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The Cisco Certified Network Associate is an apprentice, or foundation level
(along with Cisco Certified Design Associate), within the three levels of
certification that include Associate, Professional, and Expert. Basically, CCNA
professionals are certified to install, configure, and operate LAN, WAN, and
dial access services for small networks (100 nodes or fewer), including but not
exclusive to use of these protocols: IP, IGRP, Serial, Frame Relay, IP RIP,
VLANs, RIP, Ethernet, and Access Lists. The certification is valid for three
years, after which recertification may be sought.

In order to hold a CCNA certification, a candidate has to pass either the Cisco
Certified Network Associate Exam or a combination of Introduction to Cisco
Networking Technologies Exam and Interconnecting Cisco Networking Devices Exam.
Main topics for these three exams include Planning and Designing; Design and
Support; Implementation and Operation; Troubleshooting; and Technology.  Other
related topics may also appear on any specific delivery of the exam.

There are also some recommended training programs that may be taken before the
above-mentioned examinations.  These programs include Introduction to Cisco

Networking Technologies (INTRO), Interconnecting Cisco Network Devices (ICND), and Additional Training (CCNA Prep Center Pilot). These trainings incorporate topics such as fundamental knowledge and comprehension of networking; how to select, connect, configure, and troubleshoot the various Cisco networking devices; sample questions, simulations, e-learning modules, labs, tips, etc.