

Nebius AI Leader Certification Exam Guide

Role description

A Nebius Certified AI Cloud Leader is expected to define AI product strategy, identify business outcomes, and evaluate AI vendors. They drive AI implementation decisions by balancing cost, performance, and risk while ensuring alignment with organizational strategy. They are accountable for determining what gets built, why it matters, and whether it delivers business value and ROI.

Target candidates

Business and technology professionals who influence AI strategy and drive AI implementation in digital products, including product and project managers, executives, consultants, technical sales professionals, as well as IT leaders and decision-makers. No prior experience is required.

Domains & Weighting

The exam includes the following content areas and their weightings. This guide doesn't cover every topic, but it provides helpful context to prepare for the exam.

Domain	Exam Weight
1. AI fundamentals	~40%
2. AI product design	~25%
3. Controlling AI outputs	~20%
4. Capabilities of Nebius products	~15%

Exam Format

The assessment is delivered remotely and monitored with AI-assisted proctoring. It is delivered via a partner exam platform.

All questions in the exam follow the same format:
Multiple choice – one correct answer and three incorrect options (distractors).

There are no strict prerequisites. No pre-tests or additional eligibility checks are required.

Duration is limited to 1 hour.

Content Outline

1. AI Fundamentals

Ability to:

- Explain AI basics, applications, and core features
- Navigate the AI ecosystem, including workflows, agentic orchestration, and tooling (web search, databases, etc.)
- Identify the components of the modern AI stack and major model providers

Expertise in:

- Evaluating model quality, speed, and cost trade-offs
- Applying AI security and compliance principles

2. AI Product Design

Ability to:

- Define the business foundation for AI initiatives
- Apply common AI architecture patterns
- Evaluate AI infrastructure trade-offs

Expertise in:

- Creating AI product blueprints
- Understanding AI token economics

3. Controlling AI Outputs

Ability to:

- Plan and conduct Playground experiments
- Apply effective prompting techniques
- Evaluate model outputs using appropriate metrics

Expertise in:

- Selecting the optimal model based on evaluation results

4. Capabilities of Nebius Products

Ability to:

- Articulate the capabilities and use cases of Nebius Cloud
- Articulate the capabilities and use cases of Nebius Token Factory
- Articulate the capabilities and use cases of Tavily Web Search

Expertise in:

- Comparing AI infrastructure deployment approaches (e.g. API, cloud, and serverless)

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