



Learn About the CompTIA Continuing Education (CE) Program

CompTIA's Continuing Education Program allows you to simultaneously keep your skills current while validating your expertise. Renewing your certification helps you maximize your overall return on the time and financial resources you put forth to prepare for and pass your exam.

- [Renewal Cycle](#): Your certification expires three years from the date you earn it and must be renewed before that expiration date. If you don't know your expiration date login to your certification record.
- [Continuing Education Units \(CEUs\)](#): Each certification requires a certain number of CEUs for renewal. You earn CEUs by completing approved activities.
- [Continuing Education Fees](#): CE fees are required for renewal and must be paid prior to submitting CEUs unless you renew by earning a qualifying higher-level CompTIA certification or by completing CertMaster CE.
- [Multiple CompTIA Certification Renewal](#): If you hold more than one CompTIA certification, you only need to meet the renewal requirements for your highest-level certification. When you renew your highest-level certification, your lower-level CompTIA certifications will automatically renew as well.

Choose Your Renewal Path:

[Renew with a Single Activity](#): You have several options for renewing your CompTIA certification by completing a single activity:

- [Complete CompTIA CertMaster CE](#)
 - CertMaster CE for A+ - (available for those certified in exam versions 901/902 or earlier)
 - CertMaster CE for Network+ - (available for those certified in exam version N10-006 or earlier)
 - CertMaster CE for Security+ - (available for those certified in exam version SY0-004 or earlier)
- [Earn a higher-level CompTIA certification](#)
- [Earn a non-CompTIA IT industry certification](#)
- [Pass the latest release of your CompTIA exam](#) * Example: If you are renewing a CompTIA A+ 901/902 certification, taking and passing the CompTIA A+ 1001/1002 exams will renew your certification. (See note below.)

[Renew with Multiple Activities](#): Alternatively, you can complete a combination of activities to earn the number of CEUs you need to renew your CompTIA certification.

- [Earn another CompTIA certification](#)
- [Earn non-CompTIA IT industry certifications](#)
- [Complete training and higher education](#)
- [Participate in IT industry activities](#)
- [Publish a relevant article, white paper, blog post or book](#)
- [Gain related work experience](#)

*Note: If a Candidate has passed an exam (or multiple exams) and achieved a certification, he/she cannot take the exam again without prior consent from CompTIA. If you hold [multiple CompTIA certifications](#), you only need to fulfill the CE requirements (including number of CEUs and payments) for your highest level certification.

The following certifications (received on or after January 1, 2011) are valid for three years from the date of certification:

CompTIA Certificate	Total CEUs Required for Renewal (within 3-year period)	Yearly Fee*	Total CE Fees (3-year period) *
CompTIA A+	20	\$25	\$75
CompTIA Network+	30	\$50	\$150
CompTIA Security+	50	\$50	\$150
CompTIA Linux+ (XK0-004)	50	\$50	\$150
CompTIA Cloud+	50	\$50	\$150
CompTIA PenTest+	60	\$50	\$150
CompTIA CySA+	60	\$50	\$150
CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+)	75	\$50	\$150

* **No maintenance fee is required if renewing through earning a qualifying higher-level CompTIA CE certification prior to your current certification expiration date, excluding CompTIA Linux+ and CompTIA Cloud+ as it does not fulfill the total CEU requirements.**

Activity Options for Renewal

Additional IT Certifications

- ▶ Earn a CompTIA Certification
- ▶ Earn a Non-CompTIA IT Certification

IT Industry Participation

- ▶ Teach or Mentor
- ▶ Create instructional materials
- ▶ Participate as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in a CompTIA exam development workshop

Publishing

- ▶ Publish a Relevant Industry Article, White Paper, Blog Post or Book

Training & Higher Education

- ▶ Complete a training course
- ▶ Attend a live webinar
- ▶ Attend a conference
- ▶ Complete a college course
- ▶ Complete an American Council on Education (ACE) course

Work Experience

- ▶ Work Experience

Renewing through Earning an Additional CompTIA Certification

CompTIA CE Certification You Need to Renew:	Total CEU Requirements for Renewal	CompTIA Certifications That Count Towards Renewal <i>Items marked with an asterisk (*) automatically renew the certification you are seeking to renew as they fulfill the total CEU requirements</i>	
		Certification	CEUs Awarded
CompTIA A+	20	CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+)	20*
		CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst (CySA+)	20*
		CompTIA PenTest+	20*
		CompTIA Linux+ Powered by LPI	20*
		CompTIA Linux+ (XKO-004)	20*
		CompTIA Network+	20*
		CompTIA Security+	20*
		CompTIA Server+	20*
CompTIA Cloud+ (CV0-002)	20*		
CompTIA Network+	30	CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+)	30*
		CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst (CySA+)	30*
		CompTIA PenTest+	30*
		CompTIA Security+	30*
		CompTIA Server+	30*
		CompTIA Cloud+ (CV0-002)	15
CompTIA Security+	50	CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+)	50*
		CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst (CySA+)	50*
		CompTIA PenTest+	50*
CompTIA Linux+	50	CompTIA Cloud+ (CV0-002)	50*
CompTIA Cloud+	50	CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+)	25
		CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst (CySA+)	33
		CompTIA PenTest+	33
		CompTIA Security+	40
		CompTIA Network+	34

