

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How many questions are on the Certified Beer Server (CBS) exam?
The CBS Exam consists of 60 multiple choice questions.
2. How long do you have to answer the questions?
The CBS exam is a timed exam, and limited to 30 minutes.
3. How much does the CBS exam cost?
\$69 (USD). Please note exam fees are non-refundable.
4. What happens if I don't pass?
If you don't pass on your first attempt, you will automatically have a second chance to pass the exam. You can use your second attempt at any time. If you don't pass on your second attempt, you'll have to purchase the exam again. Each time you purchase the exam, you get a second attempt if you don't pass on the first attempt.
5. How do I access the CBS exam?
Learn more about how to purchase and/or access the exam by visiting <https://cicerone.force.com/help/s/article/how-to-access-the-certified-beer-server-exam>.
6. How do I study for the exam?
People with many backgrounds and learning styles participate in the Cicerone program. As a result, we allow you to prepare in a number of ways. In all cases, your first resource should be our free [Certified Beer Server syllabus](#) which outlines the content of the exam. (Be sure to access the edition that matches your area of the world.) Complete and pass TCC's *Ales, Lagers, and Fermentation* course. Finally, Cicerone maintain a list of [books](#) and [classes](#) available from other sources which you might use to help you prepare.
7. What is a passing score on the CBS exam?
75% is a passing score. That means getting 45 out of the 60 questions correct.
8. What is the pass rate for the CBS exam?
Across all approaches studying for the exam, about 80% of people pass the exam on their first attempt. Ultimately, more than 90% of all people who attempt the exam eventually pass.
9. How do I get a copy of my certificate?
To retrieve and print a copy of your Certified Beer Server Certificate go to your account page and under the heading "Exam & Quiz Results" it will say "Certified Beer Server (CBS) Exam" and underneath will be your % score. On the right side of that block is a button that says "Print My Certificate."
10. How long do you have once you purchase the exam to attempt it?
Purchased exam attempts do not expire. You may use them at any time.
11. What are some typical positions/titles that a Certified Beer Server might hold?
Because it is the first step in the pursuit of higher Cicerone certifications, people in a wide range of positions in the beer industry take the Certified Beer Server exam from novice servers to experienced brewery presidents. Anyone involved in handling, serving or selling beer should take the Certified Beer Server exam. Through further study and completion of specialist exams or additional certifications such as Certified Cicerone, those who work with beer can advance their knowledge to match their current—or desired—position in the industry.

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