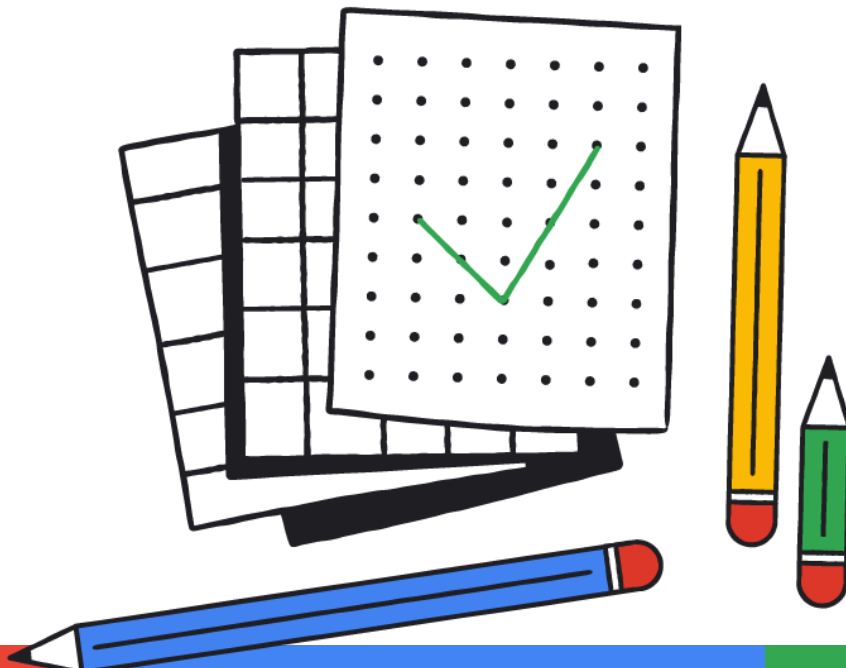


Getting Started Guide for Learners

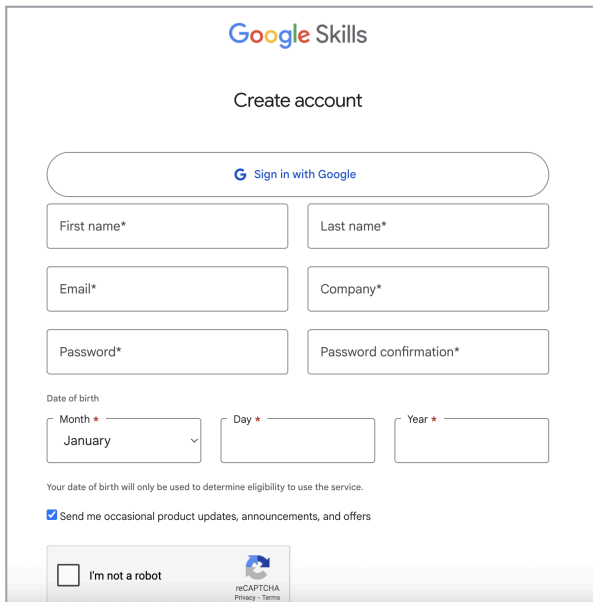
Congratulations on taking the first step toward getting Google Cloud credentials and preparing yourself for a career in cloud. This Getting Started Guide provides you with everything you need to accept your program invitation via Google Skills and start your learning journey.



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Getting Started

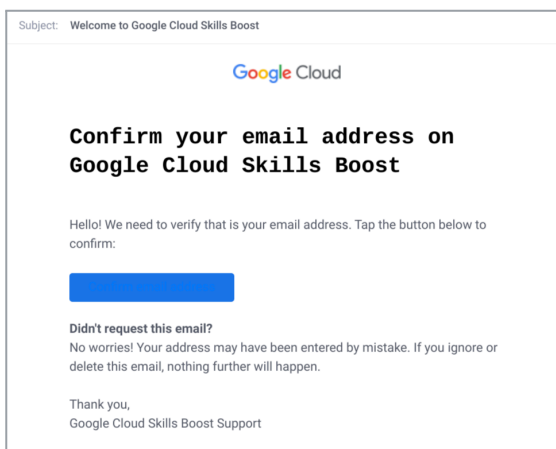
Signing up for your Google Skills account



