

THE CSDP BODY OF KNOWLEDGE
Preparation for the CSDP Certification Exam



The CSDP Certification Exam is a four-hour open book exam. The examination questions are based on the Body of Knowledge listed below. The examination has 15 different subject sections, all of which are included in the exam. You must bring a hand calculator to the exam as the CSDP exam does not allow computers, tablets, or cell phones to be used during the test.

The CSDP Examination contains the following mandatory subjects:

Body of Knowledge	Percent of Exam
What is Sustainable Development	1 – 3 %
Sustainable Development: Definitions & Applications	1 – 3 %
Environmental Issues Associated with Sustainable Development	9 – 11 %
Alternative Energy & Carbon Reduction	7 – 9 %
Local Sustainable Policy Programs	2 – 4 %
Energy Efficiency Technologies in Sustainable Buildings	15 – 17 %
Corporate & Industrial Sustainability Programs	6 – 8 %
Impact of Sustainable Development Policies	2 – 4 %
Renewable Energy	14 – 16 %
Sustainable Transportation	1 – 3 %
Programs & Technologies to Reduce Water Consumption	3 – 5 %
Sustainability in Industrial & Manufacturing Settings	3 – 5 %
Management Approaches to Developing & Implementing Sustainability Programs	5 – 7 %
Financial Assessment & Life Cycle Costing	8 – 10 %
Developing & Implementing Sustainability Plan	1 – 3 %