Certification and Recertification Procedures

Certification Procedures -

   The majority of CWNP certifications are exam-based. The CWNE, CWISE, and CWNT certifications are the only three offered certifications that require an application process. These processes are defined in the Certification pages for CWNE, CWISE, and CWNT found at cwnp.com.

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

1. The candidate takes an in-person proctored or online proctored exam.

2. The exam is scored automatically by the proctors computing systems.

3. The candidate is required to score a minimum of 70% to pass the exam. If all other requirements are met, the Candidate is awarded the certification.

4. The exam-based certifications are the following:

   •   Wi-Fi track – CWS, CWT, CWNA, CWAP, CWDP, and CWSP

   •   IoT track – CWISA, CWICP, CWIDP, and CWIIP

The requirements for achieving a professional level exam are the following:

1. The candidate must have a valid CWNA certification (Wi-Fi track) or CWISA certification (IoT track) at the time of passing the professional certification exam.

2. If the candidate does not have a valid CWNA or CWISA certification at the time of passing a professional level exam, then they are required to acquire a CWNA or CWISA certification within three years of passing the professional level certification. The professional level certificate will not be issued until the CWNA or CWISA certification has been awarded.

Recertification 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, CWISE, and CWNT. Exam-based certifications expire three years after initial certification.

The following certifications may be recertified by the following procedures:

- CWS and CWT – Renewed by passing the most recent version of the exams.
- CWNA and CWISA – Renewed by passing the most recent version of the exams OR by acquiring a professional level exam within the specific track (Wi-Fi or IoT). Acquiring a professional level Wi-Fi certification(CWAP, CWDP, or CWSP) will automatically renew the CWNA certification. Acquiring a professional level IoT certification(CWICP, CWIDP, or CWIIP) will automatically renew the CWISA certification.
- CWAP, CWDP, CWSP, CWICP, CWIDP, and CWIIP – Renewed by passing the most recent version of the exams, declaring for CEs with the annual CE option within one year of achieving the certification and paying the annual recertification fee, or by acquiring the CWNE or CWISE certification for the appropriate track (Wi-Fi or IoT).
- CWNT – Renewed annually by paying the renewal fee.
- CWNE and CWISE – Renewed by submitting 60 CEs every three years and paying the renewal fee.

NOTE: In all cases, except the CWNE or CWISE 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 provides a method for certification validation by third parties. Third parties may enter the CWNP ID number associated with a certification holder's account to view a list of valid certifications at cwnp.com.