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# Global Knowledge, a Skillsoft Company, Publishes Annual Top-Paying Certifications List

*Cybersecurity and Cloud certifications lead the Top-Paying Certifications List in 2021 as organizations prioritize risk management*

BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Skillsoft (NYSE: SKIL), a leader in corporate digital learning, has today released its annual Global Knowledge [15 Top-Paying Certifications List](#), which reveals the most in-demand skills and technology areas for organizations, as well as the average salaries associated with them. Cybersecurity and cloud certifications lead the way in 2021, confirming how crucial risk management has become to organizations today.

“Technology is only as powerful as the capabilities of the people trained to use it,” said Michael Yoo, general manager, Technology & Developer Skills, at Skillsoft. “With this in mind, certifications are an excellent way of infusing vital skills into an organization, while boosting employee productivity and investing in ongoing professional development.”

Data from the Global Knowledge [IT Skills and Salary Report](#) confirms that more than three-quarters (76 percent) of IT decision-makers struggle with existing skills gaps, are challenged with talent recruitment and retention, and face overwhelming workloads. These issues can open organizations up to significant risk, which underscores the importance of certifications as they help businesses close organizational skills gaps and boost productivity.

“Cybersecurity hacks and technology-related outages have become more commonplace, and both can have a tremendous impact on an organization’s bottom line,” Yoo continued. “Pair risks like these with the high rate of skills gaps and growing talent wars, and you can clearly understand why organizations are willing to pay higher salaries to skilled IT professionals who can protect them.”

The certifications on this list are accredited by industry-leaders, including AWS, Cisco, Google Cloud, ISACA and Microsoft. View the [15 Top-Paying Certifications List](#).

## List Highlights:

- Cloud computing and cybersecurity certifications make up most of the list collectively;
- The top-paying certifications relate to cloud computing, with salaries more than \$150,000; and
- [ITIL® Foundation](#) is the most widely held certification.

The 15 Top-Paying Certifications List uses data from over 3,700 U.S. IT professionals who participated in Global Knowledge’s IT Skills and Salary Survey, an annual survey of technology professionals and IT decision-makers.

Skillsoft and Churchill Capital Corp II completed their business combination and subsequent acquisition of Global Knowledge in June 2021, while the combined company, operating as Skillsoft, debuted on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: SKIL) the same month. Skillsoft is now well-positioned to deliver personalized, high-quality learning experiences that will help close the global skills gap and build workforces that are future-fit, skilled and ready for the jobs of tomorrow. [Read more here.](#)

## Resources:

- [Download the 2020 IT Skills and Salary Report](#)
- [How to Select the Right Certification for You](#)
- [How to Convince Your Manager of the Benefits of Training](#)

## About Skillsoft

Skillsoft (NYSE: SKIL) is a global leader in corporate digital learning, serving approximately 70% of the Fortune 1000, customers in over 160 countries and more than 45 million learners globally. The Company provides enterprise learning solutions to prepare organizations for the future of work, enabling them to overcome critical skill gaps, drive demonstrable behavior-change, and unlock the potential in their greatest assets – their people. Skillsoft offers the world's most comprehensive suite of premium and original content, including the broadest and deepest library of authorized technology & developer curricula, and multiple learning modalities that dramatically increase learner engagement and retention. Skillsoft's offerings are anchored in Percipio, its award-winning, AI-driven, immersive learning platform designed to make learning easier, more accessible and more effective. Learn more at [www.skillsoft.com](http://www.skillsoft.com).

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