CompTIA PenTest+	60	CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+) CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst (CySA+)	60* 60
CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst (CySA+)	60	CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+) CompTIA PenTest+	60* 60

CE Renewal Activities

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Additional IT Certifications

Earn a Higher-Level CompTIA Certification	(see “Renewing Through Earning an Additional CompTIA Certification” chart above)
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Earn a Non-CompTIA Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 30 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 50 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 50 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 50 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 60 CEUs – CySA+: 60 CEUs – CASP+: 75 CEUs 	<p>Non-CompTIA IT Industry Certifications (Partial Renewal / Full Renewal)</p> <p>Timing: The non-CompTIA IT industry certification must be earned or renewed during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: CompTIA has preapproved specific IT industry certifications that are relevant to the CompTIA certification you are renewing. Only the certifications listed on the preapproved charts can be used to earn CEUs.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the completed IT industry certification using the “Earned a Non-CompTIA Certification” activity to receive CEUs.</p> <p>Your submission must include a copy of the certificate, transcript or badge link issued by the certifying body and contain the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your name 2. Name of the certification 3. Date the certification was earned or renewed <p>Please note, training completion certificates, score reports and emails are not valid submissions.</p> <p>CompTIA automatically audits all IT industry certifications submitted for CEUs. Please allow 24 hours for us to complete the audit and add the CEUs to your account.</p>
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IT Industry Participation

<p>Teach or Mentor</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 15 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 30 CEUs – CySA+: 30 CEUs – CASP+: 40 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 1 CEU for each hour of teaching or mentoring.</p> <p>Timing: All teaching or mentoring must be completed during your three-year renewal cycle. Teaching on the same content can only be submitted once during that period.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the content you are teaching or mentoring on must relate to one or more exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the completed activity including the following information:</p> <p>Teaching:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lesson plan or syllabus with your name as the instructor 2. Description of the content covered 3. Date the course was taught <p>Mentoring:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Content objectives as they relate to the CompTIA exam being renewed 2. Description of the content covered 3. Dates and length of time mentoring occurred 4. Signed document from mentee that mentor dates and times are valid
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<p>Create Instructional Materials</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 15 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 30 CEUs – CySA+: 30 CEUs – CASP+: 40 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 2 CEUs for each hour of materials creation.</p> <p>Timing: You must create the instructional materials during your three-year renewal cycle. The same materials can only be submitted once.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the instructional materials must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the following documentation to receive CEUs for creating instructional materials:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lesson plan or syllabus with your name as the author 2. Copy of the instructional materials 3. Date the materials were created
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IT Industry Participation

<p>Participate as a SME in a CompTIA Exam Development Workshop</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 30 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 50 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 50 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 50 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 60 CEUs – CySA+: 60 CEUs – CASP+: 75 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 1 CEU for each workshop hour that you participate as a CompTIA Subject Matter Expert.</p> <p>Timing: You must complete the workshop during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: The workshop you are attending must correspond to the certification you are renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit a signed letter from the CompTIA workshop coordinator confirming your successful participation.</p>
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Publishing

<p>Publish a Relevant Industry Article or White Paper</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: (8) CEUs for articles or white papers – CompTIA Network+: (12) CEUs for articles or white papers – CompTIA Security+: (16) CEUs for articles or white papers – CompTIA Linux+: (16) CEUs for articles or white papers – CompTIA Cloud+: (16) CEUs for articles or white papers – CompTIA PenTest+: (18) CEUs for articles or white papers – CySA+: (18) CEUs for articles or white papers – CASP+: (20) CEUs for articles or white papers 	<p>You can earn 4 CEUs for each article or white paper of at least four pages in length.</p> <p>Timing: Your article or white paper must be written and published during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the article or white paper content must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the following documentation to receive CEUs for creating an article or white paper:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. URL or copy of the published work with your name and the date published 2. Description of the content covered
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<p>Publish a Book</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 15 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 40 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 40 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 40 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 50 CEUs – CySA+: 50 CEUs – CASP+: 60 CEUs 	<p>Timing: Your book must be written and published during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the book content must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit a link to the website where your book is featured or can be purchased.</p>
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Publishing

