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Cisco Career Certifications: Recertification Policy Update

Passing the CCIE Written Exam Qualifies Individuals for Recertification of Cisco Qualified Specialist, Associate and Professional Level Certifications

SAN JOSE, Calif., September 23, 2004 – Cisco Systems, Inc. today announced that effective October 1, 2004, passing any CCIE written exam will now serve to recertify Cisco Qualified Specialist, associate and professional level certifications. With this new option, Cisco certified professionals can meet their recertification requirements and, at the same time, make progress toward our highest-level certification.

“In recent months, we've been pleased to introduce several new recertification options that expand the choices for our certification holders,” said Don Field, senior manager, Internet Learning Solutions Group, Cisco Systems. “This new option enables candidates seeking our highest-level certification to pursue lifelong learning while ensuring that existing certifications remain current.”

Another recent update to the recertification policy allows candidates to recertify the CCNP and/or CCDP certification, either by passing the 642-891 Composite exam, or by passing both the 642-801 BSCI and 642-811 BCMSN exams.

Through additional policy updates, candidates can also now recertify the CCIP certification by passing the 642-691 BGP+MPLS exam; or by passing both the 642-661 BGP and 642-611- MPLS exams.

Lastly, it is now possible for candidates to recertify the CCNA and/or CCDA certification either by passing the current exam for that certification, or by passing any 642 level professional or specialist exam (*excluding Sales Specialist*).

For more details about the recertification policy, please visit:

www.cisco.com/go/recertification. Candidates interested in recertification should monitor this site for ongoing news on recertification. For individual questions and queries, please visit www.cisco.com/go/certsupport.

About Cisco Career Certifications

The widely respected Cisco Career Certifications bring valuable, measurable rewards to network professionals, their managers and the organizations that employ them. Cisco offers three levels of general certification: Associate, Professional and Expert. Each is available in various tracks such as Routing and Switching, Network Security and Service Provider. A variety of Cisco Qualified Specialist focused certifications are also available to show knowledge in specific technologies, solutions or job roles.

For Cisco Career Certifications information, visit <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/learning>.

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