



Notice of SSL/TLS Certificate Changes

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We would like to inform you of an important industry-wide change affecting SSL/TLS certificates.

Certificate Authorities have reduced the maximum validity period for SSL certificates. As a result, SSL certificates must be re-issued (not re-purchased) prior to your annual renewal.

Why the Change?

- **Enhanced Security:** *Shorter lifespans reduce the window for attackers to exploit compromised or outdated certificates, forcing the use of current security protocols.*
- **Automation:** *The rapid renewal cycle necessitates automated certificate management (like ACME protocol) to avoid disruptions and human error.*
- **Stale Data Prevention:** *Reduces reliance on outdated validation information for certificate issuance.*

Current Standard (Until March 14, 2026)

- **Maximum Validity:** *398 days (around 13 months) for publicly trusted SSL/TLS certificates.*

Upcoming Changes (CA/Browser Forum Mandate)

- **March 15, 2026:** *Maximum validity drops to 200 days.*
- **March 15, 2027:** *Maximum validity drops to 100 days.*
- **March 15, 2029:** *Final limit set at 47 days.*

How this affects you:

- *Existing certificates will remain valid until their current expiration date.*
- *All new and renewed SSL certificates purchased after March 15, 2026, will be sold as a 1-year term, but the certificate validity is reduced to the term above*
- *The SSL certificate will need to be re-issued to maintain uninterrupted security and compliance prior to reaching the maximum validity period.*
- *SSL certificates will still be renewed on an annual basis*

How CTComp is managing the change:

- *All SSL certificates purchased after March 15, 2026, will require two service tickets, both of which will be opened when the order is placed.*
 - *The first covers the initial purchase or renewal*
 - *The second will cover the re-issue*

Our team will continue to support you throughout this transition and help ensure your certificates are renewed and reissued on time with no service disruption.

If you have any questions or would like assistance reviewing your SSL certificates, please feel free to contact us.