

CompTIA Continuing Education User Guide V6

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Overview

CompTIA has launched new American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited versions of our CompTIA A+, CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Storage+, CompTIA Security+ and CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP) certifications.

Effective January 1, 2011, all new CompTIA A+, CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Security+ and CompTIA CASP certifications will be valid for three years from the date the candidate is certified. These certifications will be denoted with a "ce" designation which means they will expire three years from the date certified. If the certification is not renewed within the three years candidates will be no longer be certified and must retake the exam to reactivate their certification.

The CompTIA Continuing Education (CE) Program has been designed to allow individuals a cost-effective method for keeping certifications current through the completion of variety of activities that demonstrate relevant industry knowledge.

Guidance on CompTIA CE Enrollment for DoD IA Workforce Members

As of January 1, 2011, the DoD is requiring every CompTIA certified IA workforce member to obtain a CompTIA CE credential. DoD personnel who have taken and passed a CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+ and/or CASP exam after January 1, 2011 have automatically been enrolled in the CE program. Individuals who certified before January 1, 2011 must enroll in the CE program by December 31, 2012. The previous date of December 31, 2011 has been extended by the DIAP. Please contact your specific component IAM if you have questions pertaining to enrollment deadline requirements.

Recently the DoD has changed its policy as to making annual CE payments on behalf of IA personnel. Please check with your component point of contact to find if your CE fees will be paid for or if you will be responsible for paying your annual CE fees.

DoD Personnel and Defense Workforce Certification Application

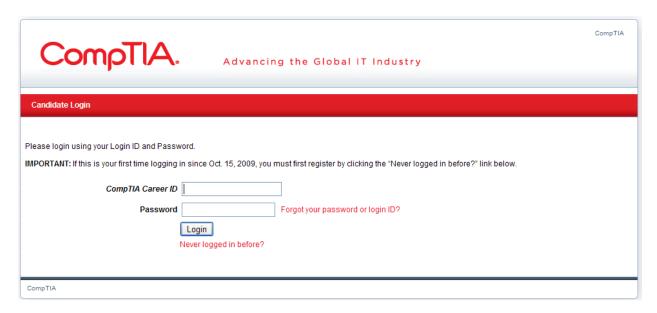
If you are a military service member or civilian employee of DoD and hold a baseline IA certification in fulfillment of 8570 requirements, you must first enroll in the CompTIA Continuing Education Program then log into the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) site and authorize CompTIA to validate. https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwc/index.jsp

If you have logged into the DMDC site and authorized CompTIA to validate prior to enrolling in the CE program you must go back into the DMDC site and click the Release Additional Certifications button. This will update the DMDC site with the CompTIA enrollment information.

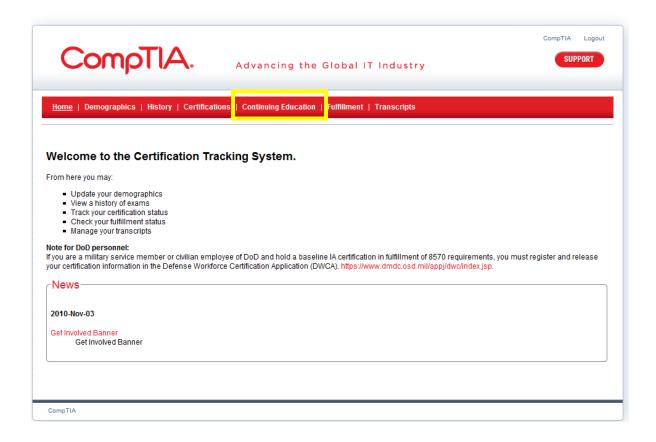
IMPORTANT INFORMATION: When you register on the DMDC website the name you enter on this site **MUST** match 100% to your name in your CompTIA record. If it does not match 100% your record will be in an "unknown" status until the information is correctly entered and resubmitted.

How do I Enroll in the CompTIA Continuing Education Program?