The screenshot shows the Google Skills 'Create account' page. At the top is the Google Skills logo and the text 'Create account'. Below this is a button that says 'Sign in with Google'. The form consists of several input fields: 'First name*', 'Last name*', 'Email*', 'Company*', 'Password*', and 'Password confirmation*'. Below these is a 'Date of birth' section with dropdowns for 'Month' (set to January), 'Day', and 'Year'. A small note states: 'Your date of birth will only be used to determine eligibility to use the service.' There is a checkbox for 'Send me occasional product updates, announcements, and offers' which is checked. At the bottom is a reCAPTCHA widget with the text 'I'm not a robot' and a small robot icon.

1. Before you can be invited to your Google Career Launchpad group cohort, you will need a free Google Skills account. If you don't have an account, [create an account](#) and fill in the required fields.

Tip: You'll need to sign up with the university or organization email account with which you'll be invited to the program. Also, Google Skills is an 18+ user platform. You will add your birthdate while creating your account.

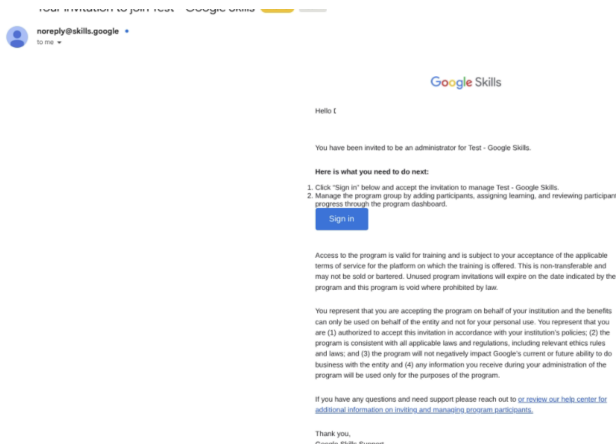


The screenshot shows an email from Google Cloud Skills Boost. The subject line is 'Welcome to Google Cloud Skills Boost'. The email body features the Google Cloud logo and the heading 'Confirm your email address on Google Cloud Skills Boost'. The text reads: 'Hello! We need to verify that is your email address. Tap the button below to confirm:'. Below this is a blue button with the text 'Verify my email address'. Further down, there is a section titled 'Didn't request this email?' with the text: 'No worries! Your address may have been entered by mistake. If you ignore or delete this email, nothing further will happen.' The email concludes with 'Thank you, Google Cloud Skills Boost Support'.

2. You will automatically be sent a verification email. Click the button in the verification email, and you'll be prompted to log in to Google Skills.

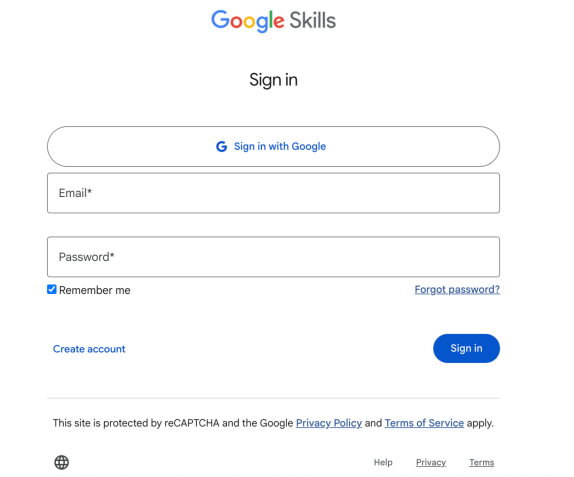
3. You are now signed into Google Skills.

Accept invitation and log in



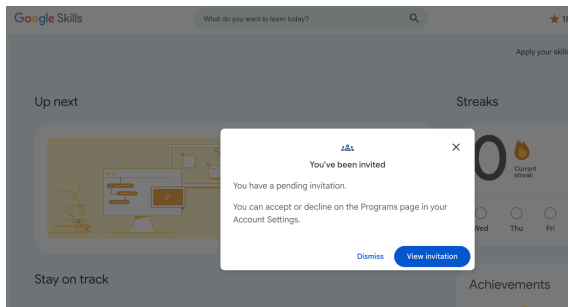
1. You will receive an email from Google Skills (noreply@skills.google) notifying you that you have been invited to join a Google Career Launchpad cohort. The email subject will be: “Your invitation to join Google Career Launchpad”

2. From that email, click “Sign In”. (If you can’t find the email you can visit [this link](#) to get to the same place).



