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End-of-Life Announcement for CCNP v5.0 Curriculum

Cisco Networking Academy® has announced the end-of-life dates for the Cisco CCNP® v5.0 courses and corresponding certification exams. The last day to create new student classes for the CCNP v5.0 courses is December 31, 2010. The Networking Academy Support Desk will provide support for the courses until June 30, 2011. Table 1 lists the end-of-life milestones and dates for CCNP v5.0 and the corresponding certification exams. Table 2 lists the courses affected by this announcement.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for CCNP v5.0

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement	Announce the end of life for CCNP v5.0 and corresponding certification exams to all CCNP academies	1-APR-2010
Courses		
End of Offering	Last date to create new classes	31-DEC-2010
End of Support	Last date to receive Support Desk support for all courses	30-JUN-2011
End of Availability	Last date to access content on Academy Connection	30-JUN-2011
Exams		
Certification Exams Retirement	Last date for Networking Academy students to access certification exams (BSCI) #642-901, (BCMSN)#642-812, (ISCW)#642-825, and (ONT) #642-845, using promotional codes	31-JUL-2011

Table 2. CCNP v 5.0 courses affected

Course Name
Building Scalable Internetworks (BSI)
Implementing Secure Converged Wide-Area Networks (ISCW)
Building Multilayer Switched Networks (BMSN)
Optimizing Converged Networks (OCN)

Academies are encouraged to migrate to CCNP v6.0. This curriculum provides new content that aligns with the new Cisco® CCNP certification.

Frequently Asked Questions

Course Availability

Q. **How did you determine the end-of-life dates for CCNP v5.0?**

A. A number of key factors influenced the end-of-life dates for the CCNP v5.0 curriculum. First, we want to encourage academies to adopt the new CCNP v6.0 curriculum so that students can learn the latest technology and skills. We also want to provide enough time for current CCNP v5.0 students to successfully complete their courses and the old certification exams. Finally, we wanted to provide sufficient time for academies to plan and implement their migration to the new CCNP curriculum based on global academic cycles.

Q. **Can student classes for CCNP v5.0 courses be taught beyond June 30, 2011?**

A. No, student classes that are opened before December 31, 2010 must be completed by June 30, 2011.

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Q. **Can student classes for CCNP v5.0 courses continue to be taught until June 30, 2011**

A. Technically, yes. However, we recommend ending the class well before that date to give students enough time to complete the corresponding certification exams before they are retired.

Q. **Are the end-of-life dates the same worldwide?**

A. The end-of-life dates for the courses and the certification exams are the same globally.

Certification Exam Availability

Q. **How long will the existing CCNP certification exams be available?**

A. The current certification exams 642-901 (BSCI), 642-812 (BCMSN), 642-825 (ISCW), and 642-845 (ONT), will be available to the general public through July 31, 2010 and to Networking Academy students using a special promotional code through July 31, 2011.

After July 31, 2011, all Networking Academy candidates for CCNP will **need to pass the Troubleshoot (TSHOOT) certification exam**. Passing scores on the BSCI and BCMSN exams will continue to be accepted as satisfying CCNP certification requirements, even though the exams will no longer be available. Networking Academy exam candidates can mix and match CCNP exam requirements to achieve CCNP certification as shown in the following table:

CCNP Exam Combinations	Combination End Date (if applicable)
BSCI + BCMSN + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
COMP + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
BSCI + SWITCH + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
ROUTE + BCMSN + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
ROUTE + SWITCH + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
BSCI + BCMSN + TSHOOT	
COMP + TSHOOT	
BSCI + SWITCH + TSHOOT	
ROUTE + BCMSN + TSHOOT	
ROUTE + SWITCH + TSHOOT	

Q. **How can students access retired version of exams?**

A. Links to retired exam promotional codes are available to instructors and students through the Class Home page and the Tools section of Academy Connection. Students can use these promotional codes when registering to gain access to the retired exams. These codes can be used more than once and will be changed every six months. Instructors and alumni may also obtain promotional codes by contacting the Support Desk. To contact the Support Desk, log into Academy Connection and select **Help** at the top of the screen. Select the appropriate language program support link then click the **Contact the Support Desk** tab.

Registration for retired certification exams is not available online and students will need to call Pearson VUE to complete their registration or register directly with a testing center. Students who are using a promotional code to register for an exam will need to provide their academy name and student ID. Visit the Pearson VUE website at www.pearsonvue.com for test center locations and contact information.

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