

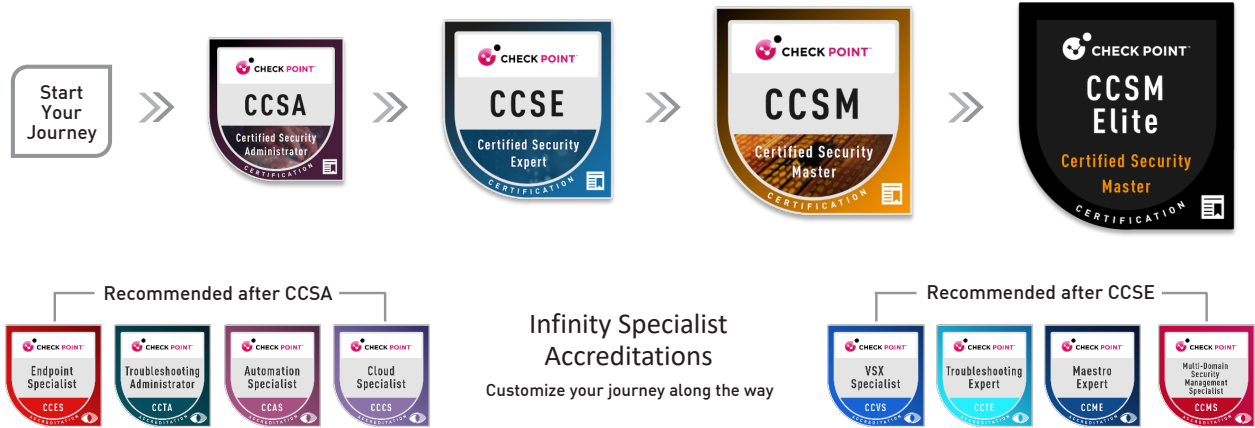


Check Point Learning & Training Certification Program Model FAQ



Certification Program Model

Your Journey to Cyber Security Mastership



Core Certifications



Check Point Certified Security Administrator

This core 3-day technical certification course provides an understanding of basic concepts and skills necessary to configure and manage Check Point Security Gateways and Management Software Blades.

Exam #
[156-215.80](#)



Check Point Certified Security Expert

This advanced 3-day security engineering course provides an in-depth explanation of Check Point technology and an understanding of skills necessary to effectively design, maintain, optimize, and protect your enterprise network from aggressive cyber threats.

Exam #
[156-315.80](#)

Security Master Certifications



Check Point Certified Security Master

The CCSM certification recognizes and validates technical mastery of the Check Point Infinity architecture. It is awarded to Cyber Security professionals with advanced knowledge and expertise in configuring, deploying, managing, and troubleshooting Check Point products and services.



Check Point Certified Security Master Elite

The **CCSM Elite** certification validates the highest achievement of technical mastery and consists of an elite club of Check Point Certified Security Masters.

Certification Path to Cyber Security Mastership

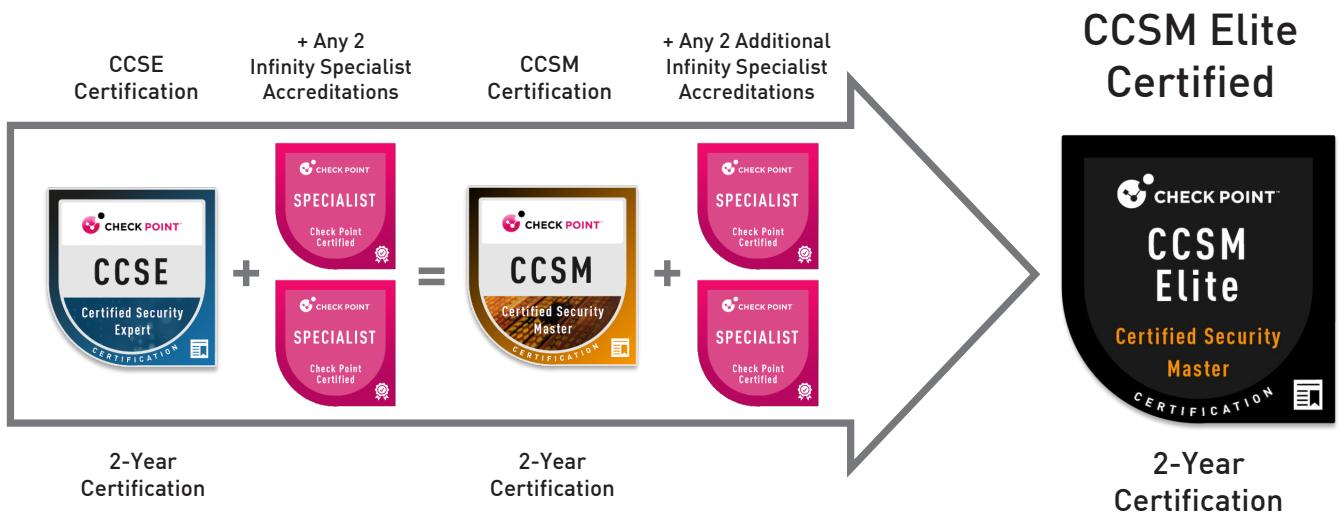
Check Point Certified Security Master

With Check Point's path to Security Mastery, you will need to achieve 2 Infinity Specialist Accreditations *after* the CCSE.



Check Point Certified Security Master Elite

To achieve Check Point's Security Master Elite you will need to pass 2 Infinity Specialist Accreditations *after* the CCSM.



Infinity Specialist Accreditations

Check Point's Infinity Specialist Accreditations are designed to enable Security professionals to demonstrate that they understand the concepts and skills needed to administer, deploy and manage specific Security solutions within the Check Point Infinity Cyber Security Architecture. Infinity Specialist Accreditations are also the building blocks to the Security Master and Security Master Elite certifications.

Accreditation	Infinity Specialist Courses	Exam #
CCAS	Check Point Certified Automation Specialist	156-520
CCME	Check Point Certified Maestro Expert	156-835
CCCS	Check Point Certified Cloud Specialist	156-560
CCSE	Check Point Certified Endpoint Specialist	156-530
CCMS	Check Point Certified Multi-Domain Security Management Specialist	156-540
CCVS	Check Point Certified Virtual System Extension Specialist	156-550
CCTA	Check Point Certified Troubleshooting Administrator	156-580
CCTE	Check Point Certified Troubleshooting Expert	156-585
HackingPoint Courses		
CCPE – A	AppSec for Developers	156-405
CCPE – C	Cloud Security	156-406
CCPE – I	Infrastructure Hacking	156-402
CCPE – W	Web Hacking	156-403
CCPE – AW	Advanced Web Hacking	156-408
CCPE – AI	Advanced Infrastructure Hacking	156-409

