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Answer

If you use S/MIME to sign or encrypt email messages, you should **not** delete your personal certificate, even after it expires. Doing so would cause you to permanently lose access to those messages.

However, most users at MIT do not use S/MIME, and can safely delete their old or expired certificates.

If you are not sure, you may want to:

- Check whether you are using S/MIME for email signing/encryption
- Export or Back Up Your MIT Personal Certificates