Certification level	Duration	Examination only	Examination and Continuing Education	Continuing Education only
Associate Recertification	3 years	• Pass any one Associate exam • Pass any one professional concentration exam • Pass one technology core exam • Pass one CCIE lab exam		Earn 30 CE credits
Specialist Certification	3 years	• Pass any one professional concentration exam • Pass one technology core exam • Pass one CCIE lab exam		Earn 40 CE credits
Professional Recertification	3 years	• Pass one technology core exam • Pass any two professional concentration exams • Pass one CCIE lab exam	• Pass any one professional concentration exam and earn 40 CE credits	Earn 80 CE credits
CCIE Recertification	3 years	• Pass any one expert-level certification exam • Pass any one CCIE lab exam • Pass any three professional concentration exams • Pass one technology core exam and pass any one professional concentration exam. (This is also a CCNP certification if done in the same track.)	• Pass one technology core exam and earn 40 CE credits • Pass any two professional concentration exams and earn 40 CE credits • Pass any one professional concentration exam and earn 80 CE credits	Earn 120 CE credits
CCDE Recertification	3 years	• Pass any one expert-level certification exam • Pass any one CCIE lab exam • Pass the CCDE Practical Exam. • Pass the Cisco Certified Architect (CCAr) interview AND the CCAr board review. • Pass any three professional concentration exams • Pass one technology core exam and pass any one professional concentration exam.	• Pass one technology core exam and earn 40 CE credits • Pass any two professional concentration exams and earn 40 CE credits • Pass any one professional concentration exam and earn 80 CE credits	Earn 120 CE credits
Architect	5 years	Cisco Certified Architect (CCAr) certifications are valid for five years. CCAr will remain certified as long as they continue to contribute to maintaining the Cisco Certified Architect Certification program. Current recertification policies require Cisco Certified Architects to complete qualifying events within the 24 months preceding the expiration deadline. Qualifying events include: • Contribution to the development lifecycle ○ Significant participation in the creation of new exam content or ○ Significant review/refinement of existing content or ○ Involvement in future direction of the program • Participation as a judge in a candidate evaluation ○ Application review/interview for TWO (2) candidates (in the case where the candidate's application IS NOT approved to progress to the board review) or ○ Application review/interview and in-person board review for ONE (1) candidate (in the case where the candidate's application IS approved to progress to the board review)	N/A	N/A