe for Architects course

- Exam duration: Once the exam begins, candidates have 120 minutes (2.0 hours) to complete the exam
- Number of questions – 60
- Passing score – 45 out of 60 (75%)
- Language – English
- Exam cost – First exam attempt is included as part of the course registration fee if the exam is taken within 30 days of course completion. Each retake attempt costs $50.
- Retake policy – Second attempt on exam (first retake) can be done immediately after first attempt. Third attempt requires a 10-day wait. Fourth attempt requires a 30-day wait. Contact support@scaledagile.com for any retake questions.

Annual Renewal

Certifications expire one year from the date the certification is earned.

Renewal information can be found here: https://support.scaledagile.com/

Professional Development Units (PDUs) & Scrum Education Units (SEUs)

Attendees may be eligible to apply for PDUs and/or SEUs. Please refer to the following, for more details:

https://support.scaledagile.com/s/article/How-Can-I-Report-my-PDU-s-on-the-PMI-website?language=en_US#Implementing