

CARRIER ETHERNET CERTIFICATION

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW & EVOLUTION

How is Mplify evolving its MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet certification?

Mplify Carrier Ethernet for Business is the evolution of MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet certification. It preserves the established technical requirements and testing rigor of MEF 3.0 while introducing updated Mplify branding, a Certification Registry, and a formal certification maintenance program.

Does this replace my current MEF 3.0 certification?

MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet certification evolves into Mplify Carrier Ethernet for Business Certification. Current Mplify members with MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet certifications can rebrand their existing certifications with no retesting and no additional cost.



Why should organizations pursue Carrier Ethernet certification?

Carrier Ethernet certification provides independent third-party validation that services and technologies meet defined performance and conformance requirements based on Mplify standards. Certification can help build customer confidence, support sales and RFP responses, provide visibility through the Mplify Certification Registry, and give certified organizations the right to use Mplify certification marks in sales and marketing materials.

What Carrier Ethernet services can be certified?

Carrier Ethernet for Business certification is available for E-Line, E-LAN, E-Tree, Access E-Line, and Transit E-Line services.

Does Carrier Ethernet certification validate interoperability between providers or networks?

No. Carrier Ethernet certification does not test or certify interoperability between providers or networks. Certification validates that Carrier Ethernet services and technologies meet defined performance and conformance requirements based on Mplify standards. The common service definitions and attributes established by those standards help simplify interconnection and service delivery across networks.

Is this certification intended for enterprise services, wholesale services, or both?

Carrier Ethernet Certification applies to both enterprise and wholesale services. The Carrier Ethernet for Business certification validates Carrier Ethernet services across multiple deployment and business models. Certifiable services include E-Line, E-LAN, E-Tree, Access E-Line, and Transit E-Line.

How does Carrier Ethernet for Business support NaaS?

Carrier Ethernet provides standardized service definitions, attributes, and performance characteristics that can be used as building blocks for automated service delivery. This makes standards-based Carrier Ethernet well suited to support on-demand, multi-provider NaaS environments. Certification validates performance and conformance to Mplify standards; it does not certify NaaS capabilities or multi-provider interoperability.

ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

Who is eligible to participate in Carrier Ethernet Certification?

Carrier Ethernet Certification is available to Service Provider and Technology Provider Mplify members with or without prior MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet certification. Eligibility paths vary depending on an organization's certification history.

What if I'm MEF 3.0 certified but no longer a member of Mplify?

Carrier Ethernet Certification is available to Mplify members. Former members with previous MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet certification may rejoin Mplify, reinstate their certification, and rebrand it as Carrier Ethernet for Business without retesting.

What if I'm CE 2.0 certified?

CE 2.0 certifications are retired. Organizations may enroll in Mplify Carrier Ethernet for Business Certification through the current certification process.

Should I take action now, or can I wait?

Eligible current Mplify members with MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet certification can transition to Carrier Ethernet for Business with no retesting and no additional certification cost. Former certified members can rejoin Mplify and reinstate their certification. Organizations that are not currently certified can begin the Carrier Ethernet for Business certification process.

CERTIFICATION MODEL, TESTING & MAINTENANCE

How does the certification and maintenance model work at a high level?

Companies pay once per certification. An annual optional maintenance fee keeps the certification active and provides the option to retest and refresh certification records, including an updated Test Record.

Mplify Carrier Ethernet Certification Model for Non-Certified Solutions or Services



Does the Carrier Ethernet for Business Certification introduce any new technical requirements or expectations?

No. Carrier Ethernet for Business Certification does not introduce new technical requirements as part of this evolution. The certification preserves existing rigor while modernizing the program structure and lifecycle management.

Do I need to retest to receive the updated Carrier Ethernet for Business certification?

For MEF 3.0 CE certified solutions or services, retesting is optional. Providers may elect to retest to update their certification and receive an updated Test Record.

How are services tested and certified?

Certification testing is conducted using Lab in the Sky, the fully automated, cloud-based test and certification platform operated by Iometrix, Mplify's accredited test and certification partner for Carrier Ethernet.

