

## June 2020 TLS/SSL Customer Communication

### IdenTrust TLS Certificates: One-Year Maximum Validity

As you may be aware, for the last few years the CA/B Forum has been working to mitigate the exposure of compromised TLS certificates which have been issued with longer validity periods. To help accomplish this goal, the allowed validity period for TLS certificates has been reduced on several occasions:

- Effective April 1, 2015, 3-year TLS certificates were reduced to a 39-month maximum validity period with some exceptions.
- Effective June 1, 2016, TLS certificates of 39-month maximum validity were enforced across browsers without any exceptions.
- Effective March 1, 2018 the TLS certificates validity was reduced to a maximum of 825 days.

As a continuation of this effort, Apple® has announced that Apple browsers will no longer honor TLS certificates which carry a validity period greater than 398 days when issued on or after September 1, 2020.

In May of 2020, Mozilla® expressed the intention to adopt the approach Apple defined, and will enact the same effective date of September 1, 2020. Based on industry communications, it is anticipated that other major browser manufacturers such as Microsoft®, Google® and others will follow this action.

IdenTrust as Certificate Authority adhering to the CA/B Forum and browser manufacturer guidelines, will comply with the prescribed reduction in validity period. Effective August 14, 2020, applications for TLS/SSL certificates from the IdenTrust public trust root that get approved will be issued with a maximum of one-year validity period.

Existing two-year TLS/SSL certificates expiring prior to the August 14, 2020 date can be renewed for that same period as long as the renewal takes place no later than August 14, 2020.

Please be aware that after Friday August 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM MT IdenTrust will no longer be able to issue two-year TLS/SSL certificates. If you submit a certificate application for single or multi-domain two-year TLS/SSL certificate, you must also submit all required forms and supporting documentation to IdenTrust before the August 14, 2020 deadline; otherwise, IdenTrust will not be able to approve your application.

Also, If you intend to purchase or currently have any unused vouchers for single or multi-domain two-year TLS/SSL certificates, you must use them before this deadline.

Please contact our friendly support team if you have any questions about this communication.