

AWS Policy on Certification Credentials

AWS-issued certification credentials, including but not limited to certificates, wallet cards, certification stamps, certification marks, logos, endorsements, and other official credentialing materials, are issued solely to individuals who have satisfied the applicable requirements of an AWS Certification Program.

Certification credentials may only be used by the individual to whom they were issued and in accordance with applicable AWS Certification Program policies, requirements, and conditions.

All AWS-issued certification credentials remain the property of AWS. AWS reserves the right to require the return, removal, discontinuation of use, or destruction of any credential or credentialing material upon request, including when a certification has been suspended, revoked, invalidated, or otherwise determined by AWS to no longer be valid, or when an individual has violated applicable AWS Certification Program policies.

AWS does not authorize the alteration, recreation, fabrication, or reproduction of AWS-issued certification credentials except for digital copies as defined and provided for in this policy.

Definitions

Certification Credential

A certification credential is any certificate, wallet card, certification stamp, certification mark, endorsement, or other official material or representation issued or authorized by AWS to demonstrate an individual's certification or credentialing status.

Digital Copy

A digital copy is an electronic image of an authentic AWS-issued credential created by scanning, photographing, or otherwise electronically capturing the original credential without altering, recreating, or modifying its content or appearance.

Examples of acceptable digital copies include:

- A photograph or scan of an authentic AWS-issued certificate.
- A photograph or scan of an authentic AWS-issued wallet card.
- An accurate, unaltered electronic reproduction of an authentic AWS-issued certification stamp used by its authorized holder, where otherwise permitted by AWS policy.

Digitally Recreated Credential

A digitally recreated credential is any credential, certification stamp, mark, image, or other credentialing material that is electronically generated, reconstructed, redrawn, replicated,

fabricated, modified, or otherwise created to imitate, replace, or function as an authentic AWS-issued credential. This is contrasted with a digital copy, which is an accurate, unaltered reproduction of the credential actually issued by AWS.

Permitted Use

Permitted uses include displaying or providing an authentic AWS-issued credential or an accurate, unaltered digital copy for professional, employment, verification, recordkeeping, or other legitimate purposes, provided that:

- The credential was legitimately issued by AWS to the individual using it.
- The credential has not been altered, recreated, fabricated, or modified.
- The credential is used only by the individual to whom it was issued.
- The credential holder does not misrepresent the scope, status, expiration date, endorsements, or other conditions of the certification.
- Where certification status is represented as current or active, the certification is active and in good standing.
- AWS certification marks, logos, stamps, and other protected materials are used only as authorized by AWS.

The use of an accurate, unaltered digital copy does not authorize an individual to create a new credential, certification stamp, certification mark, or other representation that imitates or replaces the credential originally issued by AWS.

Credential Status and Representation

Credential holders are responsible for accurately representing their certification status.

Prohibited Activities

The following activities are prohibited:

- Altering, modifying, fabricating, recreating, tracing, redrawing, reconstructing, or digitally replicating an AWS-issued certificate, wallet card, certification stamp, certification mark, endorsement, logo, or other credentialing material, except where expressly authorized by AWS.
- Creating or generating an unauthorized physical or digital credential or credential image intended to imitate, resemble, replace, or function as an official AWS-issued credential.
- Using artificial intelligence (AI), graphic design software, editing applications, or other technologies to generate, recreate, alter, enhance, modify, fabricate, or reproduce AWS-issued credentials or certification materials in a manner inconsistent with this policy.

- Altering credential information, including names, photographs, certification numbers, certification designations, endorsements, issue dates, expiration dates, certification status, or other credential information.
- Using an unauthorized recreated, altered, fabricated, or modified credential or certification stamp in signatures, documents, reports, websites, social media profiles, marketing materials, advertisements, or other physical or electronic media.
- Distributing, selling, sharing, publishing, or otherwise making available unauthorized reproductions of AWS-issued credentials or certification materials.
- Allowing another individual to use an AWS-issued credential, certification number, certification stamp, or certification mark, or using another individual's credentialing materials, in a manner that misrepresents or falsely implies certification status or identity.
- Representing an expired, suspended, revoked, invalidated, or otherwise inactive credential as current or valid, or misrepresenting the level, scope, designation, endorsement, status, or privileges associated with an AWS certification.
- Using AWS certification credentials, certification marks, logos, stamps, or other credentialing materials in a manner that could reasonably mislead another person regarding an individual's certification status, qualifications, authorization, identity, or affiliation with AWS.

Return and Discontinuation of Credentials

AWS may require an individual to return, discontinue use of, or remove an AWS-issued certification credential or related credentialing material when required by AWS Certification Program policies or upon request by AWS.

When a certification is suspended, revoked, invalidated, or otherwise determined by AWS to no longer be valid, the individual must discontinue any representation that the certification is active or in good standing and comply with any instructions issued by AWS regarding the return or continued use of associated credentials, certification stamps, marks, or other materials.

Verification

AWS reserves the right to verify the authenticity, validity, ownership, and status of any AWS-issued certification credential.

Possession or display of a certificate, wallet card, certification stamp, digital copy, or other credentialing material does not, by itself, establish that a certification is currently active or in good standing. Certification status is subject to verification through AWS records and applicable AWS verification processes.

Enforcement

AWS reserves the right to investigate suspected unauthorized use, reproduction, alteration, fabrication, transfer, misrepresentation, or misuse of AWS-issued credentials, certification materials, certification stamps, certification marks, or logos.

AWS may require the immediate removal, discontinuation of use, return, or destruction of any unauthorized, altered, invalid, or improperly used credential or representation.

Violations of this policy may result in corrective or disciplinary action, including written warnings, suspension of certification privileges, revocation of certification, denial of future certification eligibility, or other actions deemed appropriate by AWS to protect the integrity of its certification programs, credentials, and certification marks.