

Check Point Certification Program Changes

The Learning & Training Certification team announces the following changes to the Certification Program rules, effective April 1, 2023:

Current Rule	Rule Change
Any R77 or prior CCSE certification (expired or not) can qualify to take the current R81 CCSE.	Any R77 or prior CCSE must restart the certification path – CCSA → CCSE
R77 and below certifications were on a completely different management system and a different GUI. The management system was based on flat-file databases. In R80 and later versions, the management system changed to a relational database that allows for easier searching and reduced data redundancy.	
A CCSA certification may be extended a maximum of two times by passing 2 different Infinity Specialist accreditation exams. (The CCSA must be current, not expired).	CCSA certification extensions are no longer allowed. To recertify, take and pass the current CCSA exam.
Certification extensions will begin with the CCSE certification.	
No prerequisite exam requirement prior to taking the CCTA exam.	A valid or expired CCSA (R80.x or above) is required before attempting the CCTA exam.
Based on prerequisite knowledge and learning paths as defined by the Courseware Development team. Customers must possess solid networking security and security management knowledge prior to taking the CCTA course and attempting the exam.	
No prerequisite exam requirement prior to taking the CCTE exam.	A valid or expired CCSE (R80.x or above) is required before attempting the CCTE exam.
Based on prerequisite knowledge and learning paths as defined by the Courseware Development team. Customers must possess solid networking security and security management knowledge prior to taking the CCTE course and attempting the exam.	
A CCSM Elite may be extended one year by passing an Infinity Specialist exam. (The CCSM Elite must be current, not expired).	A CCSM Elite may continue to be extended by passing additional Infinity Specialist exams. One year per Specialist. (The CCSM Elite must be current, not expired).
This change will provide an unlimited opportunity to extend the validity of the CCSM Elite certification.	

For more information, please refer to the [Check Point Learning & Training Certification Program FAQs](#) document or [sk163417](#).

For certification-related questions, contact certification@checkpoint.com.