Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the IC³ Global Standard 4?
A. The IC³ Global Standard 4, GS4, is the most recent IC³ digital literacy standard.

Q. Why did Certiport create the IC³ GS4 standard?
A. Technology is always changing, therefore it is critical that world’s fastest growing digital literacy program, IC³, keep up-to-date. The IC³ GS4 was developed to align the IC³ standard to the most current and relevant digital literacy requirements. With IC³ GS4, teachers and students can have confidence that their IC³ certification measures the technology and skills that are relevant today.

Q. What changes can I anticipate with the IC³ GS4 exams?
A. IC³ GS4 also addresses the newest concepts in digital literacy, such as social media, collaboration, digital devices, research fluency, cloud computing, and critical thinking to the certification. Like previous IC³ standards, IC³ GS4 aligns to the ISTE NETS-S standard and is also approved by the American Council on Education (ACE).

Q. Which operating system and Microsoft Office product versions are used with the IC³ GS4 exams?
A. The IC³ GS4 exams align to Microsoft Office 2010 and Windows 7.

“IC³ is the first stepping stone into the certification path. It is a foundation tool for measuring proficiency in the latest key technologies for work and life.”

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Q. How can I take the IC³ GS4 exams?
A. The IC³ GS4 exams are delivered through Certiport’s iQsystem at a Certiport Authorized Testing Center. Any IC³ exam inventory and/or vouchers can be used for the IC³ GS4 exams.

Q. I’m already IC³ certified. Can I also take the IC³ GS4 exams?
A. Absolutely. We encourage everyone who wants to stay up-to-date on their technology skills to become IC³ GS4 certified. We especially encourage teachers and IC³ instructors to take the IC³ GS4 exams to ensure that they are aware of changes that have occurred within the standard.

Q. I’ve already taken an IC³ GS3 exam. Will I need to retake the IC³ GS4 exams in order to receive my IC³ certificate?
A. Candidates who take and pass the IC³ Computing Fundamentals, Key Applications, and Living Online exams will receive their IC³ certification regardless of what standard those exams are in. For example, a candidate that has taken and passed IC³ 2007 Computing Fundamentals, IC³ GS3 Key Applications, and IC³ GS4 Living Online will receive an IC³ certificate.

Q. What languages are the IC³ GS4 exams available in?
A. The IC³ GS4 exams are currently available in English. IC³ GS4 will also be available in other languages, such as Arabic, Spanish, Chinese Traditional and Simplified, Japanese, and others will soon be available.

Q. Where can I get more information on the IC³ GS4 standard?