

Earn a Higher-Level CompTIA Certification

You can renew your CompTIA certification by earning a qualifying, higher-level CompTIA certification.

Overview and Eligibility

Earning or renewing a qualifying higher-level CompTIA certification can also renew your lower-level CompTIA certifications. Click on a certification below to see which ones will automatically renew other CompTIA certifications. This option would only apply if you are going to maintain the higher-level certification once earned.

CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP)
CompTIA CySA+
CompTIA Security+
CompTIA Network+
CompTIA A+

You can renew certain CompTIA certifications by achieving CompTIA Server+ or CompTIA Linux+ certifications. Click on a certification to see which other CompTIA certification(s) it renews.

CompTIA Server+
CompTIA Linux+

What You Need to Know

Follow these requirements to renew your certification by earning a higher-level CompTIA certification.

- **Timing:** You must earn the higher-level CompTIA certification during your three-year renewal cycle.
- **Documentation:** You do not need to provide specific documentation. When you pass the exam of a valid CompTIA certification within the three-year renewal cycle, CompTIA will automatically renew your certification.
- **Relevance:** The higher-level CompTIA certification must correspond to the lower-level CompTIA certification you are renewing.
- **CE Fees:** Continuing Education (CE) fees for your existing CompTIA certification are waived when you renew it by earning a higher-level CompTIA certification.
- **Expiration Date:** If you're planning to renew your CompTIA certification(s) by achieving a higher-level CompTIA certification, please note that your current certification expiration date(s) will be aligned with the expiration date of the higher-level certification (three years from the date you earn the higher-level certification.)
Example: You currently have an A+ CE certification with an expiration date of June 30, 2020. If you achieve a Network+ CE certification on January 18, 2018 the expiration date will be January 18, 2021. Your A+ certification expiration date will be changed to January 18, 2021 to align with your Network+ expiration date. (A+ would not be renewed for another three years to June 30, 2023.)

Resources

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Questions?

If you have questions about specific stages of the certification renewal process, head over to our Help pages to find additional information, or contact our customer service team.