

You made the commitment and put in the time and effort to get GIAC certified. But don't just stop there — keep your certification active to stay relevant in the cybersecurity workforce!

Why Renew?

Advanced Expertise

When you renew, you're showing yourself and others in the industry that not only do you have a certification, but you've gone above and beyond to gain advanced knowledge and experience in order to keep that certification.

Dependability

The longer your certification is active, the more years of verified knowledge and hands-on technical abilities you have. Employers value certifications, and maintaining your certification shows your employer that you're someone they can depend on.

Respect

Your industry peers know how much time and effort is involved in maintaining a certification, and the longer you maintain your certifications, the more you'll be recognized as an expert in your field.

Security

Renewing ensures your personal security knowledge, your job security, and the security of your enterprise — all in one.

"My GIAC certification and the necessary CPEs to maintain it keeps me current in security, which improves my employer's security posture as well as my personal security posture."

— Margaret Kauska, Security Officer, State Government

What Do You Need To Do?

1. Collect CPEs — 36 of them — over the four years your cert is active. Or, you can choose to retake the certification exam!
2. See the next page for the many activities that earn CPEs.
3. Log non-SANS/GIAC CPEs in your portal account.
4. Qualifying SANS/GIAC CPEs will be automatically logged in your portal account. You just need to assign and justify.
5. Wait for GIAC to review and approve your CPE submission. Approval can take 2-3 business days.
6. You will receive email notification of acceptance or rejection.
7. As early as two years before your expiration date, pay the renewal fee.

You're renewed!

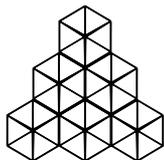
How do I log non-SANS/GIAC CPEs in my portal account?

1. Sign on to your portal account at www.giac.org/cert_history.
2. Click on "Manage All Renewal CPEs".
3. Click on "Submit New CPEs."
4. Fill out the blanks with information regarding the CPE activity.
5. Submit supporting documentation that verifies you completed the activity.
6. Assign the CPEs to your active certifications.
7. Select the justification for using this activity for CPE credit.
8. Submit!

I know my SANS/GIAC affiliated CPEs are automatically logged, but how do I assign and justify?

1. Sign on to your portal account at www.giac.org/cert_history.
2. Click on "Manage All Renewal CPEs".
3. Click on "Assign" next to the relevant CPE.
4. Submit supporting documentation if needed.
5. Assign the CPEs to your active certifications.
6. Select the justification for using this activity for CPE credit.
7. Submit!

What Counts?

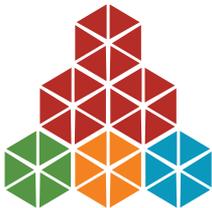


GIAC accepts many different types of CPE credits to accommodate your busy lifestyle. Combine categories to earn your 36 CPEs over four years

	Activities	Max Credits
GIAC/SANS Affiliated Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be applied to 3 certifications • SANS training courses, including Live and OnDemand training • New GIAC certifications • GIAC gold paper 	
Living Your Professional Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be applied to 2 certifications • Other accredited professional training or certification • Graduate level courses • Published technical work 	
Other Industry Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be applied to 1 certification • BlackHat • RSA • ShmooCon • DerbyCon • ...and more! 	
NetWars & Cyber Ranges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be applied to 1 certification • SANS NetWars • DoD hands-on Cyber Range activities 	
Work Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be applied to 1 certification • Relevant technical & management experience 	
Community Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be applied to 1 certification • Participating in GIAC exam development activities • Participating in SANS webcasts or Security Weekly podcasts • Writing an article for an information assurance publication 	

When Do I Renew?

1. Your certification is valid for four years from the date of issuance.
2. This date can be found on your printed certificate or on your “Certification History” portal page.
3. The expiration date will always be exactly four years after your cert was issued.
4. During these four years, you will need to collect CPE credits in order to renew your certification by the expiration date.
5. All of your CPE credit-granting activities MUST take place during the four-year period in which your certification is active.
6. At the two-year mark, you become eligible to pay the renewal fee. You have up until the expiration date to pay the fee.



**Stay Sharp.
Stay Active.
Stay GIAC Certified.**

Questions?

You can find more information on our website: www.giac.org/renewal

Need to speak with someone? Email cert-renewal@giac.org or call Global Customer Care at [\(301\) 654-7267](tel:3016547267) and we'll be happy to help!