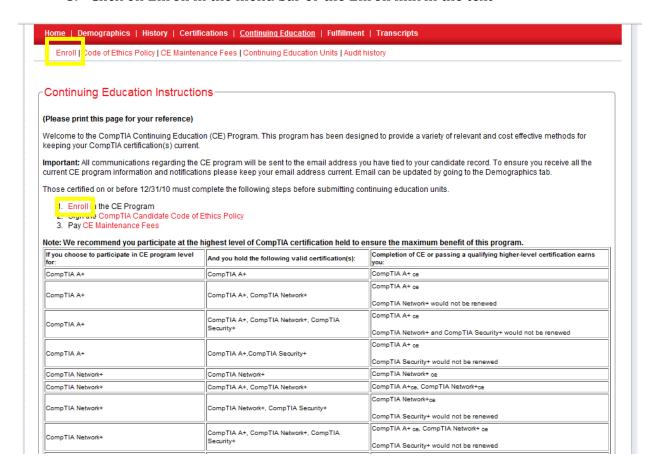
1. Login to the **Candidate Database**



2. Click on the Continuing Education menu item



3. Click on Enroll in the menu bar or the Enroll link in the text

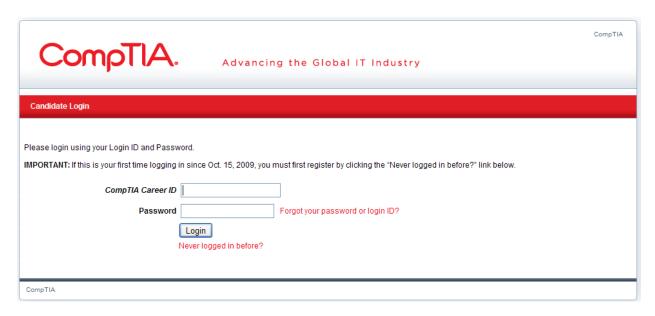


4. Click on the Enroll button

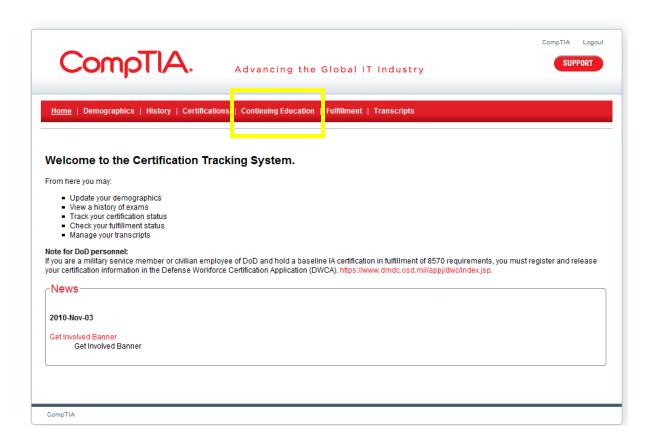


Where do I sign the Code of Ethics Policy?

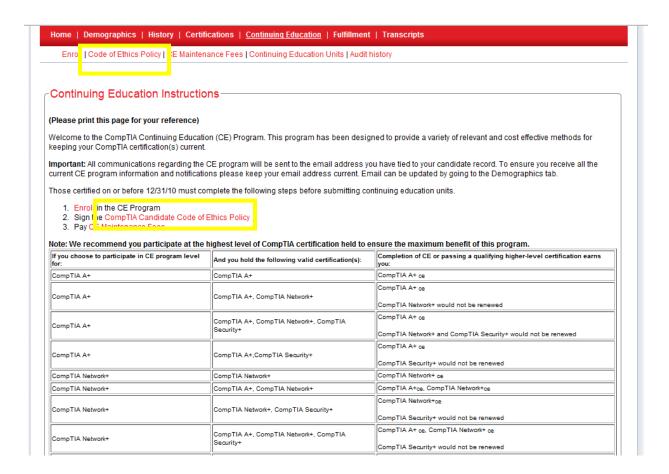
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2. Click on the Continuing Education menu item



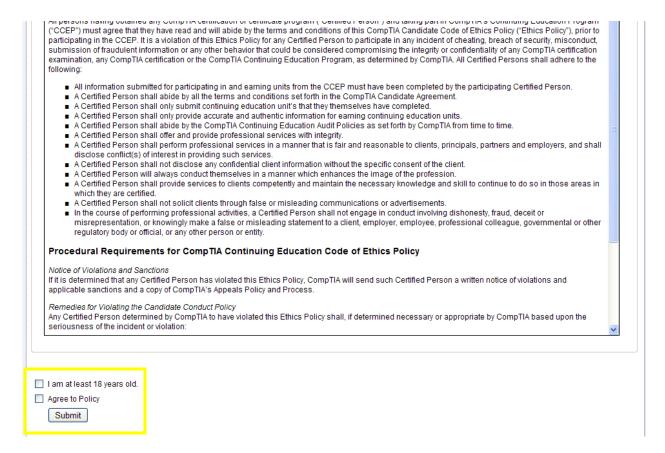
3. Click on Code of Ethics Policy in menu bar or click on CompTIA Code of Ethics Policy in the text



Read the Code of Ethics Policy and check the boxes next to the following:

