

Digital Certificate Quick Start Guide for Organization Validation (OV) Certificates

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VikingCloud™ offers a variety of digital certificates. VikingCloud's Organization Validation Digital Certificate provides everything you will need to protect your domains and assure your customers that your site is trustworthy and secure with our highest Relying Party Warranty on a standard Digital certificate. The OV certificate features 256-Bit encryption, a \$250,000 identification guarantee, and free reissues for the life of the Digital Certificate. When an OV certificate is installed on your domain, customers who visit your website will see a padlock in the address bar in their web browser.

To receive an OV certificate, you must order the certificate, submit the Subscriber Agreement, provide a certificate signing request, and help VikingCloud validate your domain(s). Other validation documentation may be needed as well. This document explains how to perform each step in this process.

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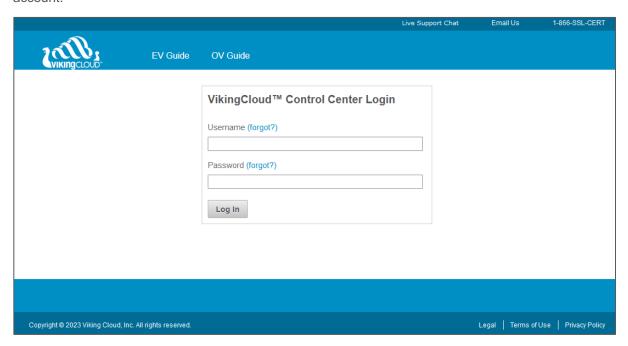
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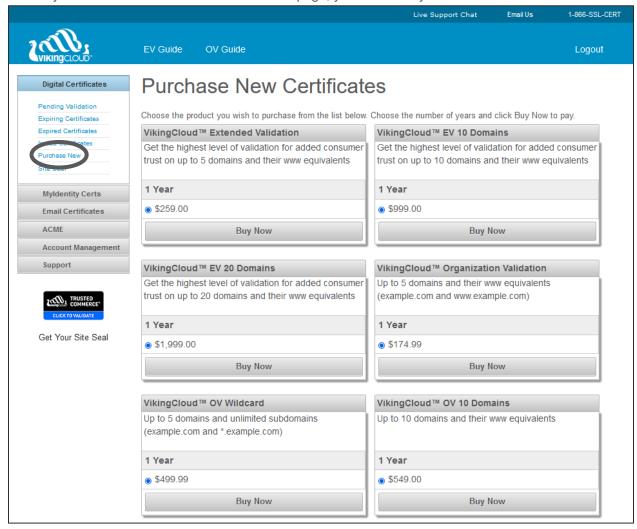
1. At https://certs.securetrust.com/, click the Customer Login link.



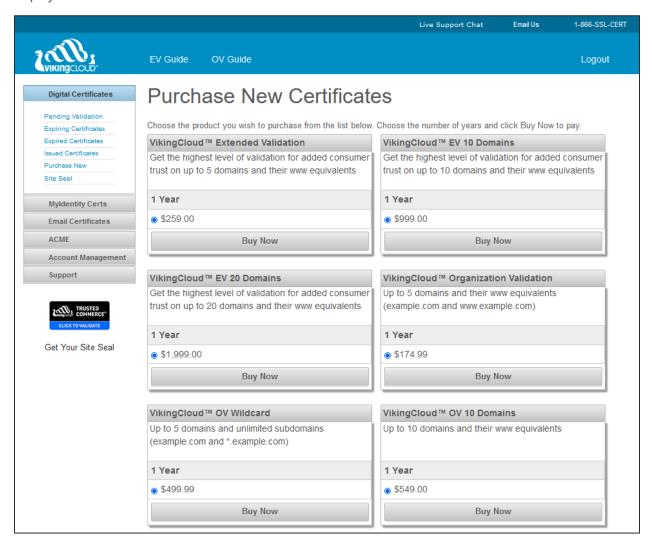
2. On the **VikingCloud Control Center Login** page, enter the username and password to your account.



