

Apple Root Program

March 2026

Root Inclusion General Release Timelines

- Spring Release
 - Final release decisions made no later than end of January
 - OSes generally see updates in ~March
- Fall Release
 - Final release decisions made no later than end of June
 - OSes generally see updates in ~September

Root Inclusion Positive Signals

- Request from Existing CA Owners
 - Proactive deprecation of multi-purpose hierarchies; new single-purpose hierarchies replacing multi-purpose hierarchies
- All Requests
 - Clear intent to limit the number of Root CA Certificates per CA provider
 - CP/CPS language measurably meets requirements

Apple Root Program Policy Draft

- Some of the changes:
 - Policy moving to GitHub in Markdown format
 - Apple Root Program approval needed before signing 3rd party operated CAs
 - Single-purpose subordinate CAs
 - Minimum key sizes for new Root CA certificates
 - Detailed Controls Report attestation (2027-July)
 - Combined self-contained CP/CPS in Markdown format scoped to single-purpose (2027-July)

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