

Channel Partner Program Announcement



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Announcing changes to the Cisco Premier Certification

Effective November 15, 2017, the Cisco® Premier Certification will have two changes to its requirements:

- Two unique Cisco career certified individuals will be required: one with a Cisco CCNA® certification and one with either a Cisco CCNA certification or Cisco CCDA® certification. Higher level career certifications of the same type (network or design) will also be accepted.
- Partners will be allowed to apply with Express Specialization or higher.

Meeting the new requirements for current Premier Certified Partners

All Premier Certified Partners who have attained the Premier Certification before November 15, 2017, but do not qualify for the new requirements will have a minimum of one year to meet the new requirements. Partners must meet the new Premier Certification requirements by their anniversary date that falls on or after November 15, 2018 to retain it.

Example

A partner currently holds the Premier Certification with no career certified individuals and has an anniversary date of May 1, 2018. The partner's Premier Certification will be extended to May 1, 2019, and the partner will be required to meet the new Premier Certification requirements by their May 1, 2019 anniversary.

How will this change affect current specialization requirements?

At Partner Summit 2017, Cisco [announced](#) the retirement of six advanced technology specializations. Any current Premier Certified Partner holding one of the retiring specializations will be given a minimum of one year to transition. Partners must have a new specialization in place by their Premier anniversary date that falls on or after November 15, 2018.

New Premier Certification requirements at a glance

Starting November 15, 2017, new Partners applying for the Premier Certification will be required to have:

- Two unique Cisco career certified individuals: one with a Cisco CCNA certification and one with either a Cisco CCNA certification or Cisco CCDA certification. Higher level career certifications of the same type (network or design) will also be accepted.
- Express Specialization or Advanced specialization
- Participation in Partner Customer Satisfaction (CSAT)
- One hybrid IT offering

For more information

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