

## FAQs: System Certifications Annual License Transition

### 1. What is changing with system certifications?

Effective **March 10, 2025**, all PRINTING United Alliance system certifications will transition from a one-time purchase to an **annual licensing model**. This means that to maintain your certification, an **annual license fee** will be required. Any new certifications

### 2. Why is this change happening?

This transition ensures that your certification remains **valid, competitive, and up to date**. Benefits include:

- Ongoing **recognition** with a digital badge and listing on the website.
- **Certification maintenance** for software updates and compliance.
- Reduced need for full **re-certification** with annual maintenance.

### 3. Does this affect my current certification?

No, any system certification issued by Idealliance are **grandfathered in all existing certifications**. If you applied for, or obtained certification before **March 10, 2025**, your certification will remain valid **without requiring an annual license fee**.

However, any **new system certifications, after March 10, 2025, will be subject to the annual licensing fee** to maintain certification status, ongoing support, and compliance updates.

### 4. After I'm certified, what happens if I don't pay the annual license fee?

If you do not renew your certification:

- Your **certification status will become inactive**.
- Your **listing and digital badge will be removed** from PRINTING United Alliance website.
- You will **not be able to utilize the System Certification designation or digital badge** for your product.
- You will need to **apply for a full re-certification**, including **new testing fees**.

### 5. What is the cost of the new annual license?

The annual license fee varies by certification type:

Certification Type	Member Price	Nonmember Price
Digital Press (EP, Inkjet, Wide Format)	\$3,000	\$4,000
Digital Press - ISO/PAS 15339	\$3,000	\$4,000
G7 & G7+ Software	\$3,000	\$4,000

### 6. Are minor software updates and revisions affected by this change?

No, software **revisions** (minor updates) **do not require re-certification**. You only need to **pay the annual license fee** to maintain certification.

#### Examples of software revisions:

- Kodak Prinergy 8.3 → Prinergy 8.4
- Fiery Command WorkStation 6 → 6.6
- Adobe Photoshop 2023 (version 24) → Photoshop 2023 (version 24.7)

## 7. What about software upgrades?

Yes, major **software upgrades require re-certification**. These include significant new features or overhauls.

**Examples of software upgrades that require re-certification:**

- Kodak Prinergy 8.4 → Prinergy 9
- Fiery Command WorkStation 6 → Command WorkStation 7
- Adobe Photoshop 2023 (v24) → Photoshop 2024 (v25)

## 8. Do I need to re-certify if my hardware/software setup changes?

If your setup includes a new print engine or major DFE upgrade, a new product certification is required.

## 9. Where can I find listings of PRINTING United Alliance system certifications?

Idealliance system certifications, initially available at [www.idealliance.org](http://www.idealliance.org) will be transitioned to [www.printing.org](http://www.printing.org). Any active system certification will be available at [www.printing.org](http://www.printing.org) starting March 10, 2025.

## 10. Who can I contact for more information?

For any questions, please contact:

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