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# Personal certificates

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Students and employees with an account in the [CAS of the Charles University](#) can, free of charge, acquire personal certificates from the TCS certification authority, which is accepted by most browsers without any further configuration. In order to acquire a certificate, users must meet the following conditions:

- Have a verified password in the CAS of the Charles University.
- Have a [verified e-mail address](#) in the CAS of the Charles University (verification must be at most 6 months old). This address is saved in the certificate.

Personal certificates can be used to log into certain services, to sign and encrypt e-mails, and to reset a password in the CAS without first entering the old password.

Instructions for acquiring a personal certificate can be found on the web pages of [CESNET](#) (which provides the service).