

# Understanding the Change: The Evolution of EvalExperience Licenses



For years, VMUG Advantage members accessed EvalExperience licenses to test and learn VMware technology. **On November 30, 2024, the process changed.** VMware, now under Broadcom, has introduced a **new pathway for Advantage members to access VMware Cloud Foundation (VCF) and VMware vSphere Foundation (VVS) licenses.**

## What's Different?

- **Previously:** Members could download various VMware product licenses through the EvalExperience program.
- **Now:** Access to a **full-stack VMware Cloud Foundation (VCF) or VMware vSphere Foundation (VVS) license** is available exclusively to VMUG Advantage members who pass the **VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF certification exam.**
- **Instead of individual product licenses,** certified Advantage members now gain access to a **128-core, 1-year, non-production** license without support. This license can be renewed annually for up to three years, provided the Advantage membership remains active.

## FAQ – General Questions

### What VMware licenses are now available through VMUG Advantage?

VMUG Advantage members who complete certain VMware certifications are eligible for:

✓ **VMware Cloud Foundation (VCF) License** – Available to members who pass the **VCP-VCF certification**

✓ **VMware vSphere Foundation (VVS) License** – Available to members who pass the **VCP-VVF certification**

Each license provides a **128-core, 1-year (non-production) license** that can be renewed for **up to three years** as long as you maintain an active VMUG Advantage membership.

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## Do I need both certifications to qualify for these licenses?

No. You only need to pass **one** of the following exams:

- **VCP-VCF** to receive a **VMware Cloud Foundation** license
- **VCP-VVF** to receive a **VMware vSphere Foundation** license

## How long do these licenses last?

Each license is **valid for one year** and can be **renewed annually for up to three years** as long as you maintain an **active VMUG Advantage membership**.

## How do I renew my VCF or VVS license after the first year?

Visit your **Broadcom Customer Support Portal** each year while your **VMUG Advantage membership is active**, and your license will be renewed automatically.

## I have a VMware certification, but it's not VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF. Do I qualify for a VCF or VVS license?

No. Only certifications in **VMware Cloud Foundation (VCP-VCF)** or **VMware vSphere Foundation (VCP-VVF)** qualify for a **free personal-use license** through VMUG Advantage.

If you hold a **different VMware certification** (such as VCP-DCV, VCP-NV, VCAP, or any other VMware certification), you **will not** be eligible for a **VMware Cloud Foundation (VCF)** or **VMware vSphere Foundation (VVS) license** through this program.

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## Can I take the VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF exam before joining VMUG Advantage?

Yes. If you **already passed the exam**, you can still **join VMUG Advantage at any time** and receive the **VCF or VVS license**.

However, we **highly recommend joining before taking the exam** to take advantage of the **50% discount on certification exams** (one per year).

## What happens if I do not pass a VMware certification exam?

If you don't pass a VMware certification exam, you can retake it; however, you will need to **pay full price for the retake**. VMUG Advantage members receive **only one 50% discount voucher per year**, which can be applied to any eligible VMware certification exam. If you wish to retake the exam within the same year, you must pay the full exam price.

## FAQ – For Current VMUG Advantage Members

### How do I receive my free VCF or VVS license?

To receive your license, you must:

- ✓ **Pass the VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF certification exam** (no prerequisite courses required).
- ✓ **Ensure the email on your VMUG Advantage account matches the email used for your VMware certification exam.**
- ✓ **Maintain an active VMUG Advantage membership.**

Once these steps are complete, your **Broadcom Support Portal** will be provisioned with a **VMware VCF or VVS 128-core, 1-year (non-production) license**.

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## What if my email on my VMUG Advantage account is different from my VMware certification email?

To avoid provisioning issues, your emails must match. If they don't, contact [advantage@vmug.com](mailto:advantage@vmug.com) to update your VMUG Advantage email.

## Do I need to take VMware training courses before taking the VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF exam?

No, there are **no prerequisite courses or certifications** required. You can take the **VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF exam at any time**. However, Broadcom provides **free study resources** to help you prepare.

### [Access Free Study Resources](#)

## How can I get a discount on my VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF exam?

VMUG Advantage members receive **50% off the exam**, reducing the cost to **\$125** (one per year).

### [Download Your Discount Voucher](#)

## What happens to my previously downloaded EvalExperience licenses?

✓ Licenses downloaded before **November 30, 2024**, remain valid for **365 days** from the download date.

✓ After **November 30, 2024**, no new licenses will be issued through the old EvalExperience platform.

✓ Going forward, VMUG Advantage members must **earn their VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF certification** to receive a **full-stack VCF or VVS license** under the new program.

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## FAQ – For Expired or Prospective VMUG Advantage Members

**My VMUG Advantage membership has expired. Can I still get a VCF or VVS license?**

If your membership has expired, you **must renew** to regain access to this benefit.

### **Renew VMUG Advantage Now**

Once renewed, if you **already passed the VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF exam**, your **Broadcom Support Portal will be provisioned with a VMware VCF or VVS license**.

**What happens if I do not renew my VMUG Advantage membership?**

If you do not renew, you will **lose access to VMUG Advantage benefits**, including:

- ✓ Certification discounts
- ✓ VMware training
- ✓ Webinars
- ✓ Exclusive VMUG content
- ✓ The ability to receive a **VCF or VVS license once certified**

**Why should I join VMUG Advantage now?**

By joining now, you gain immediate access to:

- ✓ **50% off the VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF exam** (one per year)

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- ✓ Free VMware Cloud Foundation or vSphere Foundation license upon certification
- ✓ Exclusive VMware training and resources

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**If I don't join, can I still get a VMware Cloud Foundation or vSphere Foundation license?**

No. The **only way to access a personal-use VCF or VVS license** is by being both:

- ✓ A VMUG Advantage member
- ✓ A VCP-VCF or VCP-VVF certified professional

## Still Have Questions?

For additional support, contact [advantage@vmug.com](mailto:advantage@vmug.com).