

## How to install SSL certificate

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7. **Note:** The certificate code can be found in the file \*yourdomain\*.crt which is usually sent to you in the email from the Certificate Authority. Alternatively, it can be [downloaded](#) from your account directly.
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‘Enable SNI for Mail Services’. In this case, you will be able to use your domain, on which SSL certificate has been installed, as a hostname of the mailserver configuring your mail clients to work via secured ports.

12. Note! This option is available only starting from cPanel 11.48. If you have older version of cPanel, you cannot use your certificate for mail. All Namecheap shared and reseller servers have cPanel 11.48 installed.

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