

## **Important: Complete your Online CSP Application by 31 Dec 2017**

As an active CSM<sup>®</sup>, CSPO<sup>®</sup>, or CSD<sup>®</sup> in the process of earning the Certified Scrum Professional<sup>®</sup> (CSP<sup>®</sup>) certification, we are informing you of an important program change.

Beginning January 2018, we are upgrading the standards of the CSP program. Curricula will be more comprehensive and rigorous. The result will be that those who obtain CSP status will be better prepared to address real work challenges and offer practical solutions to serve the needs of their organization.

What this means to you right now is: The deadline for completing and submitting your current Certified Scrum Professional online application under the current format is 31 December 2017.

As a reminder, to obtain [CSP status under the current program](#), you must satisfy the following eligibility criteria by the end of 2017:

- Be a current holder of an active CSM, CSPO, or CSD certification. Please note that you may need to renew your CSM, CSPO, or CSD certification before you can apply for CSP.
- Have a minimum of 36 months of successful Agile/Scrum work experience gained within the past five years implementing Scrum inside organizations as team member, Product Owner, ScrumMaster, or "Other." (Provide details for "Other" in the "How did you use Scrum on this job?" field at the bottom of the Work Experience section of your profile page. Align your experience to the basic Scrum roles as much as possible.)
- Gather and submit 70 Scrum Education Units (SEUs) from the past three years. Note that SEUs earned from your CSM (up to 16 SEUs), CSPO (up to 16 SEUs) and/or CSD (up to 24 SEUs) certifications can put you well on your way. Pro tip: Attend the upcoming [Global Scrum Gathering<sup>®</sup> Dublin 2017](#) and get up to 24 SEUs. You can also earn SEUs at remaining [2017 Regional Gatherings](#). Your CSM, CSPO, or CSD training can be more than three years old. [See the CSP page on our website for more details about earning SEUs.](#)

Click [here](#) for more information on how to apply.

If you are unable to fulfill these application requirements by 31 December 2017, you have the option to participate via the [new Path to Certified Scrum Professional certification program](#).

Please be aware that the requirements and process are different from the original program.

As Agile/Scrum professionals, we know the foundation of the framework involves being Agile. We applaud you for making the commitment to your professional journey and look forward to seeing you advance your learning.

If you have any questions about the original CSP application process, [click here](#).

Please let us know what your plans are by [completing this form](#).

Have other questions? Email [support@scrumalliance.org](mailto:support@scrumalliance.org).

Sincerely,



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