



Cisco's New Certified Network Professional for Security (CCNP Security)

Cisco recently announced a change to the courses included in its professional-level security career certification, as well as a change to the certification name. Cisco Certified Security Professional (CCSP) is now known as the Cisco Certified Network Professional for Security (CCNP Security).

Why the Changes?

- Networks are continually evolving and customers of Cisco today are facing a dynamic security environment with new technologies, virtualisation, mobility and social networking all generating increased opportunities for threats, compliance mandates and transparency.
- Feedback from partner and customer surveys indicate a need for a certification curriculum that accurately reflects the job tasks required of today's professional-level engineers.
- Network Security Engineers have become responsible for the test, deployment, and support of Cisco Security appliances and devices, and the changes to the Cisco Security Certification Portfolio reflect these requirements. There is now an emphasis on defining services, service levels, and quality of services – which is key to ensuring network availability.

New to the CCNP Security Program?

Once you have earned the prerequisite CCNA Security certification, you'll need to pass all four exams to achieve CCNP Security certification: IPSv7 (642-627), SECURE (642-637), FIREWALL (642-617), and VPN (642-647).

Cisco Learning Partner of the Year

Global Knowledge was honored at Cisco's annual channel partner conference with three Cisco Partner Summit Theater awards for Learning Partner of the Year – U.S. and Canada, Emerging Markets, and Asia Pacific.



New CCNP Voice

Cisco has also announced changes to the courses included in its professional level voice career certification. Courses supporting this new certification are available from Global Knowledge beginning November 2010. For more information, visit www.globalknowledge.net/ccnpvoice.

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Current CCSP

REQUIRED			
Course	Exam	Last Day To Test	Description
IPS v6.0	642-533	31 May 2011	Implementing Cisco Intrusion Prevention
SNRS	642-504	8 April 2011	Securing Networks with Cisco Routers and Switches
SNAF	642-524	8 April 2011	Firewalls Fundamentals
			VPN Fundamentals

ELECTIVES (Take 1 of the following 3)			
Course	Exam	Last Day To Test	Description
SNAA	642-515	8 April 2011	Advanced Firewalls
			Advanced VPN
CANAC	642-591		Implementing NAC Appliance
MARS	642-545		Cisco Security, Monitoring, Analysis, and Response

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REQUIRED			
Course	Exam	Exam Availability	Description
IPS v7.0	642-627	26 Nov 2010	Implementing Cisco Intrusion Prevention
SECURE	642-637	19 Oct 2010	Securing Networks with Cisco Routers and Switches
FIREWALL	642-617	19 Oct 2010	Deploying Cisco ASA Firewall Solutions
VPN	642-647	19 Oct 2010	Deploying Cisco ASA VPN Solutions

Updates will be available in 2011, but will not be a part of the CCNP Security certification

CANAC	642-591		Implementing NAC Appliance
MARS	642-545		Cisco Security, Monitoring, Analysis, and Response

Note:

- The last day that retiring courses can be used for CCSP accreditation is October 14, 2011
- It is not possible to mix SNAF or SNAA with either FIREWALL or VPN.
- CANAC and MARS cannot be used for the Professional Level Security Certification after 14th October 2011

Already Working towards Your CCSP? Mix-and-Match

There is a transition period between the CCSP- and CCNP Security-certification until October 14, 2011, and it will be possible to mix-and-match the courses and exams for candidates who have already begun working towards CCSP certification. The mix-and-match information on the Global Knowledge website will help you determine which combination suits you best, available at www.globalknowledge.net/ccnpsecurity.

Cisco will also be updating existing Specialist Certifications and introducing new ones. Full details of these certifications can be found at www.globalknowledge.net.

New CCNP Security Courses

Global Knowledge has been working closely with Cisco on the new CCNP Security curriculum. The new courses will be available from Global Knowledge beginning November 2010:

- Implementing Cisco Intrusion Prevention System v7.0 (IPS)
- Securing Networks with Cisco Routers and Switches (SECURE)
- Deploying Cisco ASA Firewall Solutions (FIREWALL)
- Deploying Cisco ASA VPN Solutions (VPN)

For More Information

To contact your local training advisor visit www.globalknowledge.net/locations to register for these new CCNP Security courses.