

# MEF-CECP Certification Expiration Policy Change Notification



## MEF Professional Certification Expiration Policy

(updated and effective April 2015)

MEF Professional certifications are valid for a period of **3 years** from the "certification date," the date on which the exam was passed and the certification issued. Each MEF certified professional will be able to renew his or her certification at any time by taking and passing the current version of the specific MEF Professional certifications examination. (ie MEF-CECP, MEF-NF etc.)

Regarding MEF-CECP certifications: All MEF-CECP certifications (MEF-CECP and MEF-CECP 2.0) are now called **MEF-CECP** and recognized by these logos below. Certificates issued under that name are still active but will be referred to as **MEF-CECP**.

The MEF will notify individuals whose MEF-CECP certifications are nearing expiration and will offer a US\$100 discount on the exam (first attempt) to any individuals wishing to renew their MEF-CECP certifications prior to expiration date. When renewing a MEF-CECP certification, the MEF Certified Professional will be taking the same current MEF-CECP exam taken by those attempting to achieve certification for the first time. There is no special renewal exam.

Individuals that have been issued the MEF-CECP or MEF-CECP 2.0 certification since the launch of the program in July 2011 will continue to be listed in the [Ethernet Academy](#), [MEFProCert.com](#) and [ProExamServices registry](#) regardless of the status of their certification which is now indicated as **Active** or **In active**. **Active** means that the certification was issued less than 3 years from the current date and remains valid. **Inactive** indicates that the certification is older than 3 years, is no longer valid, and has not been renewed. *There is a grace period for certifications that were issued prior to January 1, 2013. These will not become Inactive until January 1, 2016.*

## Notes on Updated Expiration Policy (April 2015)

### Background

Since the launch of the MEF Certified Professionals program in 2011, the certification exam has been regularly updated to reflect changes and additions to the standardization work of the MEF. These updates resulted in the name change to 'MEF-CECP 2.0' in 2013. However, the accelerated pace and breadth of standardization work in the MEF means that the name change model is now a less suitable approach to recognize those MEF-CECPs who have kept their certifications up to date by passing the current version of the exam.

After considerable discussion within the MEF Certification Committee, an updated expiration policy - aligned with broad certification practice in many industries - has been approved. MEF strongly believes that this will be of benefit to both the MEF Certified Professionals and the organizations in which they use their Carrier Ethernet expertise, as it establishes a standard of knowledge among all MEF-CECPs without regard to when the MEF-CECP certification was issued.

### Notification and Renewal

#### **MEF Certified Professionals with certifications dated on or before December 31st, 2012**

MEF-CECPs who were issued their certification in 2011 or 2012 will be provided with a grace period until January 1st, 2016 to renew their certification. These individuals will be notified in April, 2015 by email—to the address listed in the individual's personal Ethernet Academy dashboard – informing them that they have 8 months in which to renew their certification before it expires and becomes invalid on January 1st, 2016 (they will also be notified 6 months and 3 months prior as described in the paragraph below). They will be able to renew their certification without interruption prior to January 1st, 2016 by taking and passing the current version of the exam. Individuals who renew their MEF-CECP certification prior to expiration date will be entitled to an exam fee discount of US\$100. After their MEF-CECP certification expires, the exam fee discount will no longer be available to that individual.

#### **MEF Certified Professionals with certifications dated after December 31st, 2012**

Individuals issued MEF-CECP certifications after December 31st, 2012, will receive early warning notifications by email at the 6-month and 3-month mark prior to the expiration date of their certification. Email notifications will be sent to the email address listed in the individual's personal Ethernet Academy dashboard. They will be able to renew their certification without interruption before the expiration of their certification by taking and passing the current version of the exam. Individuals who renew their MEF-CECP certification prior to expiration date will be entitled to an exam fee discount of US\$100. After their MEF-CECP certification expires, the exam fee discount will no longer be available to that individual.

## Current Certificate Expiration, Re-Certification & Pricing

### Expiration & Re-certification

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### Current Exam Pricing

Current pricing for new, re-take and re-certification exams is displayed on MEF and MEF approved partner web sites including [mef.net](http://mef.net), [ethernetacademy.net](http://ethernetacademy.net), [mefprocert.com](http://mefprocert.com), [proexamservices.com](http://proexamservices.com) and MEF-ATP web sites. Exam pricing is subject to change at any time. For advance details on existing or new exams and related pricing changes, you must be an MEF member to attend the MEF Professional Certification weekly calls and/or quarterly meetings.

## FAQ

Question	Answer
Will I be automatically entered for an new exam?	No. It will be the responsibility of each MEF-CECP to become familiar with the latest Carrier Ethernet developments and apply to retake the exam.
How do I find out what I need to study for when I renew my certification?	The latest MEF-CECP Blueprint can be found at the <a href="#">Current MEF-CECP Certification Blueprint</a> .



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The MEF Team