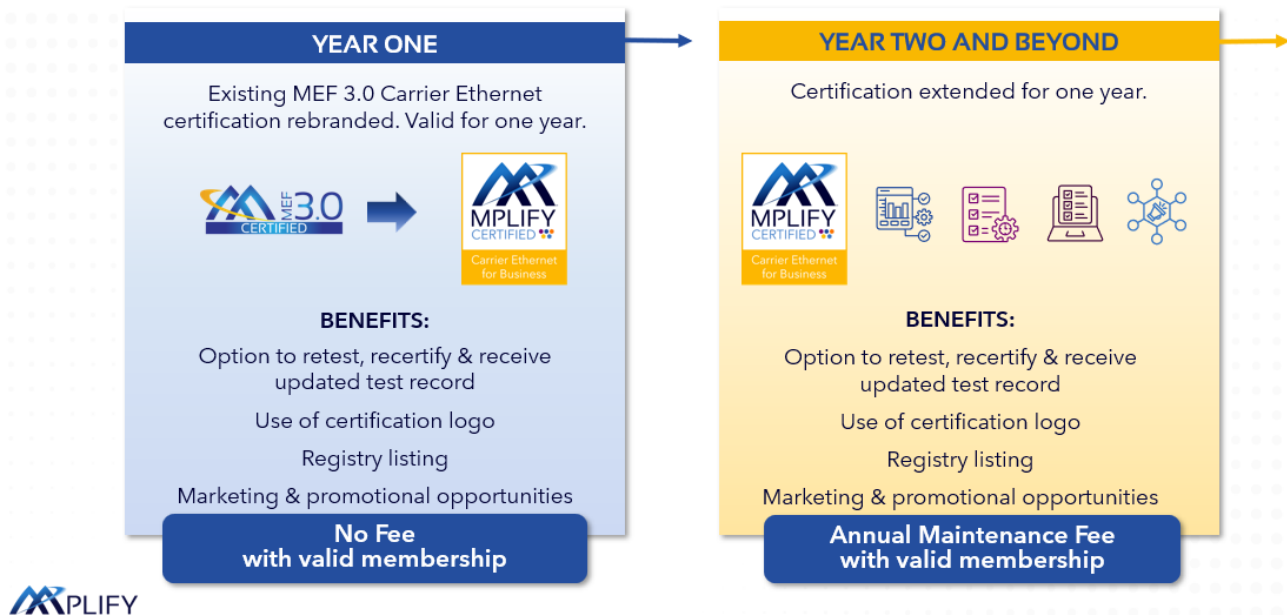


CERTIFICATION BRANDING & REGISTRY

Will I receive a new certification logo?

Mplify members in good standing who already have MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet certifications can join the Carrier Ethernet for Business certification program to receive the first year at no cost, have their certifications updated to Carrier Ethernet for Business, use the new certification logo, be included in the Mplify Certification Registry, and benefit from Mplify marketing and promotional activities. Retesting is optional and may be elected by providers to update their certification Test Record.

Mplify Carrier Ethernet Certification Model for MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet Certified Solutions or Services



Does the rebrand affect my status in the Certified Provider Registry?

Your Carrier Ethernet for Business certification will be included in the new Mplify Carrier Ethernet Certification Registry. Your listing will automatically be updated to reflect the new certification name and logo.

PURPOSE, GUIDANCE & NEXT STEPS

Why is Mplify making this change?

Carrier Ethernet continues to play an important role in business connectivity as the industry moves toward more automated, on-demand and multi-provider network services. Carrier Ethernet for Business brings the established MEF 3.0 certification program under the Mplify brand while preserving its technical rigor and introducing an updated certification lifecycle, registry, and certification marks.

How should service and technology providers explain this change to customers and prospects?

Carrier Ethernet for Business is the evolution of MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet certification under the Mplify brand. It maintains the established technical requirements and testing rigor while providing updated certification branding, registry visibility, and an ongoing certification maintenance model.

Can I still reference MEF 3.0 in historical materials?

Yes. Historical references are unchanged. Going forward, you should use the updated certification name and logo.

Who can I contact with questions?

Visit Carrier Ethernet Certification for [services](#) or [technology products](#) on <https://www.mplify.net>, or contact CarrierEthernet@mplify.net.

About Mplify

Mplify is the global alliance advancing NaaS for AI and AI-ready digital infrastructure. It helps members compete beyond the limits of their own networks and capabilities by expanding reach, combining capabilities with ecosystem partners, and enabling trusted, standards-based automation across organizations. Its global community spans service providers, cloud providers, data center providers, internet exchanges, cybersecurity and technology companies, and enterprises. Together, these organizations shape standardized operational models and APIs, network services, trust frameworks, and certification programs that turn independent capabilities into an interoperable global ecosystem for the AI era.