



■ CCIE Wireless Certification: Q&A

Why is Cisco introducing a wireless certification at the expert level?

The demand for expert-level professionals proficient in the ability to design, install, deploy, and troubleshoot complex converged networks is growing exponentially. According to a commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Cisco:

- 36 percent of the global companies surveyed reported that they have dedicated wireless specialists in their IT organizations. Amongst companies surveyed, the number with dedicated wireless specialists is expected to nearly double in the next five years.

In an effort to meet this demand, Cisco introduced the CCIE Wireless certification. The Cisco CCIE Wireless certification assesses and validates wireless expertise. Candidates who pass the CCIE Wireless certification exams demonstrate broad theoretical knowledge of wireless networking and a solid understanding of wireless local area networking (WLAN) technologies from Cisco, the market leader in WLAN technology.

When is the new CCIE Wireless certification being introduced?

The written exam for CCIE Wireless will be made available through Pearson VUE on February 17th, 2009. The lab exam for CCIE Wireless will be made available in April 2009.

What are the prerequisites for CCIE Wireless certification?

There are no formal prerequisites for CCIE Wireless certification. Instead, candidates must first pass a written qualification exam and then the corresponding hands-on lab exam. You are expected to have an in-depth understanding of the topics in the exam blueprints and strongly encouraged to have three to five years of job experience before attempting certification. You can review the exam preparation materials included on this page for more information.

Where can I find training materials and blueprints for CCIE Wireless certification?

There are no formal training materials for the CCIE Wireless certification. However, interested candidates may access a list of recommended training and the latest CCIE Wireless blueprints from The Cisco Learning Network. The recommended reading list and blueprints can be accessed by going to the CCIE Wireless homepage of the site and clicking on the tab titled "All content." The documents are listed on the right hand side of the page under the title "Popular Documents".

How long is the CCIE Wireless certification valid?

The CCIE Wireless certification is valid for two years.

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