

## RECERTIFICATION POLICY

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All Splunk Certifications are subject to a three-year life cycle, beginning on the date the highest-level certification exam was passed. To verify your certification's expiration date, please visit [Credly](#) to verify your badge's date of issuance.

Please note that it is the candidate's responsibility to keep track of their expiration dates for each certification. If the candidate fails to recertify by the cycle end date, they are provided with a 90-day grace period during which to complete the recertification process. Failure to recertify will result in the candidate's certifications set to an inactive status and starting over on their certification journey. Candidates are sent three-reminder notifications during the last year in the recertification cycle, to the last known email address.

This three-year life cycle only applies to current, active certifications. Candidates whose legacy certifications have expired (and are marked inactive) should refer to [this document](#) for their next steps. Instructions on how to view your certifications can be found [here](#).

Candidates who participate as Subject Matter Experts in Splunk's exam development process are also eligible for recertification. Please see our [SME Recertification Policy](#) for more information or contact [certification@splunk.com](mailto:certification@splunk.com) if you wish to participate as a Subject Matter Expert in the future.

**Please note:** Not all certifications are eligible for recertification by next-level exams or (re)taking courses. Candidates who hold any and/or all of these certifications must maintain them on an individual basis. See tables 1.1 and 1.2 for more information.

Candidates have **three options** for recertification:

- 1) Pursue a higher-level certification** (including any required prerequisite courses), in which case their lower-level certifications would also be renewed on the date of passing the next-level certification exam.

**EXAMPLE 1:** Candidate holds Splunk Core Certified Power User, with a badge earned on January 1, 2019. Candidate passes Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin exam on July 1, 2019. Both the Enterprise Admin and Core Power User badges are updated with a new expiration date of July 1, 2022.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Candidate holds Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin, with a badge earned on October 1, 2018. Candidate completes four required prerequisite courses to qualify for the Enterprise Architect exam and passes Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect exam on August 1, 2021. Candidate's Enterprise Architect, Enterprise Admin, and Core Power User badges are updated with a new expiration date of August 1, 2024.

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**IMPORTANT:** Not all certification tracks are eligible for this recertification option. Please refer to [Table 1.1](#) for more information. Any questions regarding a specific candidate's recertification requirements should be directed to [certification@splunk.com](mailto:certification@splunk.com) for 1:1 assistance.

**Table 1.1 Next-Level Certification Options**

Certification Track	Next-Level Option(s)
Splunk Core Certified User	Splunk Core Certified Power User
Splunk Core Certified Power User	Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Cloud Certified Admin
Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User	Splunk Cloud Certified Admin Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin
Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin	Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect
Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect	Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Splunk Cloud Certified Admin	(none)
Splunk Core Certified Consultant	(none)
Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin	(none)
Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin	(none)
Splunk SOAR Certified Automation Developer	(none)
Splunk O11y Cloud Certified Metrics User	(none)
Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Analyst	Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Engineer
Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Engineer	(none)

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- 2) Retake a certification exam within the final year of their recertification window** to renew their certifications at that level (and any applicable downstream certifications).

**EXAMPLE 1:** Candidate holds Splunk Core Certified Power User, with a badge earned on January 1, 2019. Candidate may retake the Core Power User exam between January 2, 2021 and January 1, 2022 to recertify at this level. The candidate's Core Power User (and Core User, if held) certification(s) will be updated with a new expiration date, three years from the date of Core Power User badge re-issuance.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Candidate holds Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin, with a badge earned on October 1, 2018. Candidate may retake the Enterprise Admin exam between October 2, 2020 and October 1, 2021 to recertify at this level. Both the candidate's Enterprise Admin and Core Power User certifications will be updated with a new expiration date, three years from the date of Enterprise Admin badge re-issuance.

**IMPORTANT:** Exams passed outside the final year of the recertification window do **not** count toward the recertification requirement. The new 3-year cycle will begin on the date the exam is passed. Candidates will receive confirmation of their completion of recertification requirements via email. Please refer to [Table 1.2](#) for downstream badge issuance.

**Table 1.2 Downstream Certifications**

Certification Track	Downstream Track(s)
Splunk Core Certified User	(none)
Splunk Core Certified Power User	Splunk Core Certified User*
Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User	Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified User*
Splunk Cloud Certified Admin	Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User** Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified User*
Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin	Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User** Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified User*
Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User** Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified User*
Splunk Core Certified Consultant	Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin

Certification Track	Downstream Track(s)
	Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User** Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified User*
Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin	(none)
Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin	(none)
Splunk SOAR Certified Automation Developer	(none)
Splunk O11y Cloud Certified Metrics User	(none)
Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Analyst	(none)
Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Engineer	Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Analyst

*\*Badge will only be updated if the certification is already held. It will not be automatically issued to candidates who begin their certification journey with Splunk Core Certified Power User.*

*\*\*Badge will only be updated if the certification is already held. It will not be automatically issued under any circumstances.*

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- 3) Complete continuing education courses** at any point in the three year recertification window beginning the date of badge issuance. Please see below for qualifying courses (determined to be at or above the candidate's current skill-set/knowledge) based on the highest level certification held. Candidates may choose to complete one (or more) course(s) from the list for their highest level certification to maintain their current level of certification. Candidates may choose to retake a previously completed course or take a new course—both options are acceptable.

If you are a Splunk Course Instructor, please email [certification@splunk.com](mailto:certification@splunk.com) for more information on how the recertification policy applies to you.

