Recertification Policy: VMware Certified Professional

Certifications are valuable assets for any IT professional and VMware Certified Professional (VCP) certifications are widely believed to reflect exceptional competence. Your VCP certification validates your ability to successfully employ current VMware products using best practices in operational environments.

Earning a VCP certification is a great achievement. But staying up to date in the expertise gained and proven by your certification is equally vital. If your skills are not current, your certification loses value. To ensure that all VCP holders maintain their proficiency, VMware has instituted a recertification policy.

Recertification is widely recognized in the IT industry and beyond as an important element of continuing professional growth. It enhances your credibility and demonstrates a commitment to your career, your employer, and your customers.

The policy gives you four options to recertify:

• Take the current exam for your existing VCP certification solution track. For example, if you are a VCP3, you could take the current VCP5-Data Center Virtualization (VCP5-DCV) exam.

• Earn a new VCP certification in a different solution track. For example, if you are a VCP-Cloud, you could recertify by earning VCP5-Desktop (VCP5-DT) certification.

• Advance to the next level by earning a VMware Certified Advanced Professional (VCAP) certification. For example, if you are a VCP5-DCV you could earn VCAP5-DCA certification.

Regardless of the option you choose, recertifying will enhance your ability to provide the highest quality results, and improve your chances for earning increased compensation and career advancement.

Recertification Process

• You will be notified that your certification is due to expire via the email associated with your MyLearn account. Your transcript will also show the dates your certification is valid.

• To recertify, you must pass any VCP or higher-level exam within two years of earning your most recent VCP certification.

• Failure to recertify by the required date will result in revocation of your certification.

   • If your certification is revoked, you will lose access to the VCP portal and your right to market yourself as certified for that certification, which includes the use of VMware certification logos. Also, your transcript will reflect that your certification is no longer valid.

   • In order to regain certified status if your certification is revoked, you must satisfy all the pre-requisites for that certification as a new candidate.

      • You cannot use the same course that was used to meet the pre-requisite for your revoked certification to meet the pre-requisite for your new certification

FAQs

What Changes Did VMware announce?

VMware is implementing a recertification policy for VCP certification. To recertify, VCP holders must pass any VCP or higher-level exam within two years of earning their most recent VCP certification.

Why did VMware announce this policy change?

Currently, VCP certification holders are not required to recertify their skills, which is uncommon in the IT industry. Maintaining currency in the expertise gained and proven by VMware certifications is just as important as earning the certification initially. If your skills are not current, your certification loses value. The technical and business communities expect that VMware certified professionals are current on the latest technologies and capable of implementing VMware products with the highest level of skill. VMware is instituting the recertification policy to ensure that all certification holders meet these expectations.

When did the recertification policy go into effect?
The policy is effective as of March 10, 2014.

What happens if I allow my certification to expire?
Your certification will be revoked, and you will no longer be entitled to use the certification logo or represent yourself as VMware certified. Your certification will be shown as no longer valid on your MyLearn account. Any employer who contacts us to validate your certification will be informed it is no longer valid.

Can I still access the VCP portal if my certification is revoked?
No.

Is there a grace period after my certification is revoked in which I can take the exam and be reinstated, or do I need to start over?
No. There is no grace period after your certification is revoked. To regain certified status, you will need to meet all the prerequisites for the specific certification.

Will VMware notify me when my certification is near its expiration date?
Yes. You will receive an email notice at the email address associated with your MyLearn account.

How long do I have to recertify?
You have two years to recertify, starting from the last date you earned a certification from the VMware certification program.

Is there a course requirement to recertify?
Previously, a candidate was given a limited amount of time to upgrade an existing certification, after which a course was required. Effective with the announcement of this recertification policy, a candidate can recertify anytime within their two-year recertification period without a course requirement. However, we recommend that you do enroll in training, as hands-on experience through on-demand or live (classroom or virtual classroom) classes will provide you with the latest education to better prepare you for the exam.

I have multiple VCP certifications. Which date do I use to determine when I need to recertify?
The most recent certification date will be used to determine your recertification deadline. For example, if you earned VCP5-DCV on January 1, 2012, and VCP5-DT on February 10, 2014, then your recertification deadline will be based on the VCP5-DT date. In this case, the recertification deadline is February 10, 2016.

Which date is used when determining recertification?
The date you completed all certification tasks in MyLearn is the official date that will be used to determine your recertification date.

Certification Key Terminology

Recertification: Recertification is the process by which a certification holder demonstrates that they have kept up with current technology by passing any VCP or higher-level exam within two years of earning their most recent VCP certification. Valid certifications may be recertified indefinitely, but if not recertified before the "valid through" date listed on the certification, it is revoked.

Exam Retirement: The exam may no longer be purchased or taken. The retirement of an exam does not impact the status of certification holders who achieved certification by taking that exam. The related certification remains valid until its date of expiration.

Certification Retirement: The certification is no longer attainable for new candidates. If a candidate already holds it, it will remain valid until the expiration date of that certification.

Certification Revocation: The individual's certification is no longer considered valid. A revoked certification is shown as no longer valid on the candidate's MyLearn account. Any employer who contacts us to validate a revoked certification will be informed it is no longer valid. To regain certified status, candidates will need to meet all the prerequisites for the specific certification.