The screenshot shows the Google Skills sign-in interface. At the top is the Google Skills logo. Below it is a 'Sign in' heading. There is a 'Sign in with Google' button, followed by input fields for 'Email*' and 'Password*'. A 'Remember me' checkbox is present, along with a 'Forgot password?' link. At the bottom left is a 'Create account' link, and at the bottom right is a blue 'Sign in' button. A footer contains a reCAPTCHA notice and links for 'Help', 'Privacy', and 'Terms'.

3. You'll be redirected to the Google Skills login page to sign in.



4. You are now signed into Google Skills. You will see a pop-up alerting you that you've been invited to a program. Click on **"View invitation"** and you will automatically be redirected to the Account settings page.

Programs

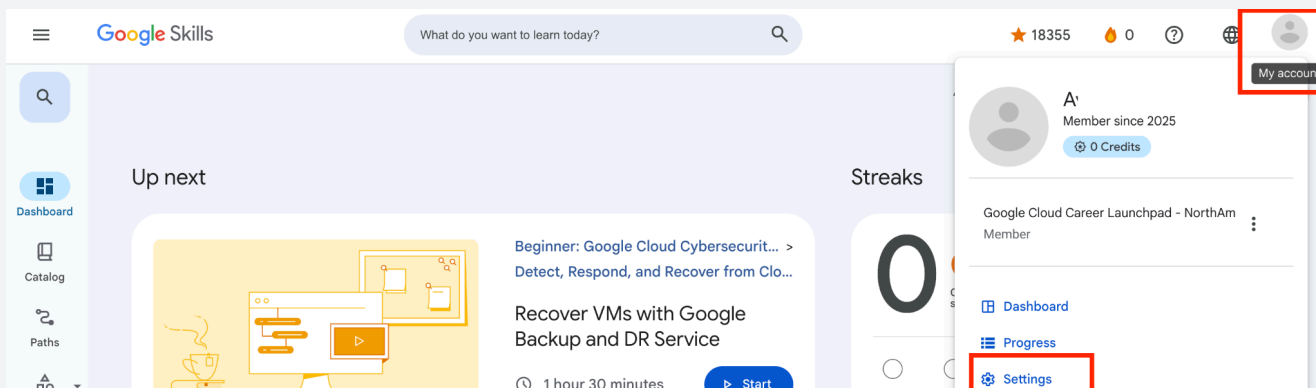
You've been invited to the following program. Please note, by accepting an invitation you grant permission to program administrators to view your learning activity on Google Skills.

Google Cloud Career Launchpad - NorthAm
Member

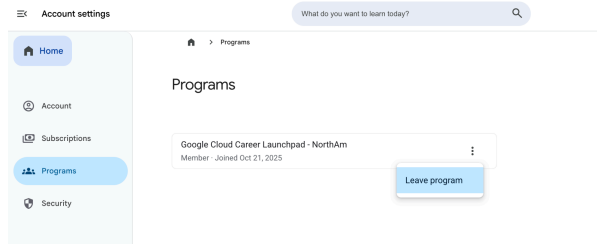
[Accept invitation](#)[Decline invitation](#)

5. Click “Accept Invitation” to be added to your group.

- ***Tip:** If you accidentally clicked “Dismiss” on the invitation pop-up, you can still access the invitation. Navigate to the top right-hand corner and click on your Account Profile icon. Click “Settings” and then click on the “Programs” tab (located on the left side of your Account Settings page.)



- **Tip:** If you accidentally clicked “Decline invitation” on the Account Settings page, please contact your Group Admin (the person who sent you the initial invitation) and ask them to re-send the invite.