- I am at least 18 years of old.
- Agree to Policy

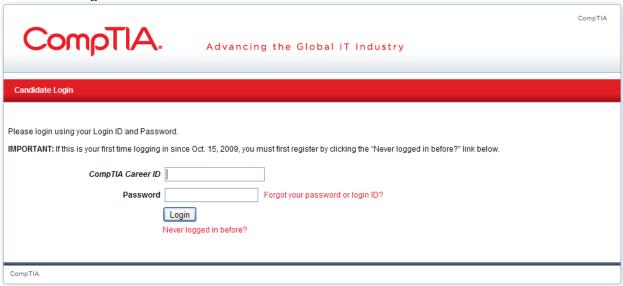
4. Click on the Submit button



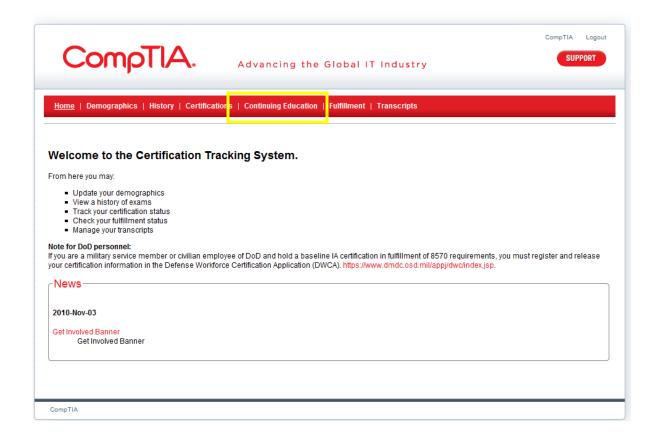
Where do I pay my annual fees?

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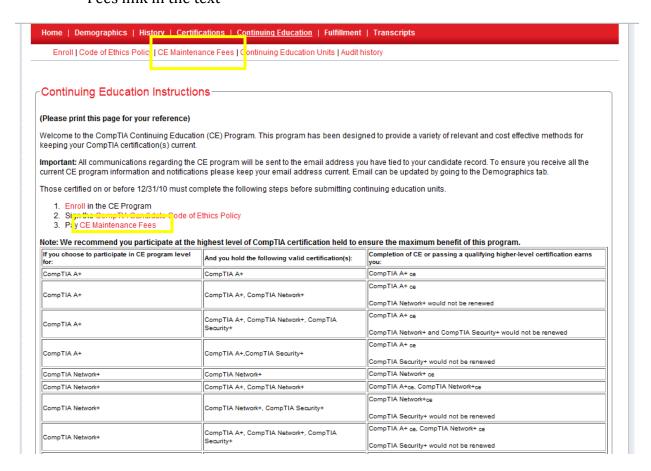
1. Login to the Candidate Database



2. Click on the Continuing Education menu item



3. Click on CE Maintenance Fees in the menu bar or click on the CE Maintenance Fees link in the text

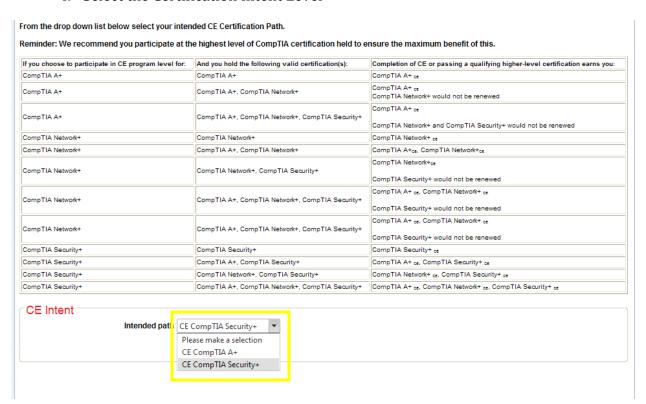


The following screen will only display if you have multiple renewable CompTIA certifications (A+, Network+, Storage+, Security+ and/or CASP).

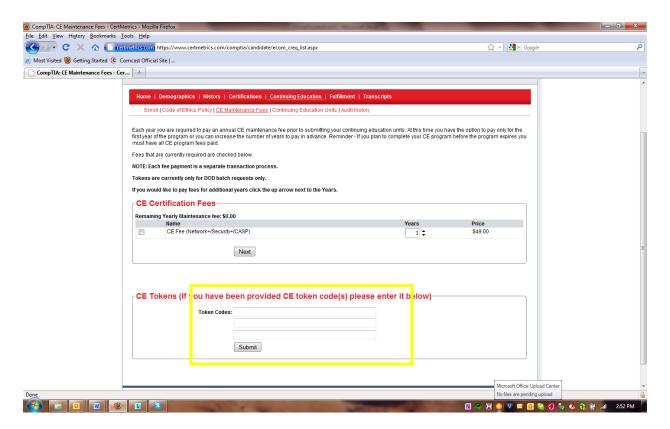
It is recommended that individuals set their intent to the highest level of certification. Upon completion of the CE program individuals would be granted CE certifications for the highest level as well as the lower level certifications. CompTIA CASP is considered the highest-level certification of the five, followed by CompTIA Security+, CompTIA Storage+, CompTIA Network+ and CompTIA A+, respectively.

