

Changes in the CCNP exam

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***TipsMake.com* - Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP) is Cisco's advanced certificate of network and ability to manipulate network devices such as the ability to operate and solve LAN and WAN problems in businesses. This certificate is also used to assess the ability of senior security experts, wireless networks .**

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Overview of prerequisites for CCNP exam

CCNP certificate is only for candidates who have at least one year of network experience. Candidates who pass the CCNP will be certified as having the skills necessary to work in businesses as a network technical support, system administrator, network administrator .

Prerequisites for candidates also include Cisco Certified Network Associate certification - Routing & Switching Certification (CCNA).

You can own a CCNA certificate by participating in the 640-802 CCNA single contest within 90 minutes, answering 45 to 55 questions or you can choose the ICND1 640-822 contest.

Passing ICND1 640-822 contest, candidates will receive Cisco Certified Entry Networking Technician (CCENT) Certification. This contest takes 90 minutes with 40 to 50 questions in English, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Korean, French and Portuguese.

640-816 ICND2 Interconnecting Cisco Networking Devices Part 2 within 75 minutes with 40 to 50 questions in English, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Korean, French and Portuguese.

Candidates who complete the competition can receive CCNA certification.

In addition, any CCIE (Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert) listed below is also eligible to attend CCNP:

- CCIE - Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert - Service Provider Operations Certification
- CCIE - Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert - Routing & Switching
- CCIE - Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert - Security
- CCIE - Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert - Service Provider

- CCIE - Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert - Storage Networking
- CCIE - Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert - Voice
- CCIE - Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert - Wireless Below is a Cisco career certification chart:

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Cisco certificates are valid for 3 years. Currently, if you want a CCNP certificate, you must pass the following competitions:

642-901 BSCI - Building Scalable Cisco Internetworks

- Contest number: 642-901
- Certificates issued: CCNP, CCIP and CCDP
- Time: 90 minutes (50-60 questions)
- Languages: English, Japanese

642-812 BCMSN - Building Cisco Multilayer Switched Networks

- Contest number: 642-812
- Certificates issued: CCNP, CCIP and CCDP
- Exam time: 90 minutes (50-60 questions)
- Languages: English, Japanese

642-825 ISCW - Implementing Secure Converged Wide Area Networks

- Contest number: 642-825
- Certificate issued: CCNP
- Exam time: 90 minutes (50-60 questions)
- Languages: English, Japanese

642-845 ONT - Optimizing Converged Cisco Networks

- Contest number: 642-845
- Certificate issued: CCNP
- Time: 90 minutes (50-60 questions)
- Languages: English, Japanese

Note : You can only attend these contests until July 31, 2010.

Note : 642-892 competition in conjunction with BSCI and BCMSN competitions can replace 642-901 BSCI and 642-812 BCMSN.

The 642-892 competition will receive CCNP, CCIP and CCDP certification. Exam takes place within 90 minutes with 50 to 60 questions.

You can only attend this contest until July 31, 2010.

Changes in the contest:

Starting from February 10, 2010, some alternative competitions in the CCNP certification exam will be popularized.

These competitions include:

- 642-902 ROUTE - Implementing Cisco IP Routing (takes the place of 642-901 BSCI)
- 642-813 SWITCH - Implementing Cisco IP Switched Networks (takes the place of 642-812 BCMSN)

Details of these competitions are as follows:

642-902 ROUTE - Implementing Cisco IP Routing

- Contest number: 642-902
- Certificate issued: CCNP, CCIP and CCDP
- Time: 120 minutes (52 questions)
- Languages: English, Japanese

642-813 SWITCH - Implementing Cisco IP Switched Networks

- Contest number: 642-813
- Certificate issued: CCNP, CCIP and CCDP
- Time: 120 minutes (52 questions)
- Languages: English, Japanese.

There is still another contest that has CCNP certification like 642-832 TSHOOT Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks:

642-832 TSHOOT Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks

- Contest number: 642-832
- Certificate issued: CCNP
- Time: 120 minutes (53 questions)

- English language

Candidates can still attend a trial contest for registered candidates: 643-832 TSHOOT Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks, taking place from February 16 to March 26, 2010.

Cisco is expected to free for the first 150 contestants to pass this competition. Other contestants wishing to attend the competition will have to pay a fee (\$ 50)

Candidates who pass the 643-832 test will be charged for certification as the official exam.

In this article, we have provided you with the prerequisites of CCNP and the current requirements for this certification. Hopefully it will help you.

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