Please note that Splunk Education's single-subject courses **do not** count towards recertification and are not among the course options you can select from to recertify.

**EXAMPLE 1:** Candidate holds Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect, with a badge earned on January 1, 2019 (expiring January 1, 2022). Candidate retakes Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments with a completion date of August 5, 2020. Recertification integration occurs the following Sunday, August 9, 2020 and the badge is automatically updated with a new expiration date of August 9, 2023.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Candidate holds Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin, with a badge earned on October 1, 2018 (expiring October 1, 2021). Candidate completes Transitioning to Splunk Cloud education course with a completion date of October 2, 2020. Recertification integration occurs the following Sunday, October 4, 2020 and the badge is automatically updated with a new expiration date of October 2, 2023.

**IMPORTANT:** Qualifying courses completed at any point in the 3-year recertification cycle will result in a +3 year expiration date from the date of course completion and will be updated within 5 to 7 business days of course completion. Candidates will receive confirmation of their completion of recertification requirements via email. Completing a higher level course does **not** grant a higher level badge. Please refer to [Table 1.2](#) for downstream badge issuance.

**Qualifying courses for recertification via continuing education by Certification.**

Please refer to [Table 3.1](#) for Certifications by Course:

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### **SPLUNK CORE CERTIFIED USER**

*No courses available to recertify at the Splunk Core Certified User level. In order to maintain your certification, the only options are to either retake and pass the Splunk Core Certified User certification exam or earn the Splunk Core Certified Power User certification.*

### **SPLUNK CORE CERTIFIED POWER USER**

1. Splunk Enterprise System Administration
2. Splunk Enterprise Data Administration
3. Splunk Cloud Administration

### **SPLUNK CORE CERTIFIED ADVANCED POWER USER**

1. Splunk for Analytics and Data Science
2. Splunk Enterprise System Administration
3. Splunk Enterprise Data Administration
4. Splunk Cloud Administration

### **SPLUNK ENTERPRISE CERTIFIED ADMIN**

1. Splunk Enterprise System Administration
2. Splunk Enterprise Data Administration
3. Troubleshooting Splunk Enterprise
4. Splunk Enterprise Cluster Administration
5. Transitioning to Splunk Cloud

### **SPLUNK CLOUD CERTIFIED ADMIN**

1. Splunk for Analytics and Data Science
2. Splunk Cloud Administration
3. Transitioning to Splunk Cloud

### **SPLUNK ENTERPRISE CERTIFIED ARCHITECT**

1. Splunk Enterprise System Administration
2. Splunk Enterprise Data Administration
3. Troubleshooting Splunk Enterprise
4. Splunk Enterprise Cluster Administration
5. Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments
6. Transitioning to Splunk Cloud

### **SPLUNK ENTERPRISE SECURITY CERTIFIED ADMIN**

1. Splunk Enterprise System Administration
2. Splunk Enterprise Data Administration
3. Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments
4. Administering Splunk Enterprise Security

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*This policy is also available in full in our [Splunk Certification Candidate Handbook](#).*

### **SPLUNK IT SERVICE INTELLIGENCE CERTIFIED ADMIN**

1. Splunk Enterprise System Administration
2. Splunk Enterprise Data Administration
3. Implementing Splunk IT Service Intelligence

### **SPLUNK CORE CERTIFIED CONSULTANT**

1. Splunk Deployment Practical Lab
2. Services Core Implementation
3. Transitioning to Splunk Cloud

### **SPLUNK SOAR CERTIFIED AUTOMATION DEVELOPER**

1. Administering SOAR
2. Developing SOAR Playbooks
3. Advanced SOAR Implementation

### **SPLUNK O11Y CLOUD CERTIFIED METRICS USER**

*No courses available to recertify at the Splunk O11y Cloud Certified Metrics User level. In order to maintain your certification, the only option is to retake and pass the Splunk O11y Cloud Certified Metrics User certification exam.*

### **SPLUNK CERTIFIED CYBERSECURITY DEFENSE ANALYST**

*No courses available to recertify at the Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Analyst level. In order to maintain your certification, the only options are to retake and pass the Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Analyst certification exam or earn the Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Engineer certification.*

### **SPLUNK CERTIFIED CYBERSECURITY DEFENSE ENGINEER**

*No courses available to recertify at the Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Engineer level. In order to maintain your certification, the only option is to retake and pass the Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Engineer certification exam.*

**Table 3.1 Recertification by Course (Alphabetical)**

Course Name	Recertification(s) Granted
Administering SOAR	Splunk SOAR Certified Automation Developer
Administering Splunk Enterprise Security	Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin
Advanced SOAR Implementation	Splunk SOAR Certified Automation Developer
Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments	Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin
Developing SOAR Playbooks	Splunk SOAR Certified Automation Developer
Implementing Splunk IT Service Intelligence	Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin

Course Name	Recertification(s) Granted
Services Core Implementation	Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Splunk Cloud Administration	Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User Splunk Cloud Certified Admin
Splunk Deployment Practical Lab	Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Splunk Enterprise Cluster Administration	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect
Splunk Enterprise Data Administration	Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin
Splunk Enterprise System Administration	Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin
Splunk for Analytics & Data Science	Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User Splunk Cloud Certified Admin
Transitioning to Splunk Cloud	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Cloud Certified Admin Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Troubleshooting Splunk Enterprise	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect