

VMware Recertification Rollback

2019 Policy FAQ

Q. What is changing about the VMware recertification policy?

- A. VMware is removing the requirement to recertify their VCP certifications within a two year period. Industry research confirms the importance of keeping your skills and certifications current, but VMware will no longer mandate when to recertify. We will leave that decision up to each individual candidate.

Q. Why is VMware removing the two-year recertification requirement?

- A. The most compelling reason is that we want VMware certifications to match the needs of each candidate. Many candidates recertify every two years and upgrade their environments to the latest versions. Others maintain older products and do not yet need experience with the new versions. While holding the most current certification is the best way to keep your skills relevant, the recertification policy will no longer mandate when an individual must update their certification(s). We want to allow each person the flexibility to do what best supports their individual and organizational needs.

Q. When will this change happen?

- A. The recertification changes to the policy are in effect now. The 2019 certifications, upgrade paths, and other policy information will be posted on the VMware certification website. The change in CertManager and candidate transcripts will reflect the change starting in April 2019.

Q. Is upgrading certifications and recertifying still important?

- A. Yes! Because of rapid changes to technology and the advances being made in VMware products and solutions, it is more important than ever to keep knowledge and skills current. Industry research confirms that the best way to validate this in the market and to potential employers is with certification.

Q. If my VCP certification has expired, does this mean that it is active again?

- A. In some cases, yes. If you hold one of the certifications shown below and it shows expired, it will change to being active again in April 2019. If your certification changes to being active, you can complete the upgrade path to earn the latest version. You do not need to complete the Expired path to recertify.

Data Center Virtualization:	VCP5-DCV or VCP6-DCV
Network Virtualization:	VCP-NV or VCP6-NV
Cloud Management & Automation:	VCP-Cloud, VCP6-CMA or VCM7-CMA
Desktop & Mobility:	VCP6-DTM or VCP7-DTM

Q. If my certification becomes active again, will I get access to its logo and certificate?

- A. Yes. You will have access to use the certification logo and print the certificate.

Q. What if my certification expired and I invested the time and money to renew my certification by following the Expired Certification path?

- A. VMware understands that recertifying after having a certification expire required additional time and effort. To recognize your recent investment, if you recertified by following the Expired Certification path within the last six months, VMware will provide you a free one-year premium license to the VMware Learning Zone.

Q. Are there changes to any other certifications other than the VMware Certified Professional (VCP)?

- A. VCP certifications were the only VMware certifications that had a mandatory two-year recertification requirement. This change does not affect the other certification levels.

Q. Do upgrade paths go away?

- A. No. Upgrade paths will still apply for active certifications. Quite often the requirements for current certification holders to recertify are less than what new candidates must meet for their first certification.

We are also extending the ability to upgrade to the latest version in the same track if you are within three versions (for example, from VCP5-DCV to VCP-DCV 2019). This is a change from the previous requirement of being able to upgrade within only two versions.

Q. What are my upgrade options? Which certifications can I now upgrade from?

- A. See the table below for the new upgrade options:

Upgrade FROM	Upgrade TO
VCP6.5-DCV VCP6-DCV VCP5-DCV	VCP-DCV 2019
VCP6-NV VCP-NV	VCP-NV 2019
VCP7-CMA VCP6-CMA/Cloud VCP-Cloud	VCP-CMA 2019
VCP-DTM 2018 VCP7-DTM VCP6-DT/M	VCP-DTM 2019

To upgrade *to a different track*, you must still be within two versions of the most current version. For example:

Upgrade FROM	Upgrade TO
VCP6-NV or VCP-NV VCP7-CMA or VCP6-CMA/Cloud VCP-DTM 2018 or VCP7-DTM	VCP-DCV 2019

Q. I am an expired VCP5-DCV. If my certification is now active again, can I use an upgrade path to certify on VCP-DCV 2019?

- A. Yes! You can now earn the VCP-DCV 2019 by passing one of the current exams. You will not be required to take additional training or pass the Foundations exam.

Q. I am VCP4-DCV. Can I now upgrade directly to the new VCP-DCV 2019?

- A. No. The VCP4-DCV will still be inactive. If the VCP4-DCV is the most recent certification you have earned, you will need to follow the steps as a new candidate.

Q. I am employed by a VMware partner and my certifications help meet my organization's competency requirements. Is there a change in those requirements?

- A. No. the same certification requirements will still be a part of meeting any partner competency requirements. Visit [Partner Central](#) for specific requirements.

Q. Will there be any changes to partner programs as a result of this recertification announcement?

- A. No. There are no changes to partner programs at this time.

Q. Where can I learn more?

- A. Visit www.vmware.com/certification to view your VMware Certification options.

