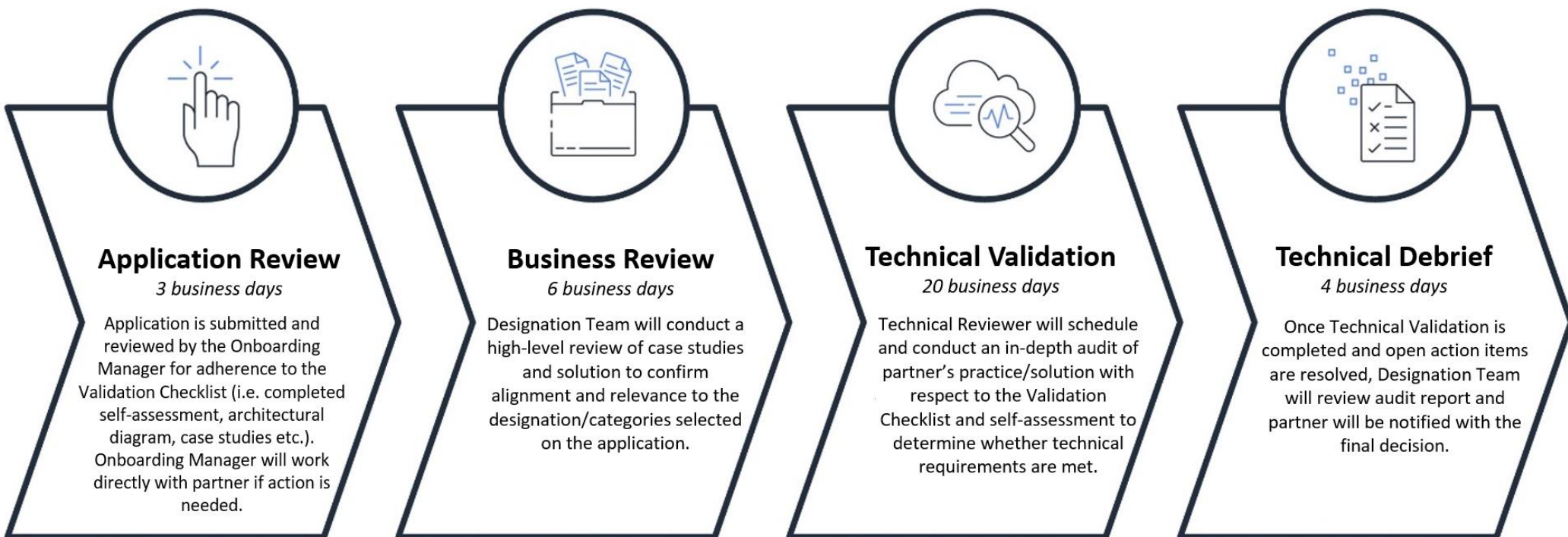# AWS Competency Program Application Process Roadmap

What to expect and when as you work toward an AWS Competency designation

The AWS Competency Program application process vets, verifies, and validates prospective AWS Competency Partners against a rigorously high bar to identify and differentiate the most elite AWS Partners in specific solution areas, industries and applications. It is important to understand the application process so that you know what to expect and can move through each step in a timely manner.

Read on for a high-level overview of the AWS Competency application process and timelines for the associate steps.

Application Review
3 business days

Application is submitted and reviewed by the Onboarding Manager for adherence to the Validation Checklist (i.e. completed self-assessment, architectural diagram, case studies etc.). Onboarding Manager will work directly with partner if action is needed.

Business Review
6 business days

Designation Team will conduct a high-level review of case studies and solution to confirm alignment and relevance to the designation/categories selected on the application.

Technical Validation
20 business days

Technical Reviewer will schedule and conduct an in-depth audit of partner's practice/solution with respect to the Validation Checklist and self-assessment to determine whether technical requirements are met.

Technical Debrief
4 business days

Once Technical Validation is completed and open action items are resolved, Designation Team will review audit report and partner will be notified with the final decision.

It is important that AWS Partners address action items promptly throughout the application process. Delays in reply time may impact the application timelines stated above.