

## **Certified LabVIEW Architect Requirements and Conditions**

This document contains the provisions and requirements for the Certified LabVIEW Architect credential.

### **A. Requirements for Attaining Certification**

**Discussion:** The goal of the Certified LabVIEW Architect (CLA) program is to ensure that candidates are equipped to provide comprehensive solutions for business and industry. To obtain certification, the candidate must successfully complete the CLA examination. The examination is a comprehensive evaluation of the candidate's mastery of LabVIEW and the ability to plan and architect LabVIEW solutions suitable for development in a team based environment.

**Steps:** To satisfy the requirements for the title of Certified LabVIEW Architect, the candidate must perform the following:

- Complete the Agreement to the Terms and Conditions.
- Register for the exam by calling National Instruments at (888) 484-4436 or register online at [ni.com/training](http://ni.com/training). The certification exam fee is \$299 or local currency equivalent.
- Pass the certification examination with a minimum score of 70%

### **B. Requirements for Maintaining CLA Status**

**Currency:** Continued certification requires that the CLA holder maintain a level of proficiency commensurate with the expectations of National Instruments. All Certified LabVIEW Architects must maintain proficiency in the most recent version of LabVIEW. Each certification is current for a period of two years. Maintaining certification requires successful completion of recertification examination at the two-year expiration interval. Each CLA holder will be contacted using the contact information provided on their most recent agreement, and provided with a reasonable time frame to complete the recertification requirements. Failure to complete recertification in the time frame provided will result in revocation of that individual's certification status.

**Revocation:** National Instruments reserves the right to revoke at any time the Certified LabVIEW Architect credentials of an individual for any reason deemed valid by National Instruments.

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## C. Examination Specifics

Discussion: The certification is based on a job and task analysis on the duties of a person in a certified position. Examination items are based on objectives from the job and task analysis.

Course work is not necessary for a candidate to apply for the certification examination. National Instruments approved course materials are focused on topics included in the examination, and may be beneficial, but are not required.

A listing of the exam topics may be obtained from the National Instruments web site at [www.ni.com](http://www.ni.com). The topics list may be modified at any time as industry requirements change, so a candidate is encouraged to ensure they have the latest revision. The revision date is listed on the bottom right corner of all certification documents.

### Examination Rules

The following points apply to the Certified LabVIEW Architect exam:

- It contains both written and practical requirements.
- It is proctored by a certification administrator.
- No external written materials, cellular telephones, or objects that may assist the person taking the test are allowed in the exam area.
- No other person besides the test taker and the proctor are allowed in the testing area.
- The proctor is not allowed to make comments or suggestions concerning any part of the test.

## E. Requirements for Becoming Certified

- (a) Requirements: To attain CLA status, you must satisfy all applicable certification requirements stated in this document.
- (b) Maintaining Certification: To maintain your CLA Certification, you must comply with all initial and continuing certification requirements. You agree that National Instruments may change the CLA Certification requirements (both initial and continuing) for any National Instruments certification at any time.
- (c) Certification Records: National Instruments maintains a record of all certifications attained by individuals in the certification program. A copy of your records may be obtained by contacting the Customer Education department at [certification@ni.com](mailto:certification@ni.com).

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### F. Authorization and Restrictions

- (a) Authorization: When all CLA conditions have been satisfied, National Instruments authorizes you to use the title “Certified LabVIEW Architect.”
  
- (b) Currency: You agree that to maintain your CLA status, you may be required to take recertification examinations to show currency with the most recent versions and capabilities of LabVIEW, or to show familiarity with topics required of your CLA status. You further acknowledge that there may be fees associated with these examinations.
  
- (c) Confidentiality: National Instruments may from time to time disclose to you information that National Instruments considers to be confidential and proprietary. You agree to keep any information that National Instruments informs you is confidential and proprietary in confidence, and to use reasonable measures to maintain such information in confidence, and to not use or disclose such information or materials to the detriment of National Instruments. Your obligation of confidence, however, shall not apply if such information or materials is or becomes generally known to the public (other than as a result of a disclosure by you), or if you first obtain the written consent of National Instruments to disclose such information or materials.
  
- (d) Confidentiality of Examination Materials: All certification examination materials are National Instruments Confidential. You agree to not disclose either the content or intent of examination items regardless of your certification status.
  
- (e) Examination Submissions: All VIs submitted for the certification evaluation may be used for instructional or educational purposes by National Instruments. You agree that any VIs submitted to National Instruments for certification purposes may be used free of any restrictions or fees. All programs submitted for certification examinations must be original work created for the express purpose of the certification exam. Pre-written or copyrighted VIs are not allowed, and will be cause for permanent exclusion from the certification program.
  
- (f) Logos: National Instruments makes available certification logos to individuals who become certified either at the developer or architect levels. These logos are intended for individual use on common business collateral such as business cards, resumes, and personal business web sites. Companies are prohibited from using the certification logos in a manner that suggests that the company itself is certified. All usage of such logos must be in clear reference to the certified individual and shall not suggest any degree of certification beyond that single person. Proper reference is made by naming the individual and then stating their particular certification in such a way that the certification

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is clearly limited to that individual. Companies are permitted to state that they have a specific number of certified persons on staff. Do not alter the logos in any way beyond scaling them to fit a particular area.

- (g) Fees: All certification and recertification fees are non-refundable.
  
- (h) Limitations Regarding Instructional Credentials: You understand that the CLA credential is technical in nature and does not enable you to present training courses on National Instruments products. It also does not allow you to represent yourself as instructionally certified by National Instruments in any way. For instructional certification refer to the Certified Professional Instructor program documents.
  
- (i) Posting certification data on the National Instruments Web Site: National Instruments may maintain a listing of certified individuals on ni.com.

### G. Terms of this agreement

- (a) Term: This Agreement becomes effective (“Effective Date”) on the date listed on your CLA certificate. This Agreement automatically expires two years after the Effective Date (Section G.(b) describes renewal terms).
  
- (b) Renewal: Certifications are reviewed by National Instruments at two-year intervals. To maintain certification, the certified individual must take a recertification examination. Notice of the recertification requirements, along with the specifics of the examination and time frame for completion, will be provided to the certified individual. If National Instruments determines that recertification of an individual is inconsistent with corporate goals, the certification for an individual will not be renewed. If the certification is not to be renewed, National Instruments will provide 30 days notice of non-renewal, and section G.(d) will take effect. Renewal is contingent on section G.(c).
  
- (c) Change of address / contact information: Notice of renewal and non-renewal is provided using the contact information on your agreement. National Instruments will make a good faith effort to contact certified individuals using the contact information provided by that individual on their agreement. If your contact information changes, you must provide this information to National Instruments in order for the process to proceed. If at the time of renewal or non-renewal National Instruments is unable to contact you with your provided contact information, section G.(d) will take effect. Change of contact information may be provided by completing Personal Information of the CLA agreement and faxing the document to the number provided on the agreement.

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- (d) Termination of CLA Certification: If you do not comply with all of the CLA certification and recertification requirements in this agreement, or your certification is not renewed per section G. (b), your certification will be terminated. If your certification is terminated for any reason, you agree to immediately stop representing yourself as a Certified LabVIEW Architect.
  
- (e) Termination by Either Party: Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, or thirty (30) calendar days prior notice to the other party. Notice is provided using the contact information provided to National Instruments on the certification agreement.

For questions regarding National Instruments Certification, contact us at:  
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