

Bridging to Certification

AIF-C01 · EXAM FORMAT & SCORING · TARGET CANDIDATE · CONTENT DOMAINS · PREP RESOURCES

STUDY & REVIEW

01 MUST KNOW

if you remember five things, remember these

- 01 Exam anatomy:** content is divided into **domains**, and each domain breaks the knowledge and skills it demands into **task statements**. Every domain carries a **weight** that indicates its relative importance and sets its share of the questions.
- 02 Scoring:** **50 scored + 15 unscored** questions (the unscored ones are never identified). Results are reported as a **scaled score** with a pass/fail designation. Unanswered questions count as **incorrect** — there is no penalty for guessing, so answer everything.
- 03 Course ≠ exam:** this course aligns primarily to **domains 2 and 3** — the generative AI domains. It does not cover all the AI/ML concepts on the exam; treat it as one step on your certification path.
- 04 Target candidate:** uses AI/ML technologies on AWS with **at least 6 months of exposure**, and is familiar with core AWS services, the shared responsibility model, IAM, the AWS global infrastructure, and service pricing models.
- 05 Start here:** download the **AIF-C01 Exam Guide**, bookmark the AWS Certification and AIF-C01 webpages (you schedule the exam from there), and create an **AWS Skill Builder** account for prep resources.

02 KEY TERMS

TERM	DEFINITION
AIF-C01	Exam code for the AWS Certified AI Practitioner certification — foundational level
Content domain	Top-level content area of an exam; the AIF-C01 has five, each weighted
Task statement	Breakdown of the knowledge and skills required within a domain
Domain weight	A domain's relative importance — reflected in how exam questions are distributed
Scaled score	How results are reported: performance on the exam as a whole, plus pass or fail
Unscored question	1 of 15 questions with no effect on your score; AWS evaluates them for future use as scored questions
Target candidate	The experience profile an exam assumes — for AIF-C01, ≈6 months of AI/ML exposure on AWS
Exam guide	Official document defining an exam's domains, task statements, question types, and scoring
AWS Skill Builder	AWS's online learning center — a free account unlocks free prep; a subscription unlocks more
Enhanced digital training	Subscription course with videos, builder labs, extra practice questions, and the Official Practice Exam
AWS Escape Room	Gamified subscription prep — interactive AWS challenges in a virtual environment

03 AIF-C01 CONTENT DOMAINS

weights from the exam guide · this course ≈ domains 2 + 3

DOMAIN	FOCUS	WEIGHT
Domain 1	Fundamentals of AI and ML	20%
Domain 2	Fundamentals of Generative AI — this course	24%
Domain 3	Applications of Foundation Models — this course	28%
Domain 4	Guidelines for Responsible AI	14%
Domain 5	Security, Compliance, and Governance for AI Solutions	14%

ITEM	DETAIL
Scored questions	50 — these determine your result
Unscored questions	15 — AWS collects performance data to evaluate them as future scored questions; not identified on the exam
Question types	Multiple choice · multiple response · ordering · matching · case study
Result	Pass or fail, reported as a scaled score for the exam as a whole
Unanswered questions	Scored as incorrect — no guessing penalty, so never leave a blank

05 PREP RESOURCES: FREE VS. SUBSCRIPTION

FREE <i>download the guide, make a Skill Builder account</i> — AIF-C01 Exam Guide — the official scope of the exam — AWS Certification + AIF-C01 webpages — bookmark them; schedule your exam here — Free exam-readiness resources on AWS Skill Builder	SKILL BUILDER SUBSCRIPTION <i>the practice-heavy materials</i> — Enhanced digital training — videos + hands-on builder labs — Additional practice questions — Access to the Official Practice Exam — AWS Escape Room — gamified challenges (Event + Practice modes)
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06 EXAM TRAPS

where the knowledge check gets you

- ✗ “Passing this course means I’m ready for the AIF-C01.” — **False**. The course aligns primarily to domains 2 and 3; the exam also tests AI/ML fundamentals, responsible AI, and security/compliance.
- ✗ “Leave a question blank if you’re unsure.” — Unanswered questions are scored **incorrect** and there is **no penalty for guessing**. Always answer.
- ✗ “Every question on the exam counts.” — **15** of the questions are unscored and don’t affect your result; AWS uses your performance on them to evaluate future scored questions.
- ✗ “You can spot and skim the unscored questions.” — They are **not identified** on the exam. Treat every question as scored.
- ✗ “It’s all multiple choice.” — Expect **multiple response, ordering, matching, and case study** questions too.
- ✗ “You need years of ML engineering experience.” — The target candidate has about **6 months of exposure** to AI/ML technologies on AWS. It’s a foundational exam.
- ✗ “Your result is a percentage of correct answers.” — Results are reported as a **scaled score** with a pass/fail designation.
- ✗ “Skill Builder exam prep requires a subscription.” — A **free account** unlocks free readiness resources; the subscription adds enhanced digital training, builder labs, extra practice questions, and the Official Practice Exam.

- Q1** How many questions on the AIF-C01 affect your score, and how many are unscored?
- Q2** How is an unanswered exam question scored?
- Q3** Which two AIF-C01 domains does this course primarily align to?
- Q4** Within a domain, what spells out the specific knowledge and skills being tested?
- Q5** What determines how many questions each domain contributes to the exam?
- Q6** Name three of the five question types that can appear on the exam.
- Q7** How much exposure to AI/ML technologies on AWS does the target candidate have?
- Q8** In what form is your exam result reported?
- Q9** Which free official document defines the exam's domains, task statements, and question types?
- Q10** Which subscription prep resource is a gamified virtual environment with Event and Practice modes?

ANSWER KEY (rotate the page)

Q1 50 scored, 15 unscored **Q2** as incorrect — and there's no guessing penalty, so answer everything **Q3** domains 2 and 3 — **Q4** Fundamentals of Generative AI and Applications of Foundation Models **Q5** task statements **Q6** any three of: multiple choice, multiple response, ordering, matching, case study **Q7** at least 6 months **Q8** a scaled score with a pass/fail designation **Q9** the AIF-C01 Exam Guide **Q10** the AWS Escape Room