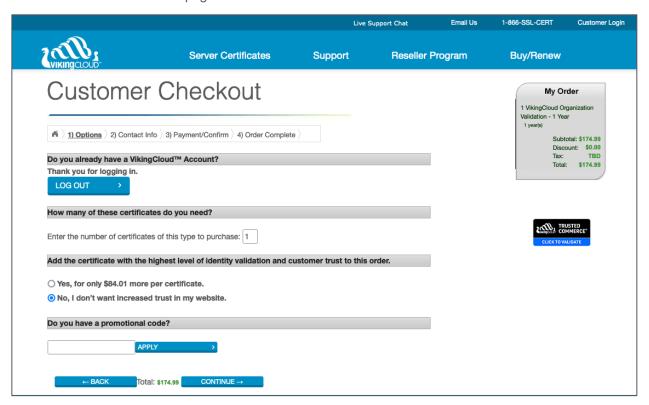
3. In the Control Center, use the accordion tabs on the left to open **Digital Certificates** | **Purchase New**. If you see the **Purchase New Certificates** page, you are already there.



 On the Purchase New Certificates page, select the OV certificate with the correct number of domains you wish to use and click its Buy Now button. The Customer Checkout page will be displayed next.



5. On the Customer Checkout page:

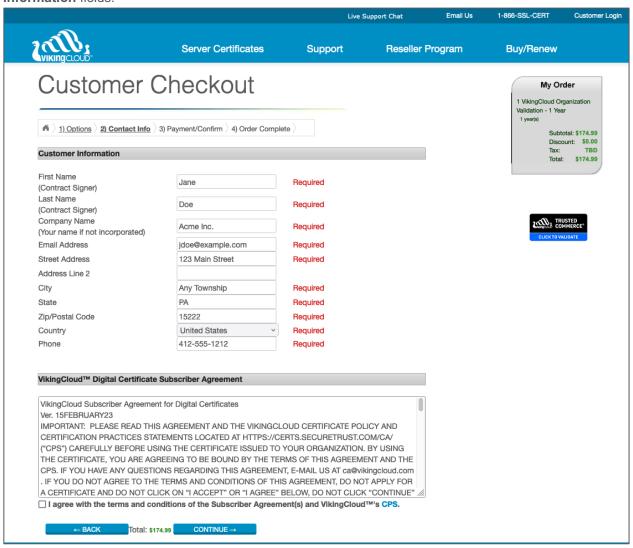


- a. Enter the number of certificates that you want to purchase. (Defaults to 1).
- b. Select **Yes**, if you would like to upgrade your certificate to the highest level of identity validation using an Extended Validation Certificate. See the *VikingCloud Digital Certificate Quick Start Guide for Extended Validation Certificates* for more information. (Defaults to No).
- c. Add a promotional code if you have one and click **Apply**.
- d. Click Continue.



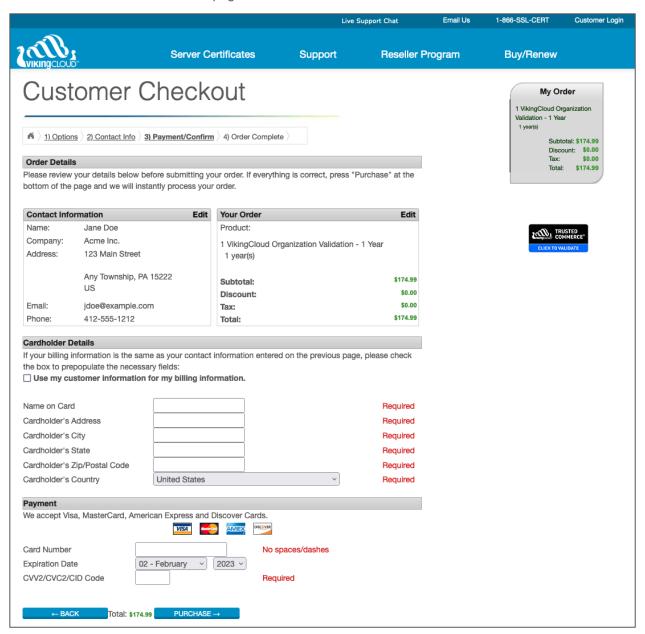
Tip: If you make changes to your order, your order will be updated in the My Order panel on the top right. Your total will also be updated between the Back and Continue buttons.

6. On the second **Customer Checkout** page, your information automatically appears in the **Customer Information** fields.