Certification Extensions & Renewals

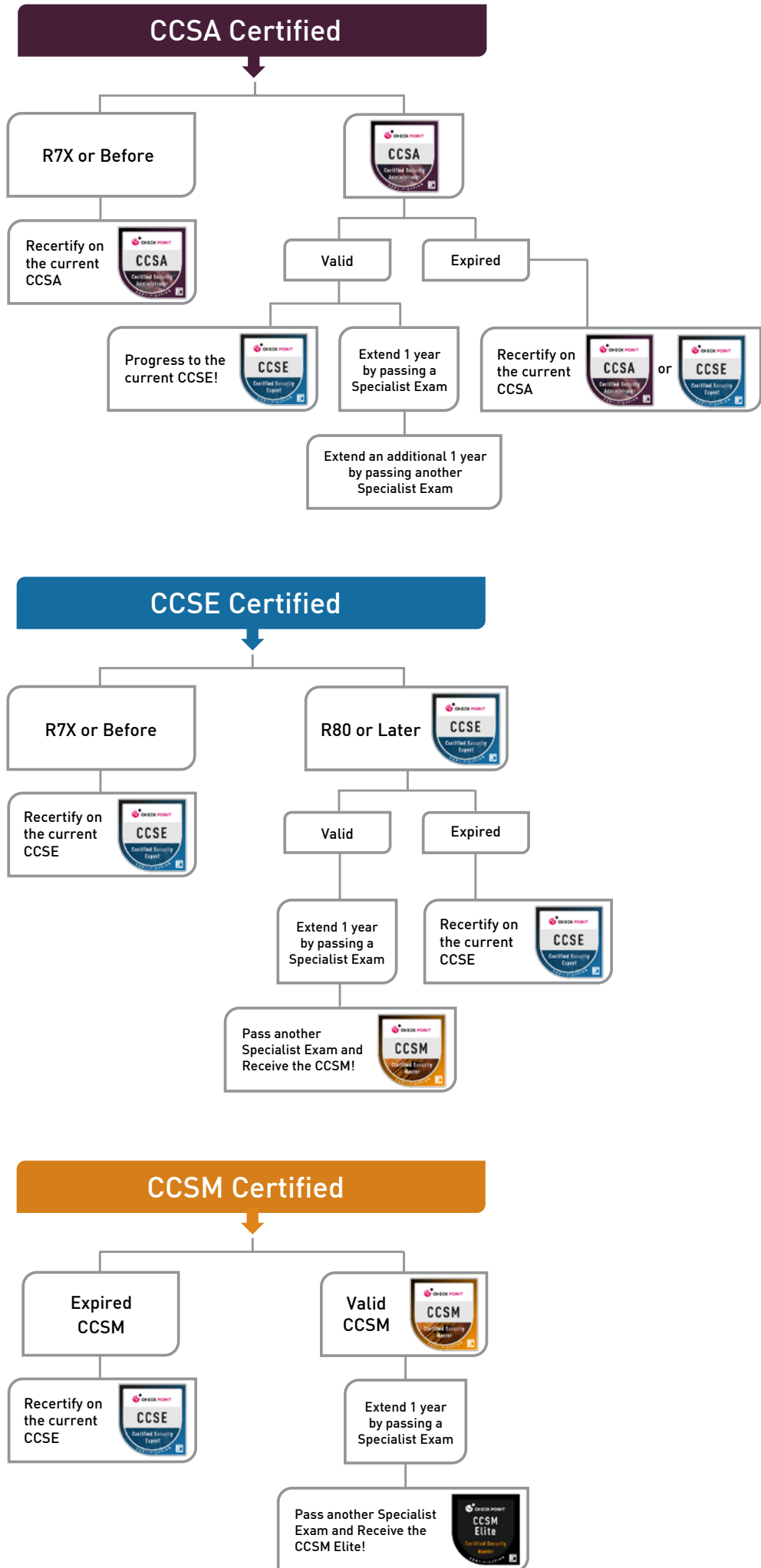
Pass an Infinity Specialist Accreditation (ISA) to extend a **valid** Core certification for 1-year.
The ISA must be achieved after a Core certification to qualify for the extension.

- ✓ A CCSA may be extended a *maximum of two times* by passing 2 different ISAs. (CCSA must be current, not expired)
- ✓ A CCSE may be extended *one time*. A second ISA will award the Accreditation and the **CCSM Certification!** (The CCSE must be current, not expired)
- ✓ A CCSM may be extended *one time*. A second ISA will award the Accreditation and the **CCSM Elite Certification!** (The CCSE must be current, not expired)
- ✓ A CCSM Elite may *only be extended one time*.

The CCSA or the CCSE exam may be retaken as a means to recertify.

- ✓ If the CCSA or CCSE is retaken and passed *before it expires*, the certification will be renewed for 2 years from the previous expiration date.

