Exam 77-424: Access 2013 – Skills Measured

Audience Profile

This exam is designed for candidates who have a fundamental understanding of the Access 2013 environment and the ability to complete tasks independently. They should know and demonstrate the correct application of the principal features of Access 2013.

Skills Measured

NOTE: The bullets that appear below each of the skills measured are intended to illustrate how we are assessing that skill. This list is not definitive or exhaustive.

NOTE: In most cases, exams do NOT cover preview features, and some features will only be added to an exam when they are GA (General Availability).

Create and manage a database (20–25%)

Create a new database

 create new databases, create databases using templates, create databases in older formats, create databases using wizards

Manage relationships and keys

• edit references between tables, create and modify relationships, set primary key fields, enforce referential integrity, set foreign keys, view relationships

Navigate through a database

• navigate to specific records, set a form as the startup option, use navigation forms, set navigation options, change views

Protect and maintain a database

 compact databases, repair databases, back up databases, split databases, encrypt databases with a password, merge databases, recover data from backups

Print and export a database

• print reports, print records, maintain backward compatibility, save databases as templates, save databases to external locations, export to alternate formats

Build tables (25–30%)

Create a table

 create new tables, import external data into tables, create linked tables from external sources, import tables from other database, create tables from templates and application parts

Format a table

 hide fields in tables, change data formats, add total rows, add table descriptions, rename tables

Manage records

• update records, add new records, delete records, append records from external data, find and replace data, sort records, filter records, group records

Create and modify fields

 add fields to tables, add a validation rules to fields, change field captions, change field sizes, change field data types, configure fields to auto-increment, set default values, use input masks, delete fields

Create queries (15–20%)

Create a query

• run queries, create crosstab queries, create parameter queries, create action queries, create multi-table queries, save queries, delete queries

Modify a query

• rename queries, add new fields, remove fields, hide fields, sort data within queries, format fields within queries

Utilize calculated fields and grouping within a query

• add calculated fields, add conditional logic, group and summarize data, use comparison operators, use basic operators

Create forms (15–20%)

Create a form

• create new forms, create forms with application parts, save forms, delete forms

Set form controls

• move form controls, add form controls, modify data sources, remove form controls, set form control properties, manage labels

Format a form

 modify tab order in forms, format print layouts, sort records, apply themes, change margins, insert backgrounds, auto-order forms, insert headers and footers, insert images, modify existing forms

Create reports (15–20%)

Create a report

• create new reports, create reports with application parts, delete reports

Set report controls

• group data by fields, sort data, add sub-forms, modify data sources, add report controls, manage labels

Format a report

• format reports into multiple columns, add calculated fields, set margins, add backgrounds, change report orientation, change sort order, insert headers and footers, insert images, insert page numbers, apply themes, modify existing reports