

# Red Hat Certified Security Specialist (RHCSS)

## Overview

Red Hat Certified Security Specialist (RHCSS) is a security certification that proves advanced skills in using Red Hat Enterprise Linux, SELinux, and Red Hat Directory Server to meet the security requirements of today's enterprise environment.

Current RHCEs will obtain RHCSS certification upon successfully passing all three Expertise Exams:

- EX333 Red Hat Enterprise Security: Network Services
- EX423 Enterprise Directory Services and Authentication
- EX429 SELinux Policy Administration

These courses build on the security skills covered in the Red Hat Certified Engineer (RHCE) program, which is a prerequisite.

All upper-level courses are all peer level, meaning each can be taken by someone with RHCE or equivalent skills. Any order is fine.

## Curriculum and Expertise Exams

- Only **current RHCEs are eligible** to be certified as a Red Hat Certified Security Specialist (RHCSS), while anyone can attend the courses in this track.

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- Current RHCEs will obtain RHCSS certification upon successfully **passing all three Expertise Exams**

- The courses are not required as the tests can be taken separately but they are strongly recommended.

### RHCSS Courses

(Recommended)      Expertise Exams

(Required: Must pass all 3 for RHCSS)

RHS333

[Red Hat Enterprise Security: Network Services](#)

EX333

[Red Hat Enterprise Security: Network Services Expertise Exam](#)

RH423	<a href="#">Red Hat Enterprise Directory Services and Authentication</a>	EX423
	<a href="#">Red Hat Enterprise Directory Services and Authentication Expertise Exam</a>	
RHS429	<a href="#">Red Hat Enterprise SELinux Policy Administration</a>	EX429
	<a href="#">Red Hat Enterprise SELinux Policy Administration Expertise Exam</a>	

Each course in Red Hat's security curriculum is followed by an Expertise Exam on the fifth day. Expertise Exams may be taken immediately following the corresponding course or at any other time. The exams are performance-based and test skills of the job role competencies covered in the prior four days of hands-on training. Passing an Expertise Exam earns the candidate a **Certificate of Expertise**

to his or her RHCE credential for a specific security skillset. Expertise Exams vary in length from 4 to 8 hours depending on the course.

Official notification of PASS or DID NOT PASS is sent via email within 10 US business days of the Expertise Exam.

### Exam Costs and Bundled Discount

Exams cost \$749 on their own or \$549 when purchased together with the corresponding class scheduled in same week. To purchase the course and corresponding Expertise Exam, select appropriate RH and EX codes when purchasing. Then, use **promotional code "45678"** to receive the \$200 discount.

### Beyond RHCSS: Additional Security Courses

Beyond the core RHCSS courses, Red Hat also offers [RHS435 Red Hat Enterprise Certificate Management](#). This course teaches systems engineers to manage the Red Hat Certificate System, the leading open source identity management solution.

In the future, Red Hat may introduce or extend other security-related tools, and support these with additional higher-level Certificates of Expertise to RHCSS similar to the Identity Management Certificate of Expertise.

Other Red Hat security courses include [RHS342 Developing Red Hat Firewall Solutions](#). This

course provides intensive hands-on training for senior level system administrators, but is not tied to the RHCSS track.