Certification Paths



FAQs

- **If I took an Infinity Specialist Accreditation course and exam prior to 31 January 2021, will my valid certification be extended?**
 - No, the extension program will start on 31 January 2021 and go forward. No retroactive extensions will be awarded.
- **If I passed an Infinity Specialist Accreditation exam before the core Certification will my certification be extended?**
 - No, the accreditation needs to be passed after a core certification for an extension to be awarded.
- **I passed an Infinity Specialist Accreditation (ISA) exam and it is soon to expire or has expired. Can I take that ISA again to extend my current certification?**
 - Yes, you are eligible to retake an ISA for an extension. You may retake an ISA exam up to six months prior to the expiration date and it can count towards an extension.
- **I've passed the CCSA exam, what are my next steps to maintain an Active certification status?**
 - **Option 1** – You may extend the CCSA certification *while the certification is still valid* by passing an Infinity Specialist Accreditation exam for a 1-year extension (You may do this 2 times with a valid CCSA)
 - **Option 2** – You may proceed to the CCSE to continue in the certification path.
 - This will not extend the CCSA.
 - **Option 3** – You may retake and pass the CCSA exam for another 2-year extension.
- **I have a CCSA and have passed 2 Infinity Specialist Accreditations to extend my certification for an additional 2 years. Can I take a 3rd for another 1-year extension?**
 - No, 2 years is the longest extension. You may recertify by passing the CCSA again for another 2 year certification.
- **My CCSA has expired. Can I still extend the certification for 1 year by taking an Infinity Specialist Accreditation?**
 - **Extensions are only awarded on valid certifications. It is important to be aware of certification expiration dates.**
 - Recertify your CCSA by passing the CCSA certification exam again.
 - You are still eligible to take the CCSE to advance in the certification path if your CCSA is expired.
- **Where can I go to check on the expiration date of my certifications?**
 - Login to the [User Center](#)
 - Click "MY CHECK POINT"
 - Click "My Certifications" under the "My Info" option to see a list of your certifications and their expiration dates.
 - **Note:** Starting at 60 days before a core certification expires, our system will notify you by email several times on a regular interval to remind you of your expiring certification.
- **I passed one Infinity Specialist Accreditation (ISA) to get the 1-year extension added to my CCSA and now the CCSA has since expired. If I pass an ISA exam now, will my CCSA be extended?**
 - No, you will need to pass the CCSA again to get recertified. Extensions are only awarded on valid certifications.
- **I have a valid R80 CCSE, what are my next steps to maintain an Active certification status?**
 - **Option 1** – You may extend the CCSE certification *while the certification is still valid* by passing one Infinity Specialist Accreditation (ISA) exam for a 1-year extension (You may do this one time for a 1-year extension on a valid CCSE)
 - Passing a second ISA exam will award you the *CCSM certification*.
 - **Option 2** – You may retake the CCSE for another 2-year extension.

- **I received the CCSM after getting my second Infinity Specialist Accreditation while CCSE certified. How long will the CCSM be valid?**
 - The CCSM certification will be valid for 2 years.
- **My CCSE has expired. Can I still extend the certification for 1 year by taking an Infinity Specialist Accreditation?**
 - Extensions are only awarded on valid certifications. It is important to be aware of certification expiration dates.
 - Recertify your CCSE by retaking and passing the CCSE exam.
- **I had the 1-year extension added to my CCSE but now my CCSE has expired. Will I still get the CCSM if I take another Infinity Specialist Accreditation?**
 - **No, extensions are only awarded on valid certifications.** You will need to recertify your CCSE again and pass 2 more Infinity Specialist Accreditations to attain CCSM status.
- **I have a valid R8o CCSM, what are my next steps to maintain an Active certification status?**
 - You may extend the CCSM certification *while the certification is still valid* by passing one Infinity Specialist Accreditation (ISA) exam for a 1-year extension (You may do this one time for a 1-year extension on a valid CCSM)
 - Passing a second ISA exam will award you the *CCSM Elite certification*.
- **I received the CCSM Elite certification after getting my second Infinity Specialist Accreditation while CCSM certified. How long will the CCSM Elite be valid?**
 - The CCSM Elite certification will be valid 2 years.
 - The CCSM Elite can be extended once for 1 year by passing another Infinity Specialist Accreditation. (A recertification path for the CCSM Elite will be announced at a later date)
- **My CCSM has expired. Can I still extend the certification for 1 year by taking an Infinity Specialist Accreditation?**
 - Extensions are only awarded on valid certifications. It is important to be aware of certification expiration dates.
- **I have a valid CCSM Elite, CCSM or CCSE. Do I need to maintain the lower certification(s)?**
 - Your goal is to maintain your highest certification or progress to the next level. You are not required to recertify on the lower certifications. You will only recertify on a lower certification if you allow your highest level of certification to expire.



<http://www.checkpoint.com/certifications>

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