



CENTER FOR PRO TOOLS

User FAQ

Q: What is the Pro Tools Certified User exam?

A: The Pro Tools Certified User exam is designed to assess a candidate's core skills for working with Avid Pro Tools, including fundamental concepts and workflow. The Pro Tools User Certification requires that you display a firm grasp of the core skills, workflows, and concepts of recording, editing, and mixing on an Avid Pro Tools system. The exam covers content from the Introduction to Pro Tools 2-day course and the Pro Tools Production I 3-day course (or equivalent real-world product experience).

Q: Why should I obtain this certification?

A: As a professional, an Avid Certified credential allows you to:

- Differentiate yourself from competitors
- Make your résumé stand out
- Attract and win new business
- Gain recognition from your employer and peers
- Leverage the power of the Avid brand by using your entitlement of Avid Pro Tools Certified User logos on your digital correspondence and business cards

As an employer, use the Avid Certified credential as a benchmark so you can:

- Find the right person for the job
- Quickly assess candidate skill level
- Invest in and promote your most promising employees

Q: What topics are covered on the Pro Tools Certified User exam?

A: The content areas covered and their relative proportions on the exam are as follows:

Content Area	Percentage of Exam
Session Management	10%
Recording	15%
Editing	20%
Mixing	20%
Finishing	10%
Video	5%
Elastic Audio	10%
Virtual Instruments	10%

Q: What happens if I take the exam and do not pass?

A: Exam results are shown immediately when an exam is completed and submitted for evaluation. Unless a candidate is banned from retaking the exams for reasons of fraud or rule violations, the student may retake it after at least 24 hours have passed. Once a candidate has passed an exam, it may not be taken again.

Q: What should I bring with me to take the exam?

A: You must bring personal identification with you to the exam testing center. Reference materials, laptops, backpacks, notepads, pens, or other personal equipment are not allowed in the testing area.

Q: Can I refer to study materials during the exam?

A: No. Candidates are not allowed to reference any documentation or study materials during the exam.

Q: What is the format of the exam?

A: The Pro Tools Certified User exam is composed of 50 questions and is directly tied to the Introduction to Pro Tools and Pro Tools Production I course content. The time allotted to complete the exam is 60 minutes. Test items are presented in the following formats:

- Multiple Choice: Select the single option that best answers the question
- Illustration Review: Refer to the illustration (e.g. Pro Tools user interface, etc.) prior to answering the multiple choice question

Q: What will I receive if I successfully pass the exam?

A: Along with becoming a part of an elite group of Pro Tools users, you will receive:

- Official certificate emailed to you, proving your Pro Tools User status
- Logos electronically delivered to you, for use in your business marketing materials such as business cards and websites
- (Optional with your express consent) Listing of your credentials on Avid's Find a Certified Professional online listing