

## PJM Markets Certification Exam Alternative

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- PJM Markets Certification Exam
  - Voluntary certification, added to the PJM Certification Program in 2017
  - Single exam, with content covering all of the PJM markets
- PJM partners with a third-party psychometrician to guide the development of its certification exams
  - Content outline developed from a job analysis
  - Includes item writing, item review, examination assembly, and examination review
  - Exam development cycles can take between 2-3 years, meaning exam questions can lag behind rule or procedure changes



## Challenges with the Markets Certification Exam

- Low participation
  - Due to voluntary nature and the expansive content scope, there was little member interest in sitting for the exam
  - Approximately 60 people sat for the exam since its launch, compared to the over 1000 candidates who sat for the PJM Generation and Transmission exams in that same period
- Development cycle not responsive enough to market rule changes
  - As PJM's market rules evolve through the stakeholder process, the extended exam development process may lead to outdated questions appearing on the exam



## Alternative to the PJM Markets Certification exam

- PJM retired the PJM Markets Certification Exam as of Dec. 31, 2023
- The program will be replaced by a certificate of training completion model
  - Enhancing the markets training curriculum, with input from PJM SMEs
  - Leveraging lessons learned from the certification exam development process to strengthen associated learning assessments
  - Training certificates of completion will provide evidence of competency with rules and procedures associated with course content at the time of completion

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- Individuals who hold a current PJM Markets Certification will still be eligible to maintain that credential through continuing education
  - The courses that will be in scope for this new framework will count towards the credential maintenance requirement
- The Market Optimization Workshop (MOW) will be the first course to offer the certificate of training completion in Q3 of 2024





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