

Cisco Networking Academy CCNP R&S Frequently Asked Questions

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Cisco CCNP® Routing and Switching (R&S) Certification Exams

Q. What changes have been made to the Cisco CCNP certification?

- A.** On 29 July 2014, [Cisco announced changes to the Cisco CCNP® certification](#) for network professionals. The name of the certification has changed from “CCNP” to “CCNP Routing and Switching,” and the three exams, ROUTE, SWITCH, and TSHOOT, have been revised. The new exams include more emphasis on IPv6 and additional focus on Cisco StackWise®, virtual switching services, and Dynamic Multipoint VPN (DMVPN). Please visit the [Cisco Learning Network](#) for more details.

Q. What are the new CCNP R&S certification exams?

- A.** The following three new CCNP certification exams are now available:
- 300-101 ROUTE – Implementing Cisco IP Routing
 - 300-115 SWITCH – Implementing Cisco IP Switched Networks
 - 300-135 TSHOOT – Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks

Q. When will the old CCNP certification exams be retired?

- A.** The last day to test for the following three CCNP certifications exams is 29 January 2015:
- 642-902 ROUTE – Implementing Cisco IP Routing
 - 642-813 SWITCH – Implementing Cisco IP Switched Networks
 - 642-832 TSHOOT – Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks

Q. If I already hold a valid CCNP certification do I need to take the new CCNP R&S certification exam immediately?

- A.** No. All CCNP certifications are valid for three years. If you hold a valid CCNP ROUTE, SWITCH, or TSHOOT certification, it remains valid for the entire three year period. If your certification renewal date is *before* 29 January 2015, you have the option to take either the old or the new CCNP certification exam. If your certification renewal date is *after* 29 January 2015, you must take the new CCNP certification exam.

Q. If I already hold a valid CCNP ROUTE certification do I need to take the new CCNP R&S ROUTE certification exam before I take the new CCNP R&S SWITCH certification exam?

- A.** No. Each CCNP certification is independent from the others. You can mix and match between any of the old and new CCNP certification exams.

Cisco Networking Academy® CCNP Routing and Switching (R&S) Courses

Q. Will the NetAcad CCNP 6.0 courses be revised to align with the new CCNP R&S certification exams?

- A. Yes. To help students prepare for the new CCNP R&S certification exams, the CCNP 6.0 hands-on lab activities, quizzes, and chapter and final exam components will be revised to align with the new CCNP R&S certification exams and will be released as CCNP R&S courses.

All course materials are available for immediate use on Cisco NetSpace and instructors can now open and teach student classes.

Q. When will Cisco Press CCNP R&S textbooks that align with the new certification exams be available?

- A. Cisco Press will offer CCNP R&S Foundation Learning Guides for the NetAcad CCNP R&S curriculum. Links and release dates for CCNP R&S resources developed by Cisco Press are provided in the table below:

| Title | Projected Release Date |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Implementing Cisco IP Routing | Available Now |
| Implementing Cisco IP Switched Networks | 28 April 2015 |
| Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks | Available Now |
| CCNP R&S SWITCH Official Cert Guide | Available Now |
| CCNP Routing and Switching Portable Command Guide, 2nd Ed. | 30 December 2014 |
| CCNP R&S TSHOOT Official Cert Guide | Available Now |

Q. What is the NetAcad's recommendation if I need to teach CCNP R&S SWITCH course now when the Implementing Cisco IP Switched Networks Foundation Learning Guides is not available?

- A. Due to the delay in the release of the Implementing Cisco IP Switched Networks Foundation Learning Guide, we ask instructors to consider leveraging the [CCNP R&S SWITCH Official Cert Guide](#) to teach your course. The CCNP R&S SWITCH Official Cert Guide covers the same topics as the Foundation Learning Guide but the content is organized differently.

The [SWITCH Content Map FLG vs Cert Guide](#) will support instructors using the CCNP R&S SWITCH Official Cert Guide as an interim course textbook

Q. Will curriculum bridging materials be made available for CCNP R&S courses?

- A. No. CCNP R&S labs and assessments will align with the new CCNP R&S certification exams. New CCNP R&S textbooks from Cisco Press will also align with the new CCNP R&S certifications. We encourage all students to fully review the new content to ensure they are sufficiently prepared for the new certification exams.

Q. Will there be any changes to the CCNP lab equipment bundles?

- A. No. The CCNP 6.0 lab equipment bundles are compatible with the new CCNP R&S certification exams and will be further simplified to support the new CCNP R&S courses.

Q. Will the CCNP R&S Instructors PPTs be revised?

- A.** No. The CCNP R&S Instructors PPTs will not be revised. We encourage instructors to leverage the PPTs from CCNP 6.0, revise and share the revision with the community.

Instructor may also leverage the file containing the images used in the CCNP R&S FLG.

Q. Why are the CCNP R&S assessments created as Canvas quizzes and not VDS exams?

- A.** CCNP R&S assessments are set up as Canvas quizzes to simplify the process for instructors to modify and customize assessment in their CCNP courses. Please review the [Creating Advanced Quizzes](#) tutorial on how to modify quiz settings

As a default, all of the quizzes are also published when the CCNP R&S course is published. Instructors need to unpublish the quizzes if they want to control when the quizzes are made available to their students.