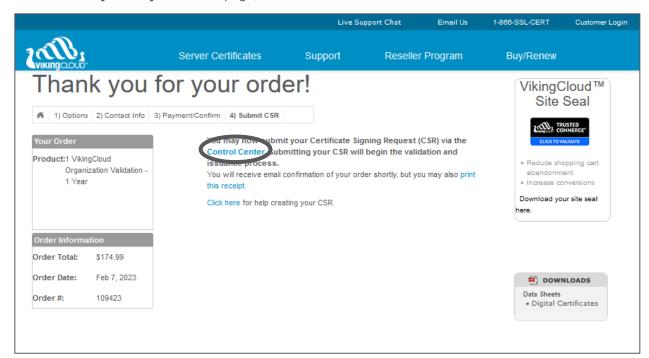
- a. In the VikingCloud[™] Digital Certificate Subscriber Agreement section, mark the I agree with the terms and conditions check box.
- b. Click Continue.

7. On the third **Customer Checkout** page:



- a. Double check your order details.
- b. Fill out all of the Cardholder Details fields.
- c. Enter **Payment** information.
- d. Click Purchase.

8. On the **Thank you for your order!** page, click the **Control Center** link.



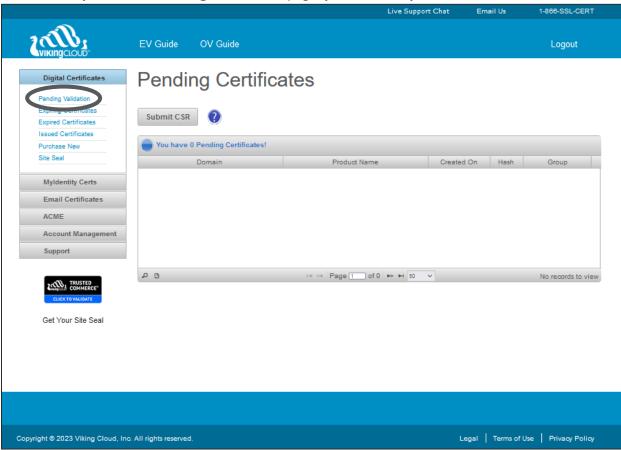


Tip: If you don't have time to continue right now, you can return later to complete the process. Just go to https://certs.securetrust.com/ to log in.

Enter a CSR

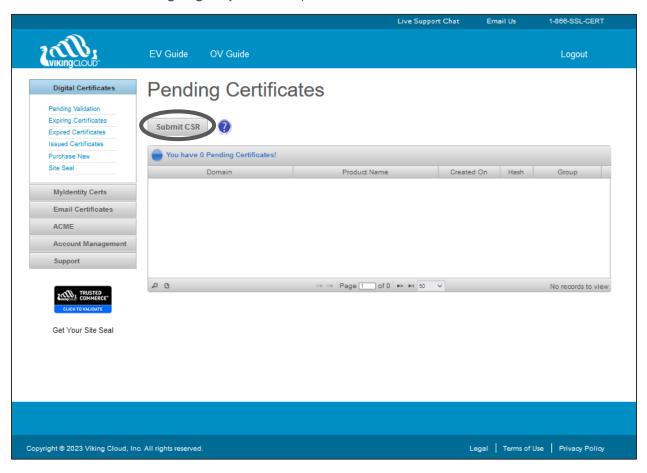
VikingCloud requires a certificate signing request (CSR) in order to issue a certificate. While you are responsible for generating your CSR, VikingCloud offers instructions on how to do so on a variety of platforms. You can either go to https://certs.securetrust.com/support/create-csr.php or in the Control Center, open Support | CSR Creation for help on how to create one. Once your CSR is ready, you can submit your CSR to VikingCloud.

1. In the Control Center, use the accordion tabs on the left to open **Digital Certificates** | **Pending Validation**. If you see the **Pending Certificates** page, you are already there.

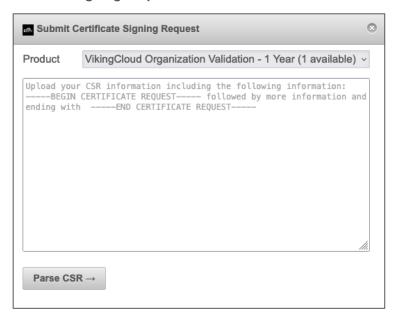


2. Click the Submit CSR button.

The **Submit Certificate Signing Request** form opens.



3. On the Submit Certificate Signing Request Form:



- a. Select the certificate type that you want to submit from the **Product** drop-down list.
- b. Copy and paste your CSR into the large text box.
- c. Click Parse CSR.
- 4. Review the information pulled from your CSR.