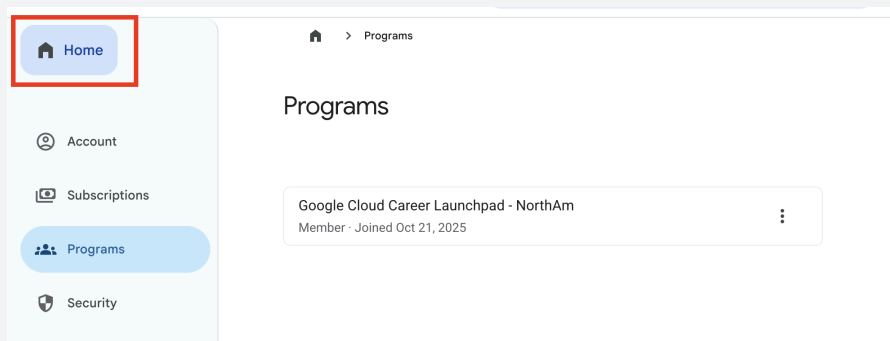


6. You'll now see the Google Career Launchpad program in the **Programs** tab under Settings.

Note: that you can opt to leave the program at any time by clicking the three dots and selecting **"Leave Program"**. You will no longer have access to the program or learning content. Your Program Administrator will need to re-invite you to gain access.

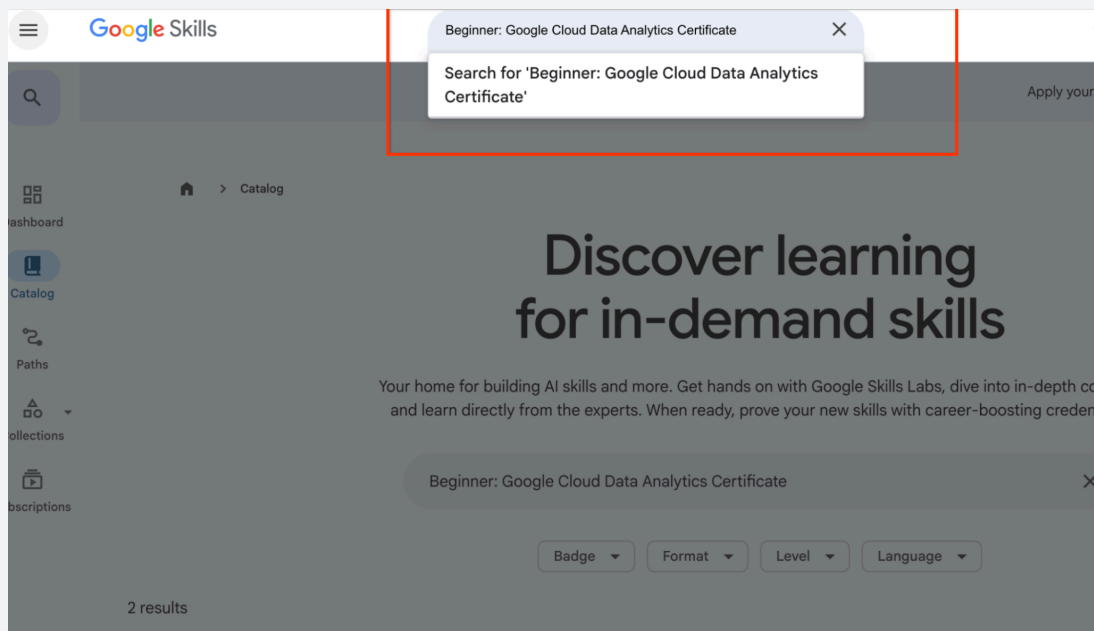
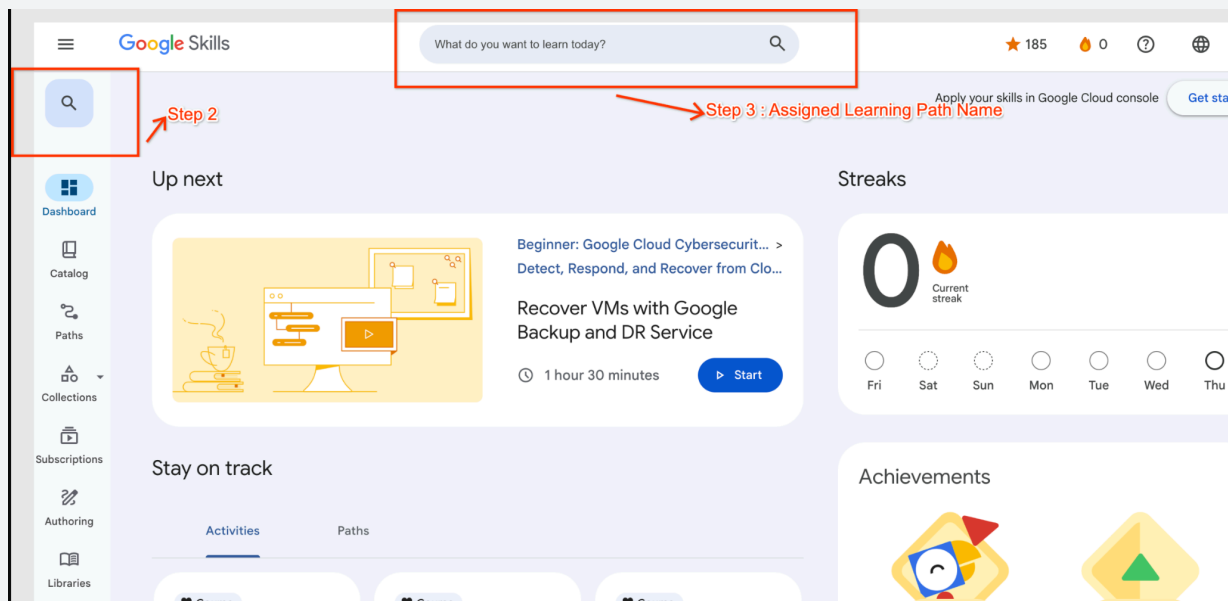
Access & Enroll in your Learning Path(s)