So for example, a person holding both CompTIA A+ and CompTIA Network+ certifications could fulfill CE requirements for both by completing only the CompTIA Network+ce program.

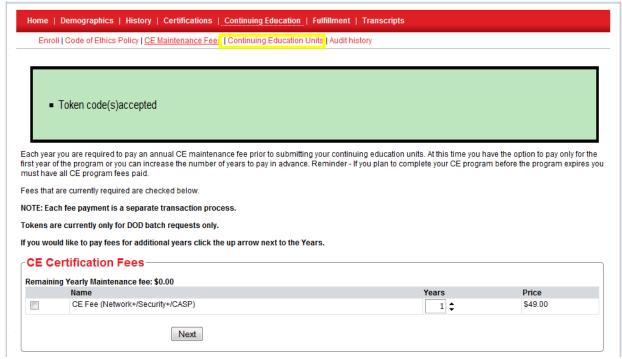
4. Select the Certification Intent Level



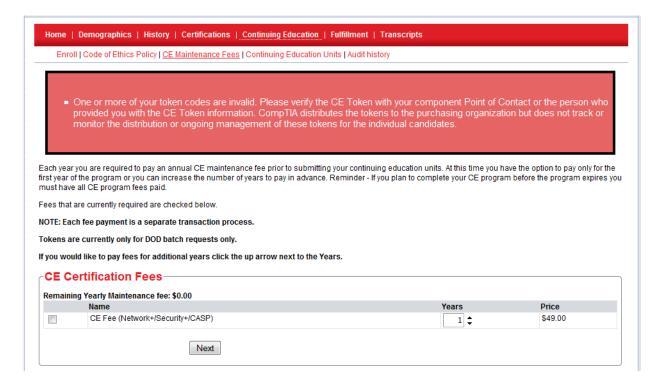
- 5. If you are using one CE Token to pay for CE Fees, enter the Token in the Token Code field.
- 6. If you are using multiple CE Tokens you would enter the Tokens in the remaining Token Code fields.
- 7. Click on the Submit button.



If your CE Token was accepted you will receive a Token code(s) accepted message. You would then proceed to add Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

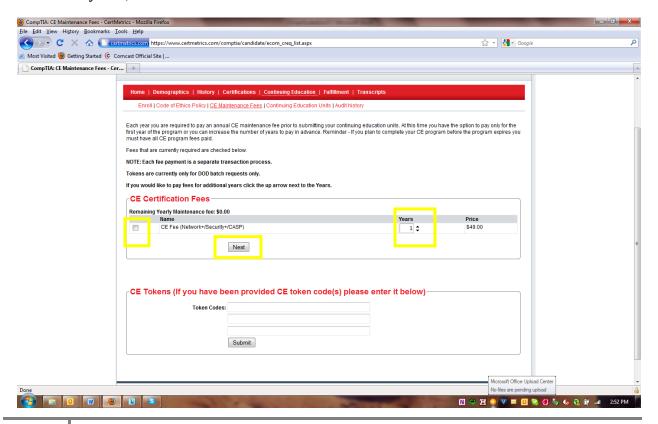


If your CE Token code was not accepted you will receive a message stating to contact your component Point of Contact.

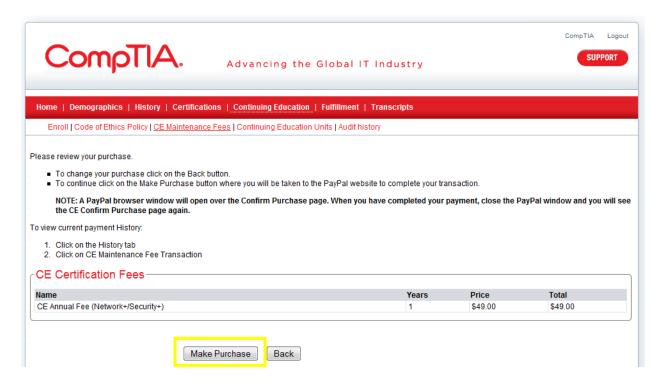


If you are not using CE Tokens for payment.

- 8. Make sure the check box next to CE Annual Fee is checked
- 9. If you would like to pay for multiple years click on the up arrow beneath the years, otherwise click on the Next button.



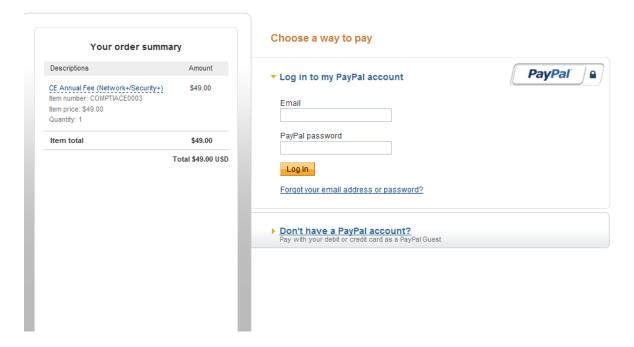
10. Verify payment and click on the Make Purchase button.



You may choose to pay your CE Fees via your PayPal account or you can click on the Don't have a PayPal account and pay via echeck, American Express, Discover, Visa or MasterCard.

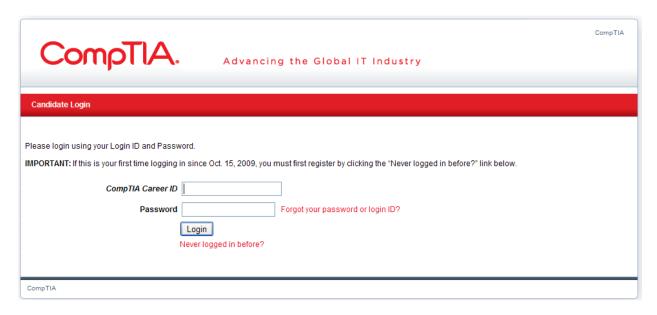
Welcome to the new PayPal checkout - a faster, easier way for you to complete your purchase.

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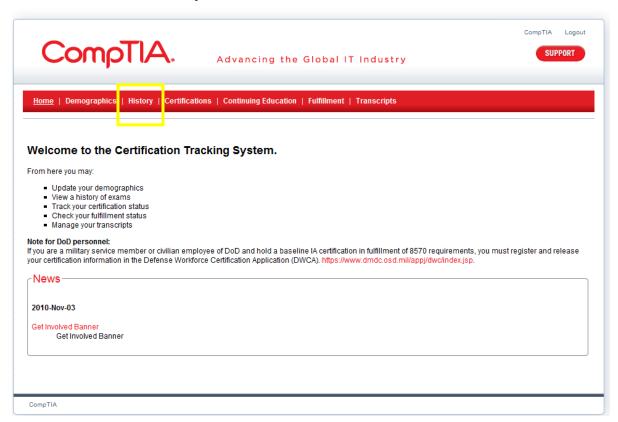


Where can I find a record of the Continuing Education Fees I have paid?

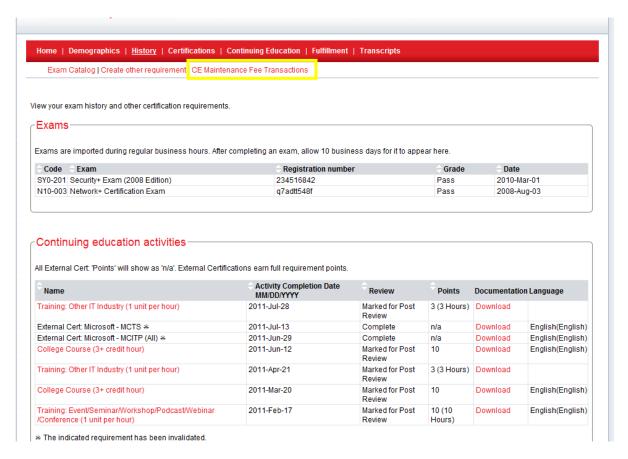
1. Login to the **Candidate Database**



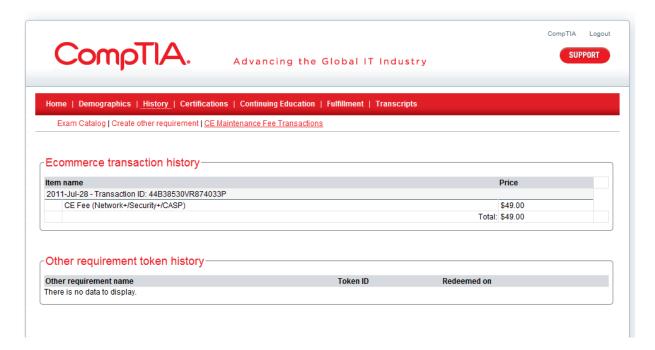
2. Click on the History menu item



3. Click on CE Maintenance Fee Transactions in the menu bar

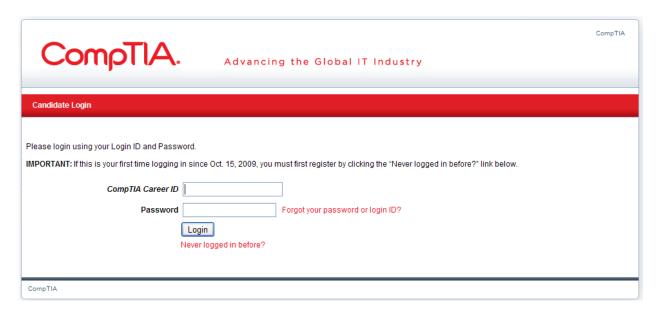


CE Maintenance Fees are displayed in the Ecommerce Transaction History section.

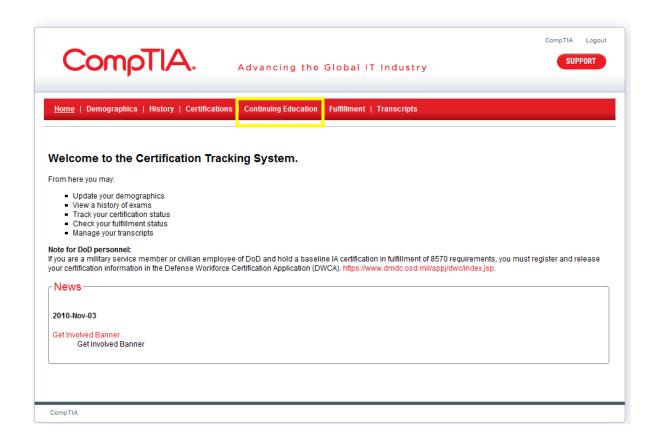


Where do I enter my Continuing Education Activities?

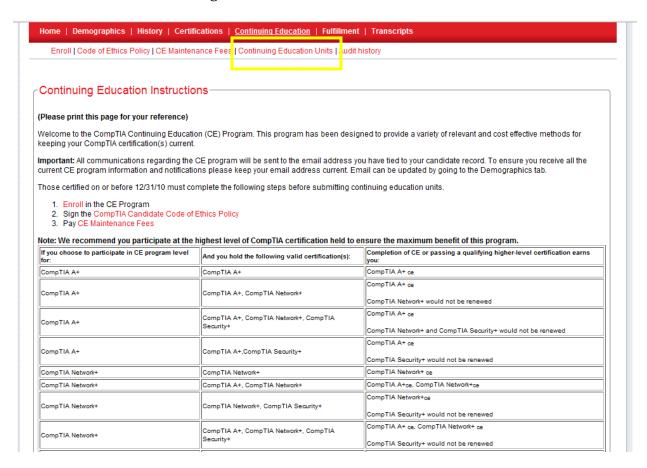
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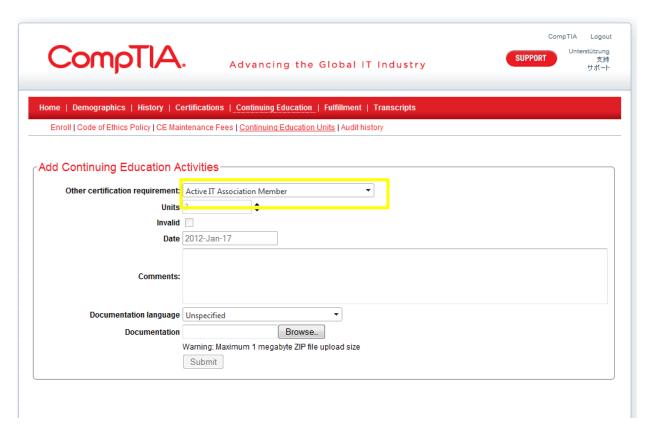
2. Click on the Continuing Education menu item



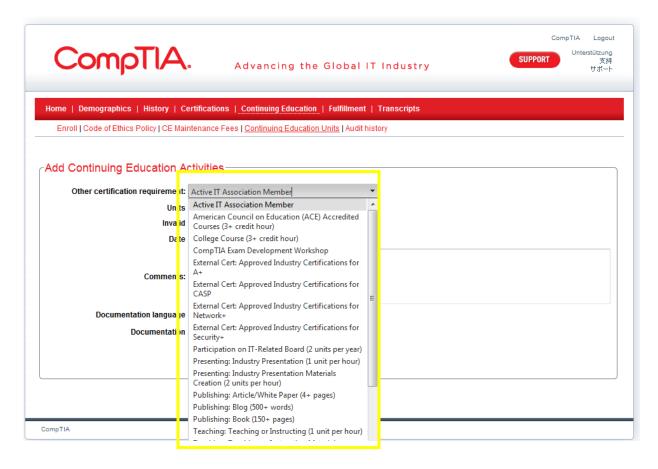
3. Click on Continuing Education Units in the menu bar



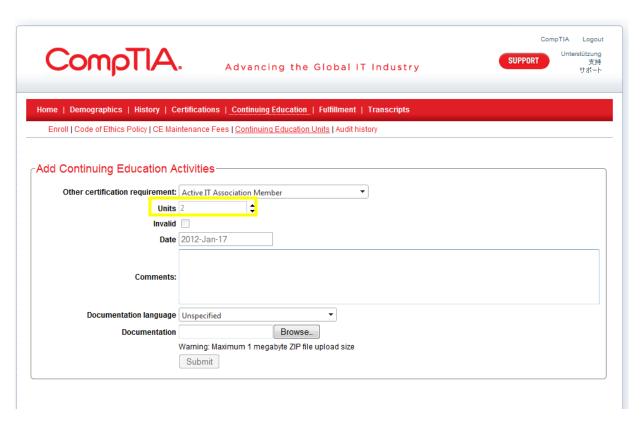
4. Click on Continuing education requirements drop-down box to select an activity



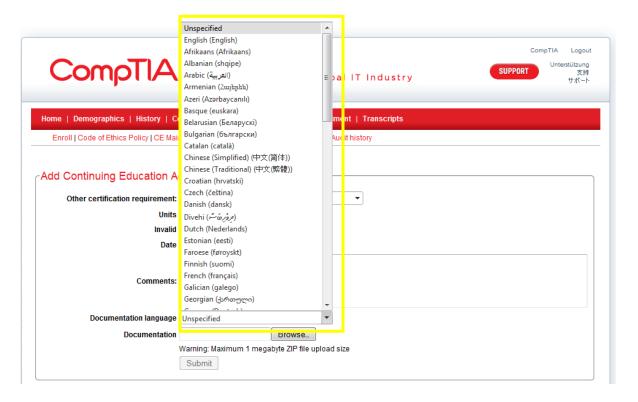
Please refer to the CompTIA Continuing Education Activity Chart for details on which activities are acceptable. http://certification.comptia.org/getCertified/stayCertified.aspx



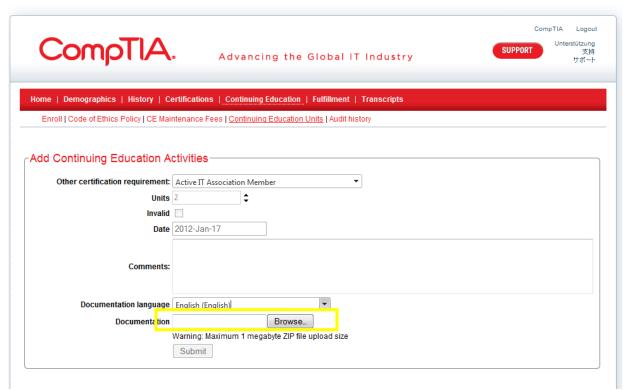
5. Select the number of Units.
Units are to be entered for activities that require **hour**s or **years**. If you are not able to input anything this means you have met the Max CEU's earned for that activity or the activity does not require you to enter hours or years.



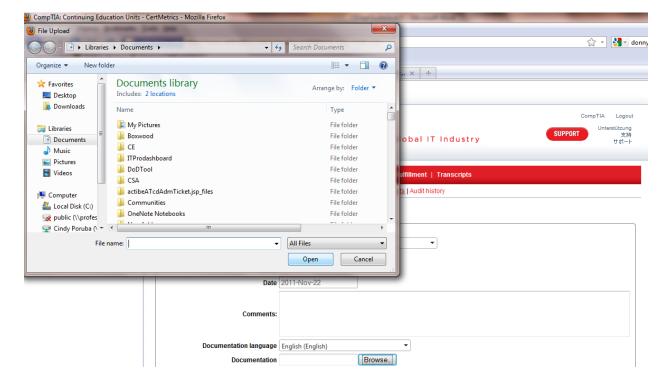
7. Click on the Documentation Language drop-down arrow and select the language of your documentation



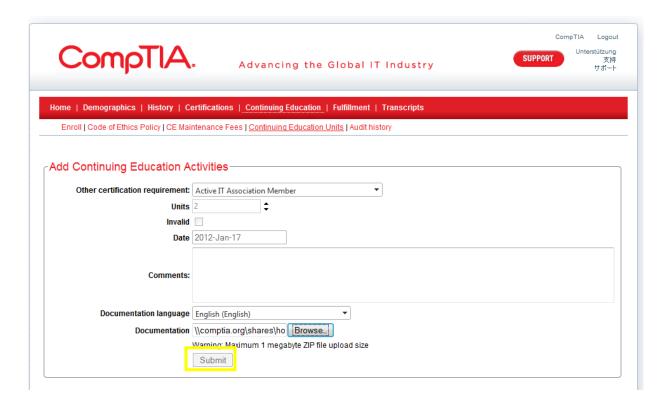
8. Click on the Browse button to upload your document .zip file. Zip files must not be larger than 1 MB.



Select the .zip file and click on the Open button.

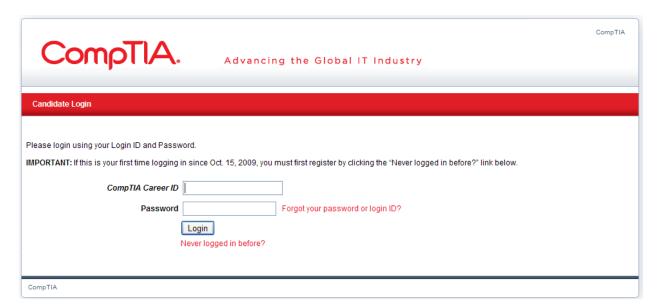


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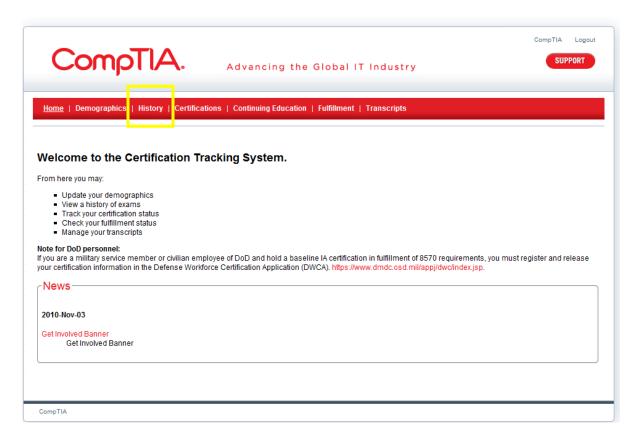


Where can I find a record of the Continuing Education Activities I've submitted?

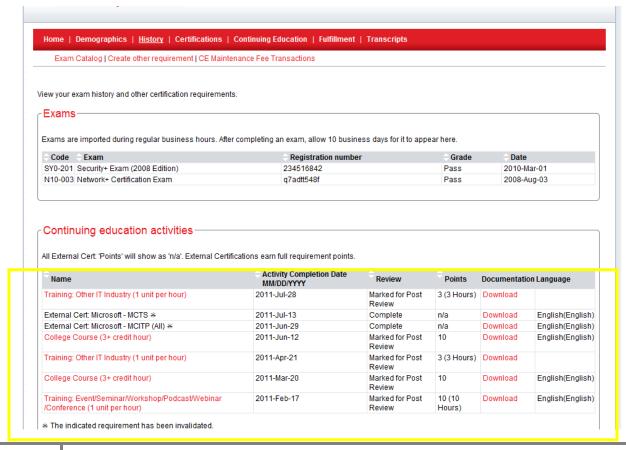
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2. Click on the History menu item

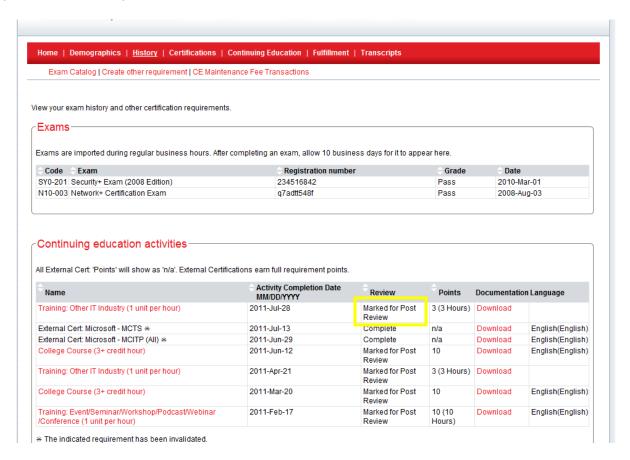


Continuing education activities submitted by a candidate are listed on the history page in the Continuing education activities section.



When will my CEU's be audited?

When CEU's are submitted the History page will show Marked for Post Review in the Review field. This means individuals can be audited at any time. This does not mean an audit will be performed. Audits are performed randomly.



The Continuing Education (CE) Program similar to other CE Programs performs audits randomly. By signing the CompTIA Code of Ethics Policy the candidate is agreeing to the policies, processes and procedures of the CompTIA Continuing Education Program. This means that all CE Documentation including CE FAQ's, Activity Chart and Higher Level Certification Charts have been reviewed by the candidate and that the candidate is acting in accordance to these policies and procedures. Once enrolled in the CE Program a candidate can be audited at any time, even after the completion of a CE cycle. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure they have met these requirements as they submit activities for continuing education units. Candidates will only be contacted via email if an audit has been performed and issues with the submission have been identified. Please note all High Level Industry Certifications used for CEUs submissions require a mandatory audit.

Individuals can request an audit by emailing ceaudit@comptia.org