Stay Relevant with Renewal

Keeping your hard-earned GIAC certification active can sometimes become a challenge. In order to remain current and competitive in the cybersecurity workforce, we recommend the CPE option: collect 36 credits over four years to keep your certification active. Below you’ll find the many ways to earn CPEs by simply staying active in the industry.

GIAC.org/certifications/renewal

What Counts?

Design Your Renewal Plan
Combine categories to earn your 36 CPEs over four years

GIAC/SANS Affiliated Programs*
- SANS training courses, including Live and OnDemand training
- New GIAC certifications
- GIAC Gold Paper
*Automatically logged in your portal account

Living Your Professional Life
- Other accredited professional training or certification
- Graduate level courses
- Published technical work

Community Participation
- Participating in GIAC exam development activities
- Participating in SANS webcasts or Security Weekly podcasts
- Writing an article for an information assurance publication

Other Industry Training
- Up to 18 CPEs
- Other accredited professional training or certification
- Graduate level courses
- Published technical work

NetWars & Cyber Ranges
- Up to 12 CPEs
- SANS NetWars
- DoD hands-on Cyber Range activities

Work Experience
- Relevant technical & management experience
- Accumulated within the four-year period

As you collect your 36 CPEs, log them in your GIAC portal account. See how close you are to renewal!

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Stay Sharp. Stay Active. Stay GIAC Certified.

Receive valuable, updated study materials with your renewal

Other renewal options:
- Successfully complete the current certification exam.
- Already have multiple GIAC certifications? Earn and maintain your GSE to automatically renew all other GIAC certifications!

Learn more at GIAC.org