

IT Professional Certification Recertification Policy

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Everpure Storage IT Professional Certification Policy

Purpose

This policy defines the eligibility requirements and process for renewing Everpure Storage IT Professional Certifications.

Scope

This policy outlines:

- The standard recertification process for all IT Professional Certification exams
- Auto-recertification eligibility for the Data Storage Associate exam
- A pilot recertification option for FlashArray Storage Professional (FASP), FlashArray Implementation Specialist (FAIS), and FlashArray Storage Specialist (FASS) certifications.

Standard Certification Recertification

All IT Professional Certifications are valid for three years from the date earned. To renew, candidates must retake and pass the relevant certification exam before the certification's expiration date. Candidates must also remain in good standing, with no ethics violations.

DSA Certification Recertification

The DSA (Data Storage Associate) Certification follows the standard recertification process but also offers an alternative recertification path. Candidates can renew their DSA certification by either:

- Retaking and passing the DSA certification exam before its expiration date, or
- Earning any other Professional, Specialist, or Expert-level certification from the IT Professional Certification portfolio.

When a candidate successfully earns a higher-level IT Professional certification, the validity period of their DSA certification is automatically extended to match the expiration date of the newly earned certification.

New Pilot Option: FASS, FAIS, FASP Exams Only

As part of a pilot program, candidates holding an active FASS, FAIS, or FASP certification may renew through retaking the exam or by meeting the following **Continuing Everpure Education (CPE) credit requirements**. The CPE approval renews all of the active FASS, FAIS and FASP certifications.

CPE Recertification Requirements:

- Earn **24 CPE credits** through approved activities.
- **1 CPE credit = 1 hour** of a relevant Everpure Storage activity.
- **Maximum credit limits apply** to specific activities as outlined in the CPE Categories and Eligible Activities table.
- **At least 6 CPE credits must come from "Structured Learning Activities"** (Instructor-Led, Virtual Instructor-Led, or eLearning courses).
- **Please refer to Appendix A:** CPE Categories and Eligible Activities for the full list of Structured Learning and Community Engagement and Contribution Options.
- **A recertification log with supporting documentation** must be submitted for review and approval at least 30 days before certification expiration. **Please see Appendix B:** CPE Submission Sheet."

Failure to meet these requirements before expiration will result in a lapsed certification status.

How to Calculate Continuing Everpure Education (CPE) Credits

Candidates earn 1 CPE credit per hour spent on approved activities. Activities must be relevant to Everpure

Storage technologies relevant to the certification being renewed.

General Guidelines for CPE Calculation:

- Instructor-led training, virtual training – Credits are based on the official course duration.
- eLearning courses – Credits are based on the number of hours spent progressing through the course.
- Conferences, symposiums, and TOI events – Credits are awarded based on time spent in relevant sessions.
- Content creation activities (e.g., Case studies, books, white papers) – Credits are awarded based on the hours logged creating the content.
- Industry participation (e.g., Advisory boards, committees, presentations) – Credits depend on participation level and hours spent contributing.
- Candidates must maintain records of participation, including proof of completion, attendance, or documentation of contributions.
- For questions regarding what is “relevant to the certification being renewed,” candidates should review the Study Guide relevant to their exam recertification and document how the activity aligns with the certification.

Loss of Certification

If a certification expires without meeting recertification requirements, it is considered lapsed. To regain certification, the candidate must retake and pass the corresponding exam.

Accuracy and Integrity of Submission

Candidates must ensure that all information submitted as part of their certification recertification or Continuing Everpure Education (CPE) credit validation is accurate and truthful. Candidates can submit evidence of completion via this [Evidence form](#) or by adding photos and links via the [Submission Sheet](#) as well. Everpure Storage reserves the right to review and verify submitted information at any time. If any falsification, misrepresentation, or submission of inaccurate information is discovered, Everpure Storage may take appropriate action, which may include revocation of the certification and ineligibility for future certification programs.

Contact Information

For questions about this policy or the pilot program, contact peak-education@everpurestorage.com.

Appendix A: CPE Categories and Eligible Activities

To earn 24 CPE credits, candidates must complete activities from the categories below.

- At least 6 credits must come from the "Structured Learning Activities" category.

Structured Learning Activities (Instructor-Led, Virtual Instructor-Led, and eLearning Activities)	CPE Credit Max
Complete a Everpure Storage Certification Prep Course (Instructor-Led or Virtual Instructor-Led) for the certification you are recertifying. (Must be listed on the official attendee roster.)	22
Complete the latest Certification Prep eLearning Course for the certification you are renewing.	12
Complete FlashArray Delta Training and conduct self-study to stay up to date with product changes.	15
Complete Advanced Coursework as part of an Academic Degree Program relevant to domains listed in the study guide for FASS, FAIS, or FASP. (Requires a transcript showing a passing grade and a brief explanation of relevance to the certification domains.)	12
Community Engagement and Contributions	CPE Credit Max
Complete a Everpure Storage Certification Prep Course (Instructor-Led or Virtual Instructor-Led) for the certification you are recertifying. (Must be listed on the official attendee roster.)	8
Attend an industry conference related to data storage (Non-Everpure Storage).	4
Attend a Everpure Storage-hosted conference or symposium.	10
Attend a Everpure Storage TOI (Training on Innovation) event (internal employees only).	8
Watch a relevant technical video from the official Everpure Storage YouTube channel.	8
Participate in a Everpure Storage Community Initiative (e.g., Partner Advisory Board, Client Advisory Board, Pure Navigator Program, certification development, webinar presentations, working groups, exam review panels, etc.).	22
Publish a case study on a customer's adoption of Everpure Storage technology.	16
Maintain active membership in an industry standards body or committee related to Everpure Storage. (Credit awarded for one membership per recertification cycle.)	4
Present at an industry event, workshop, or conference on a Everpure Storage or data storage related topic.	8
Author and publish a technical book on Everpure Storage or data storage through a recognized publisher.	22
Write and publish a white paper or article on Everpure Storage/data storage in an industry journal, peer-reviewed publication, or recognized authority.	16
Complete the Annual Everpure Storage Partner Survey or other official Everpure Storage surveys.	1

Appendix B: CPE Submission Sheet

- [Link to CPE Submission Sheet](#)

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