

# PROFESSIONAL SCRUM CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

An overview of Professional Scrum assessments and certifications created by Ken Schwaber, Scrum.org, and the Professional Scrum Trainer Community

The Scrum.org mission is to Improve the Profession of Software Delivery.

Scrum.org assessments are grounded in the Scrum Guide, which is co-authored and maintained by the co-creator of Scrum, Ken Schwaber.

At Scrum.org, we help ensure that individuals understand how to deliver high value software with higher levels of agility using Scrum. To help meet that goal, Scrum.org provides assessments that can be used as tools to examine, enhance, and certify your knowledge of Scrum.

Professional Scrum certifications are yours for life with no renewal costs to retain them. Once you pass the assessment, you will retain that certification, be listed with the certification holders on the Scrum.org website, and remain there forever with no additional future costs.

## Professional Scrum Certifications & Assessments

Scrum.org provides four families of Professional Scrum certification assessments. These assessments cover a range of areas related to the knowledge and real world usage of Scrum. Passing these credible and consistent assessments is highly regarded as true industry certification by individuals, organizations and industry associations.

### Professional SCRUM MASTER

## PSM

There are three levels of Professional Scrum Master Assessments (fundamental, advanced and distinguished) that validate and certify your knowledge of Scrum and ability to apply that knowledge.

#### Level I - Fundamental



PSM I certificate holders prove that they understand Scrum as described in the Scrum Guide and the concepts of applying Scrum. PSM I holders have a consistent terminology and approach to Scrum.

#### Level II - Advanced



PSM II certificate holders prove that they have an advanced understanding of the underlying principles of Scrum and can effectively apply Scrum in complex, real-world situations.

#### Level III - Distinguished



PSM III certificate holders have a deep understanding of the application and practices of Scrum and the Scrum Values in a variety of complex team and organizational situations.

## Professional Scrum PRODUCT OWNER

# PSPO

There are three levels of Professional Scrum Product Owner Assessments (fundamental, advanced and distinguished) that validate and certify your knowledge Scrum Product Ownership and ability to apply that knowledge.

### Level I - Fundamental



PSPO I certificate holders prove a fundamental understanding of the Scrum framework, and how to apply it to maximize the value delivered with a product. They exhibit a dedication to continued professional development, and a high level of commitment to their field of practice.

### Level II - Advanced



PSPO II certificate holders prove an advanced level of understanding of how the Scrum framework can support the creation of value. They have shown an understanding of topics including: product vision, product backlog management, release and portfolio planning, business strategy, and working with stakeholders.

### Level III - Distinguished



PSPO III certificate holders prove a distinguished level Product Ownership mastery. They have shown a deep understanding of the important role the Product Owner plays in delivering valuable products and an understanding of how to own a vision, manage a

Product Backlog, and engage with stakeholders & customers to deliver valuable products using Scrum.

## Professional Scrum DEVELOPER

# PSD



The Professional Scrum Developer Assessment is structured to validate and certify your knowledge of the practices and techniques that support building complex software as a member of a Scrum Team and ability to apply that knowledge.

## Professional Scrum WITH KANBAN

# PSK



The Professional Scrum with Kanban Assessment validates and certifies your knowledge of how Scrum Teams can use Scrum with Kanban to support value creation, measurement and delivery.

## Separating Training & Assessments

Attending a Scrum.org Professional Scrum training class is not mandatory to take one of our assessments, although it is highly recommended. We believe that certification is more than just a way to show you attended a class and that is why Scrum.org Professional certifications are available to anyone as they demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the subject in detail. Each Scrum.org Professional Scrum training class includes a free attempt at the corresponding assessment.

## SCALED Professional Scrum

# SPS



The Scaled Professional Scrum Assessment validates and certifies your knowledge of how to scale Scrum and the use of the Nexus Framework and ability to apply that knowledge.

## Professional Scrum AGILE LEADERSHIP

# PAL



The Professional Agile Leadership Assessment validates and certifies your knowledge of how agility adds value and why leadership understanding, sponsorship, and support of Agile practices are essential.

## Professional Scrum with User Experience

# PSU



The Professional Scrum with User Experience Assessment validates and certifies your fundamental understanding about how to integrate modern UX practices into Scrum and to work effectively within Scrum Teams.

## Free Open Assessments

Open Assessments allow you to gauge your basic knowledge of Scrum, software development using Scrum and the fundamentals of scaling Scrum. There is no fee for these assessments and they can be used as a part of preparing for the certification assessments.

[www.scrum.org/open-assessments](http://www.scrum.org/open-assessments)