

Learning Partner CCNA Routing and Switching v2.0 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Q: What is Cisco announcing related to the CCNA?

A: On March 26, 2013, Learning@Cisco is announcing the redesign of the Cisco Associate-level Certification programs and evolution of the CCNA certification to CCNA Routing and Switching certification. Cisco Associate-level certifications such as Routing and Switching, Security, Wireless, Voice and Design are aligned with evolving industry job roles. These alignments will enable candidates to pursue advanced technology Associate-level certifications in an accelerated manner.

CCNA certification has evolved from a foundation certification to a concentration certification, and renamed CCNA Routing and Switching. Cisco has redesigned the training curriculum for ICND1, ICND2 and CCNAX and has introduced new exams for ICND1, ICND2 and CCNA Composite.

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Q: Why did Cisco rename CCNA to CCNA Routing and Switching?

A: The CCNA job role has evolved within the Routing and Switching area as network engineers are expected to perform more implementation and troubleshooting duties. The new redesign of the curriculum and exams reflect these job role changes and CCNA is being renamed CCNA Routing and Switching.

CCNA Routing and Switching is now at par with other CCNA concentrations such as [CCNA Security](#) as a career path on its own merit.

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Q: What is CCNA Routing and Switching and how is it different than CCNA?

A: CCNA Routing and Switching is the same certification as CCNA, however the curriculum and exams have been redesigned to align with changing job roles in routing and switching area and technology advancements. CCNA Routing and Switching hones your ability to perform critical new job tasks including how to:

- Manage the latest IOS software running on the newest Cisco routers and switches
- Configure and manage IPv6 addressing
- Manage IOS Licensing
- Perform more comprehensive troubleshooting

Learn more about the [additional topics](#) covered in CCNA Routing and Switching.

Q: What are the advantages in achieving CCNA Routing and Switching?

A: Having a CCNA Routing and Switching certification offers many advantages to the employee and employer. These include future-proofing and greater utilization of network capabilities resulting in increased employee productivity and an improved ROI on network investments. The employees get training on the newest hardware and software. So when the employers get an opportunity to upgrade their hardware and software, their employees will have the tools and skills to hit the ground running when new projects begin.

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Q: I am currently a valid CCNA? How can I achieve CCNA Routing and Switching?

A: If you are currently a CCNA, you will automatically become a CCNA Routing and Switching in the Cisco database. You will receive your new CCNA Routing and Switching certificate upon recertification.

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Q: Are the CCNA Routing and Switching exams changing?

A: Yes. The exams are changing to reflect the refresh of the CCNA curriculum. The current exams will end-of-life on September 30, 2013. In order for the current exams to apply towards the CCNA Routing and Switching, you must take and pass the exam or before September 30, 2013.

Exam 640-822 ICND1 is being replaced by **100-101 ICND1**.
Exam 640-822 ICND1 will end-of-life on September 30, 2013.

Exam 640-816 ICND2 is being replaced by **200-101 ICND2**.
Exam 640-816 ICND2 will end-of-life on September 30, 2013.

Exam 640-802 CCNA is being replaced by **200-120 CCNA**.
Exam 640-802 CCNA will end-of-life on September 30, 2013.

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Q: Why should I take the newer exam 100-101 ICND1?

A: The current 640-822 ICND1 exam will EOL on September 30, 2013. It is recommended that you begin with the newer curriculum and exam to train for and validate additional topics. This will help you better prepare for journey to achieve CCNA Routing and Switching or the CCNA concentration of your choice.

Learn more about the [additional topics](#) covered in CCNA Routing and Switching

Q: Why should I take the newer exam 200-101 ICND2?

A: The current 640-816 ICND2 exam will EOL on September 30, 2013. It is recommended that you continue with the newer curriculum and exam better prepare to achieve CCNA Routing and Switching. These enhancements include support for IOS v15, Cisco Licensing, IPv6 and extensive troubleshooting and much more.

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Q: How can I achieve CCENT certification?

A: If you want to achieve CCENT, then you should take the 100-101 ICND1 certification exam.

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Q: I am new to CCNA Routing and Switching. Which exams should I take – current or newer?

A: If you are starting the CCNA Routing and Switching program, then you should take the newer exams.

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Q: I have passed 640-822 ICND1 exam and have a valid CCENT. What are my career options to achieve an associate-level certification?

A: If you are a valid CCENT, then you need to pass just one more exam to achieve one of the following certifications:

- Pass 640-816 ICND2 or 200-101 ICND2 and achieve CCNA Routing and Switching or
- Pass 640-554 IINS and achieve CCNA Security or
- Pass 640-722 IUWNE and achieve CCNA Wireless or
- Pass 640-461 ICOMM and achieve CCNA Voice or
- Pass 640-760 SSPO and achieve CCNA SP Operations.

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Q: I wish to pursue CCDA. What is my career path?

A: To achieve your CCDA, you must pass the DESGN Exam before September 30, 2013. Effective October 1, 2013, Cisco is adding the CCENT as a pre-requisite for the CCDA. On or after October 1, 2013, you must fulfill all exam requirements including the pre-requisite.

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Q: What are the recertification requirements for CCNA Routing and Switching?

A: The CCNA Routing and Switching certification is valid for three years at such time, you will need to recertify. [Learn more](#) information on how you can recertify your certification.

Q: What are the differences between the current exam 640-822 ICND1 and the newer exam 100-101 ICND1?

A: To align with evolving job roles and technology refresh, some older topics have been removed and several new topics have been added to ICND1. Candidates will be tested on these additional topics in the newer exam 100-101 ICND1.

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Q: What are the differences between the current exam 640-816 ICND2 and the newer exam 200-101 ICND2?

