CCSK v3 versus v4
Frequently Asked Questions

How long will my CCSK v4 certificate be valid?

Your CCSK v4 certificate will not expire. However, information technologies in general, and cloud computing in particular, are rapidly progressing fields, and it is advisable to stay up-to-date with the most current version of CCSK.

What's the difference between CCSK v3 and CCSK v4?

The CCSK Version 4 is a significant update, with approximately 85% new content. The lectures are aligned with CSA's Security Guidance v4, and the labs for the CCSK Plus course have also been updated to reflect current real-world cloud security practices.

I am already a CCSK certificate holder based on a previous version. Will I need to update to v4 in order to maintain my CCSK status?

A person who has successfully passed any version of the CCSK exam will continue to be considered a CCSK certificate holder. The actual digitized certificate that is awarded specifies the version of the exam that was completed. Because the CCSK v4 is considered to cover state-of-the-art knowledge, it is highly recommended that all existing CCSK v2 and v3 certificate holders begin planning to upgrade their skill sets and pass the CCSK v4 exam.

I am already a CCSK certificate holder based on a previous version and I would like to update my certificate to v4. How can I do that?

CCSK certificate holders are eligible to receive a special CCSK upgrade token, which allows the holder two attempts to take the CCSK v4 exam. For individuals who passed an earlier version of the CCSK exam within 12 months prior to the release of CCSK v4 (i.e., between December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017), the new token will be available at no cost. For individuals who achieved CCSK certification prior to December 1, 2016, you may purchase the CCSK upgrade token for a discounted rate of $75. To take advantage of this offer, login to the CCSK portal at ccsk.cloudsecurityalliance.org after CCSK v4 is released and either claim your free token or purchase the upgrade.

I have a CCSK v3 (or v2) certificate. Is there a way that I can obtain the material or training that covers only the new content in v4?

No. Given that each domain has undergone substantial revisions to address the current state of cloud security, an estimated 85% of the content is new. CSA therefore recommends that all students study the complete, updated body of knowledge.