Tip: The system displays the number of domains available for the certificate type selected. If you want to include additional domain(s), you can submit them in the available textbox fields.

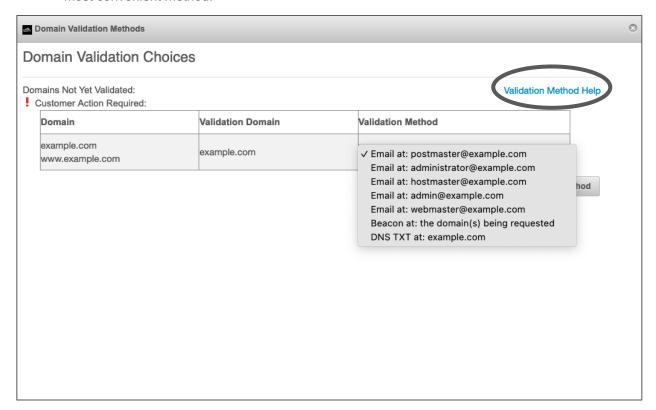
5. Click Submit.

VikingCloud will begin the domain validation setup process. This may take several minutes.

Validate Your Domains

Before VikingCloud can issue your certificate, it must ensure that you are authorized to have a certificate for all of the domains you included in your certificate request. This process is called domain validation.

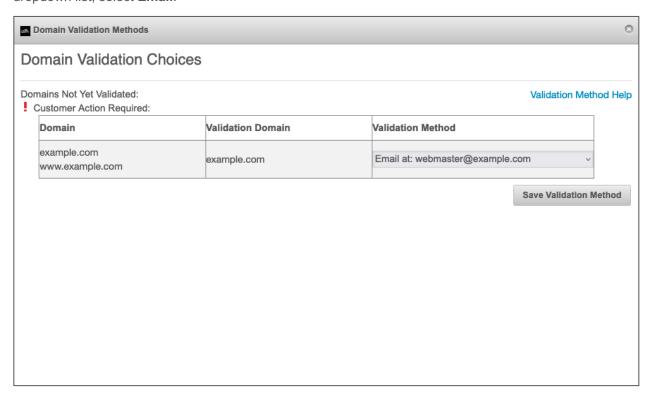
- 1. On the **Domain Validation Methods** form, you will be presented with:
 - a. A list of the Domains submitted from the Submit Certificate Signing Request window.
 - b. A selection for the Validation Domain to be used for validating the domain. Note: Some domains may be grouped together based on the lowest common domain to expedite validation. This can be changed by selecting the Validation Domain drop-down and choosing the domain that you wish to use.
 - c. A selection for the Validation Method to be used for validating the domain. VikingCloud offers several validation methods: email, DNS, and domain beacon. In general, email validation is the most convenient method.





Tip: The **Validation Method Help** link leads to information on these other methods.

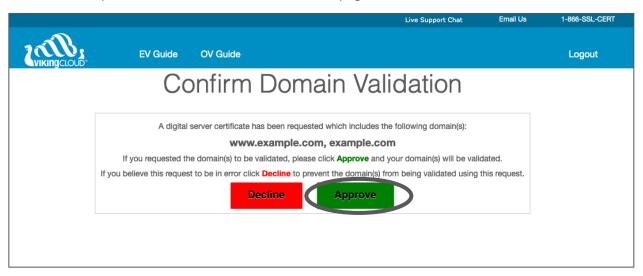
2. For this guide, the Email domain validation method will be used. On the **Validation Methods** dropdown list, select **Email**.



3. Click Save Validation Method.

- a. For the email validation method, you will receive an email from sslsupport@vikingcloud.com asking you to validate the domain(s). To validate your domains via email, continue with step 4 below.
- b. When using one of the other validation methods, follow the instructions that you are given in Control Center.

4. Click the **Approve/Decline Domain Validation** link in the email. A browser will open to the **Confirm Domain Validation** page.



5. Click the large green **Approve** button. A confirmation page will appear.

If you return to the Control Center's **Pending Certificates** page, you may find that VikingCloud is in the process of additional evaluation on your domains. Additional validations are required before your OV certificate can be issued. VikingCloud will be in the process of validating your organization and the authority to issue certificates on behalf of that organization. Please allow 24 hours for VikingCloud support to complete these final validations. Once complete, your certificate can be issued.

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