

# GIAC Certification Renewal FAQ



## ***What are my options to renew my GIAC certification?***

There are two options to renew your GIAC certification.

1. Take the current certification exam.
2. Acquire and submit 36 CPEs.

## ***What is included in the renewal Exam option?***

You will receive 4 months of access to two practice tests along with your certification exam.

You may also opt to receive a set of course materials. This is included in your renewal fee, less shipping costs. If you do not wish to receive course material, please uncheck the box to 'Include Books.'

## ***If I renew through the Exam option, when do I need to complete my exam?***

You will need to register and pay for your GIAC renewal exam online through your GIAC Account Dashboard prior to your GIAC certification expiration date. You will have 4 months from the date your registration and payment are received to prepare and complete your proctored exam. Your GIAC certification will temporarily appear expired until you pass your exam.

## ***If I renew my GIAC certification through the CPE option, can I still receive an updated set of course material?***

Yes. You may opt to receive an updated set of course material on your renewal registration form. This is included in your certification renewal fee, however, you will be responsible for additional payment of shipping fees.

## ***What is included in the course material?***

Included is an updated set of course books, audio files, and any added content such as DVDs or USBs. Any additional hardware, such as F-Response and the Windows License, is not included. If you would not like to receive the updated course material, please uncheck the box to 'Include Books.'

## ***When do I have to submit my CPE credits for my GIAC certification renewal?***

You may submit your CPE credits online through your GIAC Account Dashboard over the 4 years prior to your certification expiration date.

Once you have acquired 36 CPEs, you may apply your CPE information, documentation, and renewal payment online through your GIAC Account Dashboard prior to your GIAC certification expiration date.

***Can I submit my CPE credits over time?***

Yes. You may begin acquiring and tracking your CPE credits as soon as you earn your GIAC certification. These can be added and tracked online through your GIAC Account Dashboard.

***How do I submit my CPE credits?***

You may submit your CPE credits online through your GIAC Account Dashboard.

- Under 'Certifications' click [CPE - Submit and Assign Credits](#).
- Click 'Submit New Credits.'
- Select the CPE Category and Subcategory.
- Enter your information in the fields on the submission form
- Attach your documentation as a file or link to url.
- Add any supporting documentation if needed.
- Click 'Submit Request' for CPE Credit.

***How do I assign CPE credits?***

You may assign your CPE credits online through your GIAC Account Dashboard.

- Under 'Certifications' click [CPE - Submit and Assign Credits](#).
- For each submission previously made, you may click the 'Assignment' button.
- Select which GIAC certification renewal you are assigning to.

***How do I purchase my GIAC certification renewal?***

You may purchase your GIAC certification renewal online through your GIAC Account Dashboard.

- Under 'Certifications' click [CPE - Submit and Assign Credits](#).
- Under 'Certifications' there is a link to 'Purchase Now.'
- Select the CPE option to complete your renewal using your previous CPE submission and assignments.
- Select the Exam option to renew by taking the current exam.

***Can I use the same CPE credits towards multiple GIAC renewals?***

YES.

- SANS Training and new GIAC certifications
  - Qualify for up to 36 CPEs and can be used to renew up to three GIAC renewals.
- Other Accredited Professional Training or Certification, Graduate Level Courses, or a Published Technical Work
  - Qualify for up to 36 CPEs and can be used to renew up to two GIAC renewals
- Supplemental Options can be used to renew 1 GIAC certification
  - Non-accredited training qualifies for up to 18 CPEs.
  - NetWars / Cyber Ranges qualifies for up to 12 CPEs.
  - Work Experience qualifies for up to 12 CPEs.
  - Community Participation qualifies for up to 12 CPEs.

***Can I submit CPE credits to renew my GSE certification?***

NO. GSE certifications can only be renewed through the GSE Exam option.

***Will my GIAC certification extend 4 years from its expiration date or from the date I complete my renewal?***

Once renewed, your GIAC certification will extend 4 years from its current expiration date, not from the date of renewal.

***Is there a discount for renewing multiple GIAC certifications?***

YES. If you register for more than one GIAC certification renewal in a two-year period, you will receive a discount. After the first \$399 certification renewal, all additional certifications renewal registrations received during the following two-year period will cost \$199 each.

- The two-year mark begins on the date the first renewal registration and payment are received. It is not based on certification expiration dates or the date of renewal.

***Can I renew my GIAC certification if it has already expired?***

NO. If your GIAC certification has already passed its expiration date, you may earn it by attempting and passing the exam after completing the corresponding SANS training course or through the Exam Only Certification Attempt.

<http://www.giac.org/registration/cert-attempt>