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We are making some changes to support a more streamlined, scalable Splunk Certification process. Below are the details to help you plan your certification strategy.

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About the Changes

Q: What is changing in the Splunk Certification Program?

A: Two key updates are being implemented to improve and simplify the program:

1. We are introducing a new category called *Legacy Certifications* on January 1, 2026.
2. We are simplifying our *Recertification Policy* by no longer offering recertification through coursework completion. This new policy will go into effect on March 1, 2026.

These updates will ensure that the Splunk Certification program remains current, streamlined, and aligned with the skills most in demand today.

Q: When do these changes take effect?

A: The new category of Legacy Certifications will be effective on January 1, 2026. The change to the recertification policy will take effect on March 1, 2026.

Legacy Certifications

Q: What are “Legacy Certifications”?

A: Legacy Certifications are credentials that remain valid and respected but are no longer actively updated or maintained with fresh content associated with product updates/releases. This means the exam content and objectives will not change going forward, but the certification is still valid.

Q: Which certifications are now considered Legacy?

A: The following have been reclassified as Legacy Certifications:

- Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin
- Splunk SOAR Certified Automation Developer
- Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin

Q: Does my Legacy Certification still count?

A: Yes. Legacy Certifications remain a valid demonstration of your Splunk knowledge at the time they were earned. You can continue to take the exam and share your credentials on your résumé, LinkedIn profile, and Credly.

Q: What certifications should I pursue instead?

A: If your interests or role align with Enterprise Security or SOAR, we recommend exploring our next-generation cybersecurity certifications:

- [Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Analyst](#)
- [Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Engineer](#)

These certifications reflect the most up-to-date content and evolving cybersecurity practices.

If you would like to become proficient using Splunk ITSI, [please search our course catalog](#) for the most up-to-date ITSI offerings.

Recertification Policy Updates

Q: What is changing in the recertification process?

A: We're simplifying recertification by removing the option to renew through coursework completion. Going forward, you can maintain your certification by:

1. **Retaking the same exam** within the final year of your recertification window, or
2. **Earning a higher-level certification** in the same track (for example, moving from Power User to Admin).

Q: Why is Splunk retiring the coursework recertification option?

A: This change creates a more consistent, exam-based standard for all certification renewals and ensures that all active credentials reflect the most current product knowledge and skills.

Q: How long are Splunk Certifications valid?

A: All Splunk Certifications are valid for **three years** from the date earned. You can verify expiration dates by checking your badges in [Credly](#).

Q: What happens if my certification expires?

A: Once expired, your certification is no longer considered active. You'll need to retake the corresponding exam and any prerequisite exams to regain certified status.

Q: How can I confirm when my certifications expire?

A: Log into [Credly](#) to view your digital badges and expiration dates.

Additional Information

Q: Where can I find more details about the Splunk Certification program?

A: Please visit our website for a [Splunk Certifications Overview](#).

Q: Who can I contact with questions?

A: If you have additional questions, please reach out to the **Splunk Certification** team at splunk_certification@cisco.com.