1. Once you've accepted the invitation, click the **"Home"** button in the upper right. For all future visits to Google Skills, you'll be taken directly to your home page.



- The home button will direct you to your dashboard. To add yourself to a Learning Path, use the side navigation to access the “Paths” tab. Then navigate to the “Explore more paths” button.

Tip: If more than one Learning Path is included in your program, be sure to check with your Administrator (i.e., your professor, instructor, or facilitator who invited you to the program) for guidance on which path to enroll in.



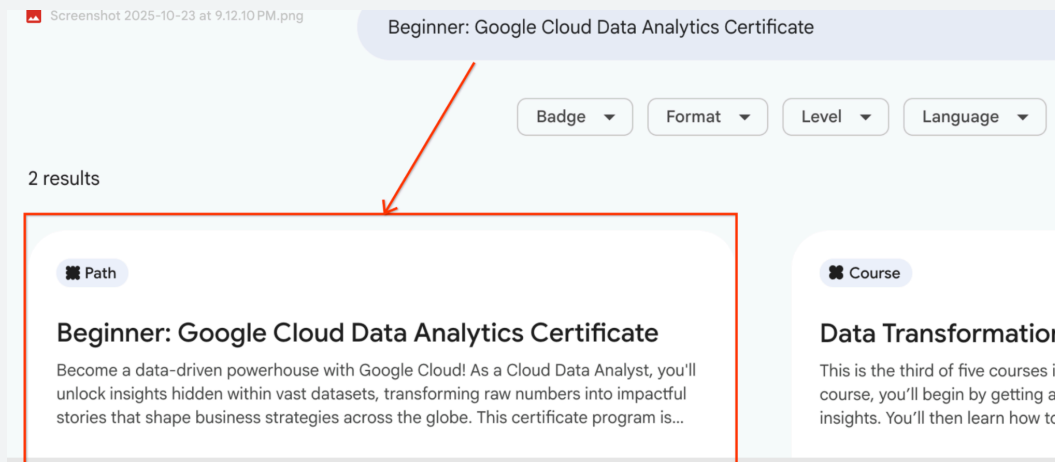
3. Search for the assigned **Certificate or Learning path only** :

