SSL Certificate Validity Changes

About a year ago, the Certification Authority Browser Forum (CA/Browser Forum) approved a new schedule to reduce SSL/TLS certificate lifespans starting in March of 2026.

With the new schedule now in effect, the maximum validity period for SSL/TLS certificates is 200 days, down from 398 days previously. This effectively cuts the certificate lifespan in half and requires that the validation data be re-verified twice as often.

This new change does *NOT* mean that you'll need to purchase twice as many SSL certificates. It means that if you purchase a 1-year certificate, you will have to reissue it (free) and reinstall it (free/or paid installation) twice as often.

Over the next few years, the current 200-day maximum will be reduced again in the following stages:

Certificate Lifespans (Max # of Days)	Certificate Renewals/Re-Issues (# Per Year)
200 days (Current/March 2026)	**Approx. 2**
100 days (starting March 15, 2027)	Approx. 4
47 days (starting March 15, 2029)	Approx. 8

As the reissuance of these certificates has become more frequent and time-consuming for our clients, we recommend taking advantage of our new SSL + Automation products!