

NOVELL SUSE LINUX* PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW



Pass-Through Certification refers to the ability for third-party systems to be granted the same certification status as models previously certified by Intel Corporation. Novell SUSE Linux* Pass-Through Certification is available to vendors who purchase Intel® server boards and systems and are current members of the [Novell PartnerNet](#) program.

This process has been developed to give Novell SUSE Linux Hardware Certification status to third-party vendors of Intel server boards and systems in a timely and cost-effective manner. Intel will assume the responsibility of performing the testing of Intel-based reference systems per Novell's standard hardware certification process. Novell will provide assistance to Intel, at a best efforts level, to help with individual system certifications. The Intel server customer will file a request with Novell to be entered into the [YES CERTIFIED Bulletin Search](#) site.

Hardware Requirements

Intel Corporation first performs an original model certification as described in the Novell SUSE Hardware Certification Policies. Subsequent pass-through system certifications of EPSD OEM must meet the following additional requirements:

- Pass-Through certifications must be performed on systems that are a subset of the components covered by testing completed in the original model certification.
- No features or hardware may be added or subtracted from a pass-through system that would impact the certification of the pass-through system.
- Each Pass-Through Certification must have a unique vendor, make, and model number not shared with any other hardware not covered by the original certification.
- Each Pass-Through Certification must have a unique vendor specification URL or must utilize the equivalent OEM specification URL.

Process to submit OEM names and products to the YES CERTIFIED Bulletin Search site:

1. Customer must have a Novell Login Account. If you do not have an account, go to:
<https://secure-www.novell.com/selfreg/jsp/createAccount.jsp>
2. Customer must join the Novell PartnerNet program. All users needing access to the pass-through certification system must be listed under the company name. Please note: The user email address log-in must be the same one listed under the company information.

To create a PartnerNet account:

Go to: www.novell.com/partners/technology

Under the Technology Partners, select "Are you a systems builder or an independent software or hardware vendor looking to expand your market?"

Select "Join or Renew Now"

To submit a SUSE Linux Pass-Through Certification request:

1. Go to: <http://developer.novell.com/nbswebapp/yesCert.jsp>
2. Once logged in, select "Systems Build Rapid Certification Program" link located in the middle of the page.
3. Select company name; if your company name does not appear then select "New Company" and click the "Continue" button.
4. Select the "Category" <Server or Workstation>, then the "Vendor" <your company name>, and "Operating System".
5. Select "Find Configurations" button.
6. Select the "Bulletin Number" button of the Intel server board/system that is equivalent to the product for which you are requesting SUSE Linux Pass-Through Certification.
7. Change the Product Name and Product Description for your product then click "Next".
8. If no other changes are required, click "Next" in the "Referenced System Bulletin information" page. If changes are needed, then select the "change" button and then choose from the drop down list.
9. Review the changes in yellow and then click the "Submit" button.

You have created a submission for review by Novell. Keep the submission number for reference to your submission. Your bulletin should be released within 3 business days.

For additional questions, please send an email to Intel Corporation at: SUSE-Novell@intel.com

For more information on Novell system development, visit <http://developer.novell.com/devres/system>

For more information on certified solutions from the Intel® Enabled Server Acceleration Alliance (Intel® ESAA) Program, visit: www.intel.com/go/esaa

