

Custom Kyverno Configuration for Custom Kubernetes Certificates

1. Generate or Use CA-Signed Certificates

If you're using your organization's internal CA, you will need certificates for the following services:

- `kyverno-svc.kyverno.svc`
- `kyverno-cleanup-controller.kyverno.svc`

These certificates **must be signed by your internal CA**, not self-signed by Kyverno.

Note on Wildcard Certificates:

If you're using a wildcard certificate (e.g., `*.rancher-odc-poc.test.intranet`), ensure the Subject Alternative Names (SANs) include:

- `kyverno-svc.kyverno.svc`
- `kyverno-cleanup-controller.kyverno.svc`

This ensures the Kubernetes API server trusts and connects over TLS with the webhook servers correctly.

2. Verify Subject Alternative Names (SANs)

Ensure that the following SANs are present in your certificates **before** creating secrets:

For kyverno-svc:

- `kyverno-svc`
- `kyverno-svc.kyverno`
- `kyverno-svc.kyverno.svc`

For kyverno-cleanup-controller:

- `kyverno-cleanup-controller`
- `kyverno-cleanup-controller.kyverno`
- `kyverno-cleanup-controller.kyverno.svc`

To verify the SANs and inspect your certificates, you can use the **Step CLI tool**. For more information on the tool and how to use it, refer to the official documentation here: [Step CLI Documentation](#)

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```
step certificate inspect your-admission-cert.crt --short
```

3. Create Kubernetes Secrets for Your Certificates

Use the following commands to create the required secrets in the Kyverno namespace (replace `<namespace>` appropriately):

Admission Controller Secrets

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```
# Certificate and key pair
kubectl create secret tls
kyverno-svc.kyverno.svc.kyverno-tls-pair \
  --cert=your-admission-cert.crt \
  --key=your-admission-key.key \
  -n <namespace>

# CA certificate
kubectl create secret generic
kyverno-svc.kyverno.svc.kyverno-tls-ca \
  --from-file=rootCA.crt=your-ca.crt \
  -n <namespace>
```

Cleanup Controller Secrets

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```
# Certificate and key pair
kubectl create secret tls
kyverno-cleanup-controller.kyverno.svc.kyverno-tls-pair \
  --cert=your-cleanup-cert.crt \
  --key=your-cleanup-key.key \
  -n <namespace>

# CA certificate
kubectl create secret generic
kyverno-cleanup-controller.kyverno.svc.kyverno-tls-ca \
  --from-file=rootCA.crt=your-ca.crt \
  -n <namespace>
```

Important: Do not rename these secrets. Kyverno expects these exact secret names.

4. Reference

For additional details, refer to the official Kyverno documentation:

<https://kyverno.io/docs/installation/customization/#custom-certificates>