A: To align with evolving job roles and technology refresh, some older topics have been removed and several new topics have been added to ICND2. Candidates will be tested on these additional topics in the newer exam 200-101 ICND2.

Learn more about the [additional topics](#) covered in CCNA Routing and Switching.

Q: What are the differences between the current exam 640-802 CCNA and the newer exam 200-120 CCNA?

A: To align with evolving job roles and technology refresh, some older topics have been removed and several new topics have been added to CCNA exam. Candidates will be tested on these additional topics in the newer exam 200-120 CCNA.

Learn more about the [additional topics](#) covered in CCNA Routing and Switching.

Q: Can I mix and match the current exams with newer exams to achieve CCNA Routing and Switching?

A: Yes. You can mix current ICND1 exam with newer ICND2 exam or vice versa. However, you must note that to align with evolving job roles and technology refresh, several topics have been added to ICND1 and ICND2. Candidates will be tested on these topics in the newer exams.

Learn more about the [additional topics](#) covered in CCNA Routing and Switching.

Q: I recently passed ICND2 to achieve CCNA so that I can pursue a CCNA concentration such as CCNA Security? Now I understand ICND2 is no longer a pre-requisite for CCNA concentration. This does not seem fair to me.

A: If you passed ICND2 on your path to CCNA concentration, then you will have an advantage over others because you will achieve three certifications – CCENT, CCNA Routing and Switching, and CCNA concentration. Those who proceed to CCNA concentration after passing only ICND1 will have only two certifications – CCENT and CCNA concentration.

Q: Does passing the ICND1 and ICND2 recertify any other certifications?

A: Yes. Passing ICND1 will recertify CCENT. Passing ICND2 will recertify CCDA, CCNA Data Center, CCNA Routing and Switching, CCNA Security, CCNA SP, CCNA SP Ops, CCNA Video, CCNA Voice, CCNA Wireless.

Q: What training is available to help me prepare for the new exams?

A: For instructor-led training,

- For ICND1: Interconnecting Cisco Networking Devices Part 1 (ICND1) v2.0
- For ICND2: Interconnecting Cisco Networking Devices Part 2 (ICND2) v2.0
- For CCNA Composite: CCNAX v2.0

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Please check the [Cisco Global Learning Locator](#) to find course locations and times.

Q: I am just starting on the CCNA Routing and Switching program. Where can I go for more help?

A: The [Cisco Learning Network certifications community](#) is a good source of assistance. Individuals can join the [CCNA Routing and Switching Study Group](#) for help from other candidates or community members.

You can also find helpful tips, hints, and other resources under the [Study/Learn tab](#).

Q: What self-study materials are available to help me prepare for the new exams?

A: Cisco offers a comprehensive range of self-study materials.

[E-Learning courses](#) are new additions that offer maximum flexibility of learning from anywhere at any time for purchase. Cisco E-Learning for ICND1 v2.0 is available. Cisco E-Learning for ICND2 v2.0 will be available in late May 2013.

[Cisco Certification Practice Exams](#) provide simulated exam experiences to help you prepare for the real thing and are available for purchase. Cisco Certification Practice Exam for ICND1 (100-101) is available. Cisco Certification Practice Exams for ICND2 (200-101) and CCNA Routing and Switching (200-120) will be available in late May 2013.

[Cisco Learning Labs](#) allow learners to get remote hands-on Cisco IOS Software lab practice for both routing and core switching and are available for purchase.

[Cisco Press](#): To enhance classroom work, trust the official Cisco Press suite of products including Self-study books, certification guides, Premium Edition eBooks & Practice Test, Video tutorials and network simulators.

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Q: How do I order Student Kits?

A: Choose among these options:

- Printed Student Kit for ICND1 v2.0 (100-101 ICND1)
- Printed Student Kit for ICND2 v2.0 (200-101 ICND2)
- Printed Student Kit for CCNAX v2.0 (200-120 CCNA)

Q: Is purchasing Cisco Learning Labs mandatory or Learning Partners can use our own labs?

A: Purchasing Cisco Learning Labs is not mandatory. Learning Partners have the option to use their own equipment.

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Q: How do I order the Cisco Learning Labs for classroom students for ICND1 v2.0, ICND2 v2.0 and CCNA v2.0?

A: Yes. Three options will be available offering maximum ordering flexibility.

- Cisco Learning Labs for ICND1 v2.0 for classroom students
- Cisco Learning Labs for ICND2 v2.0 for classroom students
- Cisco Learning Labs for CCNAX v2.0 for classroom students

Q: What are the instructor prerequisites to be entitled to deliver ICND1 v2.0, ICND2 v2.0 and courses?

A: The instructor prerequisites are described Course Administration Guide (CAG) documents for ICND1 v2.0, ICND2 v2.0 and CCNAX v2.0 courses.

Q: Can I get more information on the Train-the-Trainer (TTT) sessions?

A: Two TTT sessions will be delivered and recorded on the following dates.

- ICND1 v2.0 Course:
February 27-28, 2013, Duration: 6 hours, US PST: 7:00 am – 1:00 pm
- ICND2 v2.0 Course:
March 6-7, 2013, Duration: 6 hours, US PST: 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

In order to attend the TTT, an instructor must fulfill the following requirements.

- CCSI in good standing
- CCNA Certified

These TTT sessions will be recorded and posted for future viewing.

To register for these virtual TTT or On-Demand (WebEx recording of original TTT) TTT events, go to the following URL and options: <http://tools.cisco.com/E-Learning-IT/LPCM/jsp/LpcmWelcome.jsp> > [Instructor Management > Request for TTT Enrollment](#)