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# RECERTIFICATION POLICY

This policy outlines the requirements for maintaining active Splunk Certifications. All Splunk Certifications operate on a three-year lifecycle, starting from the date the highest-level certification was achieved. To verify your certification expiration date, please visit Credly.

**Key Policy Details:**

- **Candidate Responsibility:** It is the candidate's responsibility to track their certification expiration dates.
- **Grace Period:** A 90-day grace period is provided if recertification is not completed by the cycle end date.
- **Inactive Status:** Failure to recertify within the grace period will result in certifications being set to an inactive status, requiring candidates to restart their certification journey.
- **Reminders:** Splunk sends recertification email reminders to the last known email address 180, 90, and 30 days during the final year of the recertification cycle. Credly sends a 60-day email reminder.
- **V6.x and Older Certifications:** Candidates whose certifications are out-out-date (and are marked inactive) should refer to this document for their next steps.
- **SME Participation:** Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in Splunk's exam development process are eligible for recertification. Refer to the SME Recertification Policy or contact splunk_certification@cisco.com for details.

**Recertification Options**

Candidates have two options to recertify their Splunk certifications:

**1. Pursue a Higher-Level Certification**

- **Method:** Pass a higher-level certification exam, including any required prerequisite courses.
- **Impact:** This action automatically renews your downstream certifications.
- **New Expiration Date:** All renewed certifications will have a new expiration date three years from the date you pass the next-level certification exam.
- **Eligibility:** This option is not available for all certification tracks. Refer to **Table 1.1: Next-Level Certification Options** to identify eligible paths.
- **Assistance:** For specific questions regarding your recertification requirements, contact splunk_certification@cisco.com.

**2. Retake a Certification Exam**

- **Method:** Retake and pass the exam for your current certification.
- **Impact:** This renews your current certification and any applicable downstream certifications.
- **New Expiration Date:** A new three-year cycle begins on the date you pass the retaken exam.
- **Timing:** The exam must be passed within the final year of your recertification window. Exams passed outside this window will not count towards recertification.
- **Downstream Certifications:** Refer to **Table 1.2: Downstream Certifications** for details on which lower-level certifications are renewed.

### 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<br>Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin<br>Splunk Cloud Certified Admin |
| Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User | Splunk Cloud Certified Admin<br>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 (Legacy) | (none) |
| Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin (Legacy) | (none) |
| Splunk SOAR Certified Automation Developer (Legacy) | (none) |
| Splunk O11y Cloud Certified Metrics User | (none) |
| Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Analyst | (none) |
| Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Engineer | (none) |
| Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Architect | (none) |

**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<br>Splunk Core Certified User* |
| Splunk Cloud Certified Admin | Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User**<br>Splunk Core Certified Power User<br>Splunk Core Certified User* |
| Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin | Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User**<br>Splunk Core Certified Power User<br>Splunk Core Certified User* |
| Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect | Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin<br>Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User**<br>Splunk Core Certified Power User<br>Splunk Core Certified User* |
| Splunk Core Certified Consultant | Splunk Enterprise Certified Architect<br>Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin<br>Splunk Core Certified Advanced Power User**<br>Splunk Core Certified Power User<br>Splunk Core Certified User* |
| Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin (Legacy) | (none) |
| Splunk IT Service Intelligence Certified Admin (Legacy) | (none) |
| Splunk SOAR Certified Automation Developer (Legacy) | (none) |
| Splunk O11y Cloud Certified Metrics User | (none) |
| Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Analyst | (none) |
| Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Engineer | (none) |
| Splunk Certified Cybersecurity Defense Architect | (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.*

**Recertification FAQs**

***Does Splunk give extensions for recertification?***

No, Splunk does not provide extensions. If you have an active certification, it's your responsibility to recertify on time.

***If I don't pass the exam, can I retake it?***

You can retake the exam for the same cost; however, there is a wait period between the original attempt and a retake. Please refer to the Splunk Certification Retake Policy for more details.

***How will I be notified about my certification expiration date?***

Recertification email notifications are sent from the Splunk Training and Enablement (STEP) and Credly platforms.

***How do I change the email address associated with earning and tracking my certifications?***

We are unable to swap out email addresses on current accounts based on Splunk policy. You would need to create a new splunk.com account with a different personal address. You can then email splunk_certification@cisco.com to complete the request.

***What are "Legacy Certifications" and am I still eligible to recertify them?***

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 will still appear valid if you previously earned it. As long as the certification has an active status, you are eligible to recertify it as this policy outlines.