- For CDL - Select → Cloud Digital Leader (Select the Path)
- For ACE - Select → Google Cloud Engineering Certificate
- For GCCF - Select → Google Cloud Computing Foundations Certificate (Select the Path)
- For CYBER - Select → Beginner: Google Cloud Cybersecurity Certificate (Select the Path)
- For DA: This consists of Two Learning Paths:
 - Select → Beginner: Google Cloud Data Analytics Certificate (Select the Path)
 - Select → Introduction to Data Engineering on Google Cloud (Select the Course)
 - (Not required for Cloud Data Analytics Certificate completion but **required** for the 50% off discount for the Associate Data Practitioner Certification exam)
- For GAIL : This consists of Two Learning Paths:
 - Select → Google Cloud Generative AI Leader (Select the Path)
 - Select → Beginner: Introduction to Generative AI (Select the Path)
 - (Not required for the 50% off discount for the Generative AI Leader Certification exam)
- For GDM - Select → Google Deepmind AI Research Foundations (Select the Path)

4. Select the **Learning Path** tile in which you've been instructed to enroll. The course will begin.

Tip: You can click "Course overview" in the left hand panel to explore an overview of the learning path.

Note: You must perform labs and courses **only** from the assigned Learning Path. Performing or accessing the labs from the general catalog will require credits.



Share your credentials

Make your Google Skills profile public

Now that you're earning Google Cloud completion badges and skill badge credentials, you'll want to [make your Google Skills profile public](#). Don't worry, you can always make it private again if you change your mind.

Your Program Administrator (the person who invited you to the program) will be able to monitor progress and completions as well.

Claim your Cloud Certificates and Skill Badge credentials on Credly and share on your resume & social channels

Upon completion, [claim](#) your Google Cloud Certificate or skill badge digital badge!

IMPORTANT: Make sure to use the same email address that you use to log into Google Skills so that we can quickly confirm that you completed the certificate.

Set up your Credly account to [personalize your profile](#) and consider [turning on the ability](#) to be contacted about job opportunities.

Share your accomplishment with your network!

Once claimed, you can [share your digital badge](#) on LinkedIn and other social networks to capture the attention of potential employers. #GoogleCloudReady, #GoogleCloudCertificate

Pursue a Google Cloud Certification

The Cloud Digital Leader, Generative AI Leader, Google Cloud Engineering Certificate and Cloud Data Analytics learning paths are designed to help prepare you for the respective Google Cloud Certifications. As a Google Career Launchpad program participant, you're eligible for a 50% discounted exam voucher when you complete the entire learning path.

Once you've completed the eligibility requirements (see below), complete [this Request Form](#) for confirmation. Once approved, you will receive a voucher for a 50% discount on the certification exam with instructions on how to register.

Eligibility requirements

- You must be a member of a Google Career Launchpad cohort.
- You must complete the following:
 - ◆ For the [Cloud Digital Leader certification](#)
 - Cloud Digital Leader Learning Path (6 course completion badges)
 - ◆ For the [Associate Cloud Engineer certification](#)
 - Google Cloud Engineering Certificate Learning Path (6 course completion badges + 4 skill badges)
 - ◆ For the [Associate Data Practitioner certification](#)
 - Google Cloud Data Analytics Certificate **and** the Introduction to Data Engineering on Google Cloud course (6 course completion badges)
 - ◆ For the [Generative AI Leader certification](#)
 - Generative AI Leader Learning Path (5 course completion badges)
- Your Google Skills [profile is made public](#) (required for completion confirmation)

Additional Certification preparation

While the learning paths help prepare you for the certification exam, there is additional exam preparation recommended. Check these additional resources for your respective exam.

[CDL Certification Student Prep Journey](#)

[ACE Certification Student Prep Journey](#)

[ADP Certification Student Prep Journey](#)

[GAIL Certification Student Prep Journey](#)

Support

How to Contact Support

If you encounter issues with the platform or have any questions, please contact our Support team.

Help Center

As a first step, check out the [Google Skills Labs Help Center](#) for troubleshooting guidance and FAQs. If you're unable to resolve your issue independently, please contact our Support team.

Email Support

Email Support at support-skills@google.com | Subject line: "EDU CL: Need Help"

- Provide the following details in the message body:
 - Your institution or organization name
 - Career Launchpad track name
 - The issue you are facing

Support staff will provide assistance to help resolve the issue.