

Channel Partner Program Announcement



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Announcing Updated Exam Requirements for the Cisco Data Center Specializations

Effective May 1, 2017, Cisco announced updates to its data center specializations for channel partners. The required exams and recommended training courses for roles in the Cisco® [Advanced Data Center Architecture](#), [Unified Fabric Technology](#), and [Unified Computing Technology](#) Specializations have been revised to offer partners current and more relevant content.

Program requirements have not been updated since 2013, and the exam content is significantly different than before. For this reason, the “no retest” rule will not apply, but an extended transition period will be allowed.

The new exam requirements affect the Systems Engineer (SE) and Field Engineer (FE) roles only. Only new exams can be used to meet the requirements for those job roles after November 1, 2017, for all partners.

Important Dates:

- Now: Updated exams adopted for all data center specializations ([See details here.](#))
- Mid June: Exams 500-901 and 500-920 become available
- July 23, 2017: Last date to test on the old versions of the exams
- November 1, 2017: Last date to meet role requirements using the old versions of exams

For more information about the data center specialization portfolio, please visit [Cisco Partner Central](#).

If you have any questions about the exam updates or program requirements, contact your partner account manager (PAM), or go to Customer and Partner Services at www.cisco.com/go/cs to open a case.

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