



RECERTIFICATION POLICY

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.

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 if you wish to participate as a Subject Matter Expert in the future.

Please note: Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin, Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin, and Splunk Phantom Certified Admin are standalone certifications. These do not have any eligible next-level tracks or any downstream tracks. Candidates who hold any and/or all of these certifications must maintain them on an individual basis.

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.

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 for 1:1 assistance.*



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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 Cloud Certified Admin	Splunk Certified Developer
Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin	Splunk Certified Developer Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect
Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect	Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Splunk Core Certified Consultant	(none)
Splunk Certified Developer	Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect
Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin	(none)
Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin	(none)
Splunk Phantom Certified Admin	(none)



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- 2) Retake a certification exam within the final two years of their recertification window to renew their certifications at that level (and any applicable downstream certifications). Candidates are not eligible to retake a passed certification exam within the first year of badge issuance.

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, 2020 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, 2019 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 *must* be passed within the final two years of the recertification window to count towards recertification. 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 2.1](#) for downstream badge issuance.

Table 2.1 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 Certified Developer** 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 Certified Developer**



	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User** Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified User*
Splunk Certified Developer	Splunk Cloud Certified Admin** Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin 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 Phantom Certified Admin	(none)

**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.

Beginning in September 2021, Splunk Education will launch shorter, single-subject courses to ultimately phase out some of the longer, multi-subject courses. Splunk Certification is working with the course development team to determine which courses will count toward recertification and will update this policy as soon as this information is available. Until that time, the new courses **will not** count towards recertification.

EXAMPLE 1: Candidate holds Splunk Core Certified Power User, with a badge earned on January 1, 2019 (expiring January 1, 2022). Candidate retakes Fundamentals 2 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 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 2.1](#) for downstream badge issuance.*

Qualifying courses for recertification via continuing education by Certification.

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

SPLUNK CORE CERTIFIED USER

1. [Fundamentals 1](#)
2. [Fundamentals 2](#)
3. [Fundamentals 3](#)
4. [Creating Dashboards with Splunk](#)
5. [Advanced Searching and Reporting](#)



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SPLUNK CORE CERTIFIED POWER USER

1. [Fundamentals 1](#)
2. [Fundamentals 2](#)
3. [Fundamentals 3](#)
4. [Creating Dashboards with Splunk](#)
5. [Advanced Searching and Reporting](#)
6. [Splunk Enterprise System Administration](#)
7. [Splunk Enterprise Data Administration](#)
8. [Splunk Cloud Administration](#)

SPLUNK CORE CERTIFIED ADVANCED POWER USER

1. [Fundamentals 2](#)
2. [Fundamentals 3](#)
3. [Creating Dashboards with Splunk](#)
4. [Advanced Searching and Reporting](#)
5. [Splunk for Analytics and Data Science](#)
6. [Splunk Enterprise System Administration](#)
7. [Splunk Enterprise Data Administration](#)
8. [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. [Implementing Splunk SmartStore](#)
6. [Splunk Workload Management](#)
7. [Working with Splunk Metrics](#)
8. [Implementing Splunk Data Stream Processor](#)
9. [Transitioning to Splunk Cloud](#)

SPLUNK CLOUD CERTIFIED ADMIN

1. [Splunk for Analytics and Data Science](#)
2. [Splunk Cloud Administration](#)
3. [Transitioning to Splunk Cloud](#)



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SPLUNK CERTIFIED DEVELOPER

1. [Fundamentals 2](#)
2. [Fundamentals 3](#)
3. [Creating Dashboards with Splunk](#)
4. [Advanced Searching and Reporting](#)
5. [Advanced Dashboards and Visualizations](#)
6. [Building Splunk Apps](#)
7. [Developing with Splunk's REST API](#)
8. [Splunk Enterprise System Administration](#)
9. [Splunk Enterprise Data Administration](#)
10. [Transitioning to Splunk Cloud](#)

SPLUNK ENTERPRISE CERTIFIED ARCHITECT

1. [Fundamentals 3](#)
2. [Creating Dashboards with Splunk](#)
3. [Advanced Searching and Reporting](#)
4. [Splunk Enterprise System Administration](#)
5. [Splunk Enterprise Data Administration](#)
6. [Troubleshooting Splunk Enterprise](#)
7. [Splunk Enterprise Cluster Administration](#)
8. [Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments](#)
9. [Transitioning to Splunk Cloud](#)

SPLUNK ENTERPRISE SECURITY CERTIFIED ADMIN

1. [Fundamentals 2](#)
2. [Fundamentals 3](#)
3. [Creating Dashboards with Splunk](#)
4. [Advanced Searching and Reporting](#)
5. [Splunk Enterprise System Administration](#)
6. [Splunk Enterprise Data Administration](#)
7. [Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments](#)
8. [Administering Splunk Enterprise Security](#)



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SPLUNK IT SERVICE INTELLIGENCE CERTIFIED ADMIN

1. [Fundamentals 2](#)
2. [Fundamentals 3](#)
3. [Creating Dashboards with Splunk](#)
4. [Advanced Searching and Reporting](#)
5. [Splunk Enterprise System Administration](#)
6. [Splunk Enterprise Data Administration](#)
7. [Implementing Splunk IT Service Intelligence](#)

SPLUNK CORE CERTIFIED CONSULTANT

1. [Splunk Deployment Practical Lab](#)
2. [Fundamentals 3](#)
3. [Creating Dashboards with Splunk](#)
4. [Advanced Searching and Reporting](#)
5. [Core Consultant Labs](#)
6. [Services Core Implementation](#)
7. [Transitioning to Splunk Cloud](#)

SPLUNK PHANTOM CERTIFIED ADMIN

1. [Administering Phantom](#)
2. [Developing Phantom Playbooks](#)
3. [Advanced Phantom Implementation](#)



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Table 3.1 Recertification by Course (Alphabetical)

Course Name	Recertification(s) Granted (see Table
Administering Phantom	Splunk Phantom Certified Admin
Administering Splunk Enterprise Security	Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin
Advanced Dashboards & Visualizations	Splunk Certified Developer
Advanced Phantom Implementation	Splunk Phantom Certified Admin
Advanced Searching & Reporting	Splunk Core Certified User Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User Splunk Certified Developer Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments	Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin
Building Splunk Apps	Splunk Certified Developer
Core Consultant Labs	Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Creating Dashboards with Splunk	Splunk Core Certified User Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User Splunk Certified Developer Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Developing Phantom Playbooks	Splunk Phantom Certified Admin
Developing with Splunk's REST API	Splunk Certified Developer
Fundamentals 1	Splunk Core Certified User Splunk Core Certified Power User
Fundamentals 2	Splunk Core Certified User Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User Splunk Certified Developer Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin
Fundamentals 3	Splunk Core Certified User Splunk Core Certified Power User Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User

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



Fundamentals 3 (continued)	Splunk Certified Developer Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Implementing Splunk Data Stream Processor	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin
Implementing Splunk IT Service Intelligence	Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin
Implementing Splunk SmartStore	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin
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 Certified Developer Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin
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Splunk for Analytics & Data Science	Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User Splunk Cloud Certified Admin
Splunk Workload Management	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin
Transitioning to Splunk Cloud	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Cloud Certified Admin Splunk Certified Developer Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect Splunk Core Certified Consultant
Troubleshooting Splunk Enterprise	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect
Working with Splunk Metrics	Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin