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1.Billing method

This topic introduces the pricing and specifications of different types of SSL digital certificate services provided by Alibaba Cloud.
You can select digital certificates as needed. Different digital certificates have different prices according to different CA. The factors that affect the certificate prices include the brand of the root certificate, certificate type, service duration, number of domains, and whether the domain name is a wildcard domain name.

For more information about the certificate prices, see SSL certificates pricing.

SSL certificate configuration table

There are two types of SSL certificates:

- OV SSL
- EV SSL

According to quantity demand of protected domain, SSL certificate is classified into:

- One domain name: One SSL certificate protects one domain, such as www.abc.com or login.abc.com.
- Multiple domain names: One SSL certificate protects multiple domain names, such as protect www.abc.com, www.bcd.com and pay.efg.com at the same time.

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2.Renewal upon expiration

You must renew your SSL certificate before it expires. Otherwise, you cannot continue to use the SSL certificate, which may cause your website to be marked as not secure. Alibaba Cloud SSL Certificates Service allows you to renew your certificate upon expiration. For early renewals, the remaining validity of your certificate will be added to the validity period of the renewed certificate.

Prerequisites

You have purchased a GlobalSign certificate.

> **Note** Renewal is supported only for GlobalSign certificates, but not for Entrust certificates.

Context

Post-payment is not accepted. You must pay first to use an SSL certificate.

The SSL Certificates Service console will notify you of upcoming expiration 60 days in advance. You must renew your certificate 3 to 10 business days before it expires to ensure that the certificate renewal can be approved before your certificate expires.

If you renew your certificate before it expires, Alibaba Cloud automatically adds the remaining validity of the old certificate to the validity period of the renewed certificate. However, this rule does not apply to free Domain Validation (DV) certificates and DigicertDV wildcard certificates.

For example, an issued certificate with one-year validity will expire on May 1, 2021. If you renew the certificate on April 25, 2021, the renewed certificate will be valid for one year plus six days starting from April 25, 2021. This means that your renewed certificate will expire on May 1, 2022. Alibaba Cloud has added the remaining validity of your old certificate to the validity period of the renewed certificate.

> **Note** If your existing certificate is about to expire and you purchase a new certificate instead of renewing the existing certificate upon expiration, the remaining validity of the existing certificate cannot be added to the validity period of your newly purchased certificate.

A renewed certificate is issued faster than a newly purchased certificate.

Limits

Make sure that the certificate you want to renew is a GlobalSign certificate.

> **Note** Renewal is supported only for GlobalSign certificates, but not for Entrust certificates.

The renewed certificate must be consistent with the existing certificate in terms of certificate type, certification authority (CA), and applicant information. Otherwise, the renewed certificate will be identified as a newly purchased certificate, and the remaining validity of your existing certificate will not be counted.

Step 1: View certificates that are about to expire

1. Log on to the Alibaba Cloud SSL Certificate console.
2. View **Will Expire** certificates.
3. (Optional)
   View the notes about certificate renewal before you renew a certificate.
   In the certificate list of the Pending Expiration section, move the pointer over  in the **Expire On** column to view the renewal notes.
   - After you renew a certificate, log on to the SSL Certificates Service console and apply for certificate renewal as instructed.
   - The console stores your previous application information. Therefore, you do not need to enter the information again during the application.
   - Wait for the CA to approve your application. After the renewal is completed, you will obtain a renewed certificate.
   - After the renewed certificate is issued, replace your expiring certificate with the renewed certificate.

   Alternatively, click **Renew Now** above the certificate list to obtain the certificate renewal procedure.

Step 2: Renew a certificate

1. In the certificate list of the **Pending Expiration** section, find the target certificate and click **Renewal** in the **Expire On** column.

2. On the certificate buy page, select the type and configuration of your certificate.

> **Note**
> - After the renewal is completed, you will receive a new certificate order. You must apply for the certificate, so that the CA can issue it.
> - The brand and type of the certificate after renewal are the same as those of the certificate that you purchase.

3. Click **Buy Now**.
4. Select **I agree to the Alibaba Cloud certificates service (subscription) agreement of service**, and click **Pay** to complete the renewal.
5. Log on to the SSL Certificates Service console. In the **Confirm that the renewal has been completed?** dialog box, click **OK**.
6. In the certificate list of the **Pending Expiration** section, find the certificate that has been renewed and click **Certificate Application** in the **Actions** column to submit the information for verification.
   For more information, see Apply for and validate certificates.

> **Note** When you apply for a certificate, Alibaba Cloud SSL Certificates Service automatically synchronizes the application information and data that you submitted last time.

7. Click **Submit**.
8. Wait for the CA to approve and issue the certificate.
   The issuance of a DV certificate takes about 5 to 10 minutes, and the issuance of an OV or EV certificate takes at least two business days.
9. Install the renewed certificate on your server to replace the certificate that is about to expire.

> **Note** If you do not install the renewed certificate on your server, the HTTPS service will become unavailable after the existing certificate expires.

Step 3: Check whether the certificate has been updated

After you install the renewed certificate on your server, click the security lock in the address bar of your browser to check whether the certificate validity period has been updated. If a new validity period is displayed, your certificate has been updated.

- View the validity period of the renewed certificate on a Linux server

```
echo | openssl s_client -servername www.yourwebsite.com -connect www.yourwebsite.com:443 2>/de
```

- View the validity period of the renewed certificate on a Windows server

References

- Install SSL certificates on Tomcat servers
- Install SSL certificates on Apache servers
- Deploy SSL certificate on Ubuntu Apache2
- How do I deploy the issued certificate in Apache server
- Install SSL certificates in Nginx/Tengine servers
- Install SSL certificates in IIS servers
- Deploy SSL certificates in CentOS Tomcat 8.5 or Tomcat 9.0
- An SSL certificate is configured by the jetty server

3.Refund instructions

You can request a full refund for a purchased SSL certificate when specific conditions are met. This topic describes the conditions and steps on how to request a refund in the SSL Certificates Service console.
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Refund conditions

You can request a refund for a purchased SSL certificate in the SSL Certificates Service console when specific conditions are met.

> **Notice**
>
> - You must submit a refund request at least 15 business days before the SSL certificate expires. Otherwise, you may fail to complete the refund process and receive the refund before the SSL certificate expires.
> - If you purchased an SSL certificate by using a voucher, you cannot refund the voucher.
> - If an unsigned SSL certificate cannot be refunded, you can continue to use the certificate.
> - You cannot refund a free DV SSL certificate no matter whether it is valid.

The following table describes specific conditions for refunds.

Whether an SSL certificate is signed	Duration	Whether the SSL certificate is submitted for approval	Refund	Refund amount	Remarks
Unsigned	No more than 5 calendar days after purchase	Not submitted or submitted but not approved	Supported	Full refund	Manual approval is not required. You can immediately receive the refund after you submit the refund request.
Unsigned	More than 5 calendar days after purchase to 15 calendar days before expiration	Not submitted or submitted but not approved	Supported	Full refund	Manual approval is required. The approval process requires up to 15 business days, but it is usually completed within 5 business days. You can immediately receive the refund after approval. For more information about how to view the expiration time of an SSL certificate, see What to do next.

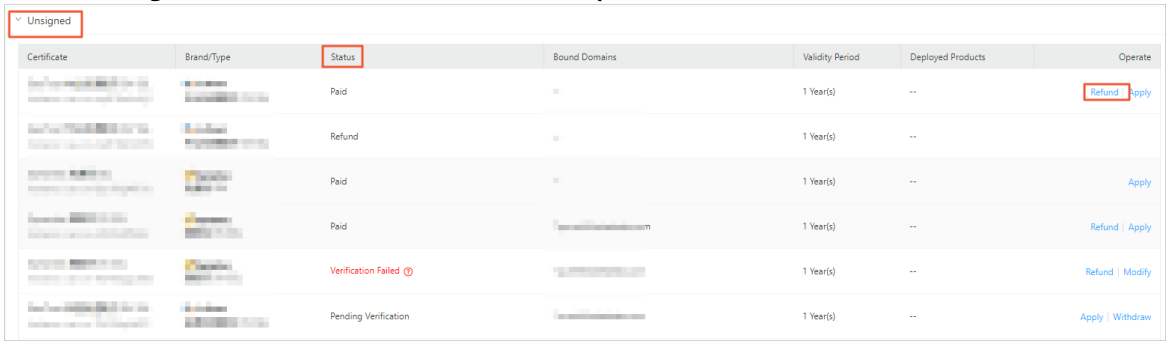
Whether an SSL certificate is signed	Duration	Whether the SSL certificate is submitted for approval	Refund	Refund amount	Remarks
Unsigned	Within 15 calendar days before expiration	No matter whether the SSL certificate is approved	Not supported	None	• Manual approval is required. The approval process requires up to 15 business days, but it is usually completed within 5 business days. You can immediately receive the refund after approval. • If you submit a refund request within 15 business days before the SSL certificate expires, the request may not be approved before the expiration, and therefore the refund fails.
Signed	Revocation completed within 30 calendar days after signature	Approved	Supported	Full refund	Manual approval is required. The approval process requires up to 15 business days, but it is usually completed within 5 business days. You can immediately receive the refund after approval.
Signed (more than 30 calendar days after signature)	Not expired	Approved	Not supported	None	None
Signed or unsigned	Expired	No matter whether the SSL certificate is approved	Not supported	None	None

In the **Signed** section, you can check when an SSL certificate is signed.

Refund procedure

1. Log on to the SSL Certificates Service console.

2. Find the target SSL certificate for the refund request and then click **Refund**.



> **Note** You can search for the target SSL certificate in the **Signed** and **Unsigned** sections. If an SSL certificate in the **Signed** section has been signed for more than 30 calendar days, the system does not display the **Refund** button for this certificate.

3. On the **Refund application** page, specify **Refund reason**.
   The following reasons are supported.

Reason	Operation
I failed to apply for or install the certificate, and do not know where to get help.	Click **Next** to determine whether to seek technical support. If you require technical support, enter your DingTalk information or mobile number on the **Refund application** page. Alibaba Cloud technical support will contact you in a timely manner. **Note** Make sure that the DingTalk information and mobile number you enter are valid.
The certificate application process is stuck in the Verifying or Verification Failed state. This affects my business.	Click **Next** to determine whether to seek technical support. If you require technical support, enter your DingTalk information or mobile number on the **Refund application** page. Alibaba Cloud technical support will contact you in a timely manner. **Note** Make sure that the DingTalk information and mobile number you enter are valid.
The type of the renewed certificate is inconsistent with that of the original certificate. I want to claim a refund and purchase a new certificate.	Perform Step 5.
I no longer need the certificate.	Perform Step 5.
Other	Enter your feedback or suggestions.

4. Click **OK**.
   After you submit the refund request, the status of the SSL certificate in the SSL Certificates Service console changes to **Verifying**.

   > **Note** The approval process requires up to 15 business days, but it is usually completed within 5 business days. The refund is returned to the Alipay account, online bank account, or Alibaba Cloud account that you used to pay for the purchase order.

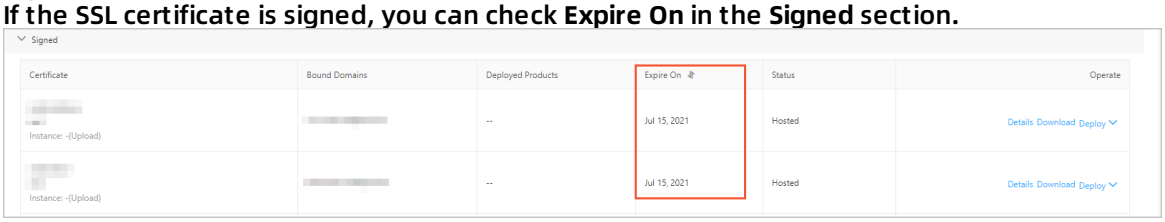
   After you submit a refund request, you can cancel the refund request, view the refund progress, or check the validity period of the SSL certificate. For more information, see What to do next.

What to do next

- **Cancel a refund request**
  If you want to cancel a refund request, find the SSL certificate on the **Overview** page in the SSL Certificates Service console and click **Cancel refund**.

  > **Note** You can cancel the refund request only for an SSL certificate in the **Verifying** state.

- **View the refund progress**
  If you want to view the refund progress, filter the SSL certificates that are **refunded** in the SSL Certificates Service console. If the refund request is rejected, the system provides further details.
- **Check the validity period of an SSL certificate**
  - **Signed**
    If the SSL certificate is signed, you can check **Expire On** in the **Signed** section.

  - **Unsigned**
    The validity period of an SSL certificate starts from the date when the certificate was signed. If an SSL certificate is not signed, it does not expire. In this case, the SSL certificate is in a state other than **Signed**, such as in the **Paid** or **Application review** state.

References

Billing method

4.SSL certificate billing and activation

4.1. What is the price of SSL certificates?

The price of SSL certificates depends on the factors such as the number of domains, years, and servers you need these SSL certificates for, please see Billing method.

4.2. What should I do when my SSL certificate expires?

When your SSL certificate expires, it becomes unavailable. You must purchase another one. After purchasing a new certificate, you need to re-bind the domain name and submit materials for review.
Once the review process is complete, a new certificate is issued. To replace the expired certificate, you must install the new SSL certificate on your server.

> Note Purchase the replacement certificate three to ten working days before certificate expiration so that the new certificate can be reviewed before the existing certificate expires.

For more information, see New purchase upon expiration.

4.3. How do I renew my certificate?

Alibaba Cloud SSL Certificates Service allows you to renew a certificate before it expires. The remaining validity period of the original certificate is added to the validity period of the renewed certificate. To comply with the requirements of CAs, SSL Certificates Service does not support auto-renewal. You must manually renew certificates.
A renewed certificate must be consistent with the original certificate in terms of the certificate type, brand, and enterprise information. Otherwise, the renewed certificate is identified as a purchased certificate. In this case, the remaining validity period of the original certificate is not added.

You must renew a certificate in the SSL Certificates Service console. For more information, see Renewal upon expiration.

> Note If your existing certificate is about to expire and you purchase a new certificate instead of renewing the existing certificate upon expiration, the remaining validity of the existing certificate cannot be added to the validity period of your newly purchased certificate.