

Certification and Recertification Procedures

CWNP does not require an application process for the majority of offered certifications. Rather, the majority of offered certifications are exam -based. However, the CWNE and CWNT certifications do require application processes and these processes are defined in the documents available at CWNP.com.

For exam-based certification CWNP uses the same assessment process across all offered certifications. The assessment process is as follows:

1. The candidate takes a proctored or online exam.
2. The exam is scored automatically by computing systems.
3. If the candidate achieves a score of 70% or greater, the candidate is awarded the certification associated with the exam if all other requirements are met.

In addition to examination requirements, CWNP has the following requirements for professional level certifications (CWSP, CWAP and CWDP):

- The candidate must have a valid CWNA certification at the time of passing the professional level certification exam.
- If the candidate does not have a valid CWNA certification at the time of passing the professional level certification exam, the candidate must acquire a valid CWNA certification through the examination process within three years of passing the professional level certification.

In addition, the CWNE certification requires valid CWNA, CWSP, CWAP and CWDP certifications to apply for the CWNE certification according to the application process defined at CWNP.com.

The preceding information may also be defined as first certification procedures.

Recertification is achieved by passing the newest exam related to the certification for exam-based certifications. This is a method available for all certifications except CWNE and CWNT. Exam-based certifications expire three years after initial certification.

The CWS and CWT certifications may be renewed by passing the most recent version of the exams.

The CWNA certification may be renewed by passing the most recent version of the exam or by acquiring a professional level certification.

The CWSP, CWAP and CWDP certifications may be renewed by passing the most recent versions of the exams, by enlisting in the Continuing Education (CE) program and acquiring the needed number of CEs per period and paying a recertification fee, or by acquiring the CWNE certification.

The CWNE certification may be renewed through the CE program and then paying a renewal fee upon earning sufficient CEs per period.

The CWNT certification is renewed annually by paying the renewal fee.

NOTE In all cases, except CWNE certification, when a certification is expired the candidate is granted a 30-day grace period in which they may renew using recertification procedures. CWNE certification holders are extended a six month grace period. When the grace period expires, the candidate must certify using the first certification procedures.

CWNP shall provide a method for certification validation by third-parties. Currently, CWNP offers this through the CWNP.com website. Thirdparties may enter an email address associated with a certification holder's account or the unique CWNP ID of that certification holder to view a list of valid certifications.