



## Frequently Asked Questions

### CCNA Concentrations

Once you have completed your CCNA certification, you can choose one of the three new CCNA concentrations.

While CCNA remains the certification of choice for individuals who want to demonstrate a solid foundation in core routing and switching skills, the new CCNA Wireless, CCNA Voice, and CCNA Security certifications build on core CCNA skills and provide a clear path to prepare for a specialized job role in wireless, security, or voice technologies.

#### **How do the CCNA concentrations relate to the CCNA certification?**

In order to meet the prerequisites for one of the new CCNA concentrations, you must first pass the CCNA certification through one of two exam paths.

#### **Prerequisites for CCNA Concentrations: CCNA Exams and Recommended Training**

Required Exam(s) 640-802 CCNA	Recommended Training Interconnecting Cisco Networking Devices Part 1 (ICND1) v1.0 Interconnecting Cisco Networking Devices Part 2 (ICND2) v1.0
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Required Exam(s) 640-822 ICND1 640-816 ICND2	Interconnecting Cisco Networking Devices Part 1 (ICND1) v1.0 Interconnecting Cisco Networking Devices Part 2 (ICND2) v1.0
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#### **Do students have to complete the CCNA certification each time they want to take a different CCNA concentration?**

No. The CCNA certification only needs to be passed one time in order to move on to each of the new CCNA concentrations.

#### **How long are the new CCNA concentrations valid for?**

CCNA Wireless, Voice, and Security certifications are valid for three years.



**Will achieving any of the CCNA concentrations recertify my current CCNA certification? Will it recertify my CCENT certification?**

Individuals passing any current CCNA concentration exam (wireless, security, voice) will automatically recertify their expiring CCNA concentration, CCNA or CCENT certification. Passing any 642 professional level exam or written CCDE or CCIE exam will also recertify a CCNA Concentration.

**Will all three concentrations be available June 24, 2008?**

Both the exams and recommended training for CCNA Security and CCNA Voice are available as of the announcement date of June 24th. The projected release date for the CCNA Wireless concentration recommended training and exam is July 25, 2008.

**What types of jobs are available for people who pass one of the new CCNA concentrations?**

The following job roles are available for people who obtain a CCNA Wireless certification: Network administrators. Wireless technicians, support technicians. Security engineers focused on wireless networks. WLAN project managers. Wireless support specialists

The following job roles are available for people who obtain a CCNA Security certification: Network security administrators. Security specialists. Security technicians. Support technicians

The following job roles are available for people who obtain a CCNA Voice certification: Voice administrators. Voice technicians. Voice engineers

**How do these new concentrations affect Cisco's professional and expert-level certifications?**

Passing the new CCNA concentrations will serve as the prerequisites to the corresponding Cisco professional-level certification (Cisco CCSP®, CCVP®, and so on). However, the CCNA certification will continue to be the prerequisite to Cisco CCNP®.

**Are there other additional changes to the professional-level certifications that affect the new CCNA concentrations?**

Yes, CCSP will be restructured in the fall as a result of the introduction of CCNA Security. The SND (Securing Network Devices) class and exam have been integrated into the IINS class and exam for CCNA Security. As a result, the SND exam will be retired on November 17, 2008 and will no longer be a requirement for CCSP. To accommodate candidates who may already be in progress preparing for a CCSP certification, CCNA + SND exams will be accepted in lieu of the CCNA Security exam until June 24, 2009.



Candidates for CCSP will now take a total of four exams—three required and one elective— instead of the five exams required today (four required and one elective exam). CCSP certifications will continue to give candidates a choice about the exams they must pass for certification.

To accommodate candidates who may already be in progress preparing for a CCVP certification, CCNA will be accepted as the prerequisite in place of CCNA Voice for up to one year, June 24, 2009.

Candidates already pursuing CCVP and CCSP will be able to use exams they have already passed for up to three years.

If you have further questions then please contact Fast Lane customer service on +44 (0)845 470 100 or email [customerservice@flane.co.uk](mailto:customerservice@flane.co.uk).