Publish a Blog	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 8 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 12 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 16 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 16 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 16 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 18 CEUs – CySA+: 18 CEUs – CASP+: 20 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 1 CEU for each blog post of at least 500 words.</p> <p>Timing: Your blog post must be written and published during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the blog post content must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the following documentation to receive CEUs for the blog post:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. URL or copy of the published work with your name and the date published. 2. Description of the content covered.
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Training & Higher Education

<p>Attend a Live Webinar</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 4 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 6 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 15 CEUs – CySA+: 15 CEUs – CASP+: 20 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 1 CEU for each hour you attend.</p> <p>Timing: You must attend the webinar during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the webinar content must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the following documentation to receive CEUs for a webinar:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detailed description/outline of the webinar content 2. Completion certificate or registration email containing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name • Name of the webinar • Date of the webinar • Number of hours <p>On-Demand Webinars and YouTube Videos: On-demand webinars and YouTube videos are only valid for CEUs if you can provide proof of registration or completion certificates.</p>
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<p>Attend a Conference</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 4 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 6 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 15 CEUs – CySA+: 15 CEUs – CASP+: 20 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 1 CEU for each hour you attend.</p> <p>Timing: You must attend the conference during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the conference session content must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the following documentation to receive CEUs for a conference session:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detailed description/outline of the session content 2. Completion certificate or registration email containing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name • Name of the conference session • Date of the conference session • Number of hours
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Training & Higher Education

<p>Complete a Training Course</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 30 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 50 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 50 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 50 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 60 CEUs – CySA+: 60 CEUs – CASP+: 75 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 1 CEU for each hour of training.</p> <p>Timing: You must complete the training course during your three-year renewal cycle, and the same course can only be submitted once.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the training course content must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the following documentation to receive CEUs for a training course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detailed description/outline of the training content 2. Completion certificate containing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name • Name of the course • Name of the training provider • Date the course was completed • Number of hours <p>CompTIA has preapproved some of the most widely recognized IT industry training courses. Other IT industry training is accepted if at least 50 percent of the content relates to one or more of the exam objectives for the CompTIA certification you’re renewing.</p>
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<p>Complete a College Course</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 40 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 40 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 40 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 50 CEUs – CySA+: 50 CEUs – CASP+: 60 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 10 CEUs for each 3 to 4 credit-hour class.</p> <p>Timing: You must complete the college course during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the course content must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the following documentation to receive CEUs for a college course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detailed description/outline of the college course content 2. Transcript containing the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name • Name of the college • Name of the course • Date and semester the course was completed • Number of credit hours
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Training & Higher Education

<p>Complete an American Council on Education (ACE) Accredited Course</p>	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 10 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 20 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 40 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 40 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 40 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 50 CEUs – CySA+: 50 CEUs – CASP+: 60 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 10 CEUs for each 3 to 4 credit-hour class.</p> <p>Timing: You must complete the ACE course during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the ACE course content must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: Submit the following documentation to receive CEUs for an ACE course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detailed description/outline of the ACE course content 2. Transcript containing the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name • Name of the course • Date and semester the course was completed • Number of credit hours
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Work Experience

Work Experience	<p>Max CEUs that can be earned within a 3-year CE cycle for this activity is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CompTIA A+: 9 CEUs – CompTIA Network+: 9 CEUs – CompTIA Security+: 9 CEUs – CompTIA Linux+: 9 CEUs – CompTIA Cloud+: 9 CEUs – CompTIA PenTest+: 9 CEUs – CySA+: 9 CEUs – CASP+: 9 CEUs 	<p>You can earn 3 CEUs per year during your renewal cycle for work experience related to your certification.</p> <p>Timing: The work experience must be completed during your three-year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Relevance: At least 50 percent of the work you are performing must relate to one or more of the exam objectives for the certification you’re renewing.</p> <p>Documentation: To receive CEUs for your work experience, you will need to submit a letter from your employer on company letterhead containing the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your name 2. Current job title 3. The Continuing Education (CE) year for which your work experience is being submitted 4. Tasks you performed 5. Signature of your supervisor <p>Please note, work orders, work performance reports and resumes are not valid documentation materials.</p>
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NOTE: All activities and CompTIA continuing education requirements are subject to change without prior notification. Activities submitted to the certified professional’s record prior to CompTIA posting an updated version of the CE Activity Chart remain as is and would still be applicable for CEUs.

Submit Your Completed Activities

Manual Submissions: In most cases, you’ll need to log into your [certification account](#) to submit your completed activities and receive CEUs.

Automated Submissions: When you complete one of the following activities, CompTIA automatically renews your certification:

- Complete CompTIA CertMaster CE
- Pass the latest release of your CompTIA exam
- Earn a higher-level CompTIA certification