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**NOTE:** These instructions detail only installing a personal certificate manually in Safari. We recommend using CertAid to configure your system.  
See: [CertAid 2.2.6 for MacOS](#)

1. Navigate, in Safari, to <https://ca.mit.edu/ca>.
2. Enter your credentials and click **Next**.
3. On the page Generate a Private Key, leave the Key Size at the highest grade for your browser. The Certificate Lifetime gives the default number of days until this personal certificate expires. Click **Next** to accept the defaults.



The screenshot shows the 'II. Generate a Private Key' page of the MIT Certificate Server. It includes a welcome message for 'Eduardo A Gutierrez' and instructions on how to generate a private key. The 'Key Size' is set to '2048 (High Grade)' with a dropdown arrow. The 'Certificate life' is set to '354' days. A note at the bottom states: '(Note: Certificates issued today expire no later than 07/31/2010. [Help](#) The default life of 354 days is the maximum life from today.)'. A 'Next >>' button is at the bottom left.


**II. Generate a Private Key**

Welcome Eduardo A Gutierrez

You have successfully logged into the MIT Certificate Server. You may now generate your Private Key.

You may accept the default settings by clicking **Next>**.  
A "Generate A Private Key" window may appear, if so click **OK** and wait for the process to complete. You will know when the process is complete when the Success window appears.

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**Key Size:** 2048 (High Grade)   
(Choose the largest number)

**Certificate life:** 354  
(Note: Certificates issued today expire no later than 07/31/2010. [Help](#) The default life of 354 days is the maximum life from today.)

**Next >>**

4. You may get an error and be prompted to generate a private key, select a password for it, and download it. If so, follow the instructions provided to do so and install it in your keychain.
5. Restart Safari.