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Learn with Cisco: Evolving for the Age of AI, Automation, and Cloud

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Are your networking skills keeping pace with the rise of AI, automation, and cloud? If you're feeling the pressure to upskill and stay relevant, you're not alone. The tech landscape is evolving at warp speed, and traditional certifications may not be enough to prepare you for the challenges ahead.

That's why Cisco is launching a series of updates across learning and certifications, beginning with our new name: **Learn with Cisco**.

We recognize that at the heart of our digital future are the people who build, secure, and evolve it. Learn with Cisco encompasses all Cisco-related training, elevating digital skills at every level and enabling global economic opportunity with industry-recognized certifications. No matter where you live in the world or where you are in your professional life, Learn with Cisco empowers you to expand your career prospects with consistently updated, continuous learning.

This rebrand and our certification updates are designed to help you build an AI-ready skill set, grow your expertise, and navigate the complexity of modern IT environments—all while simplifying the certification journey and expanding your workforce opportunities.

Better aligned with the CCNA, CCNP, and CCIE brand you know and love

Starting February 3, 2026, we're updating and simplifying certifications to better align with your career goals. We're bringing more clarity to the certification framework by focusing on the names you already trust: CCNA, CCNP, and CCIE. Whether you're just starting out or advancing to a specialist

or expert level, you'll find a clear path forward that matches your goals. Here's how DevNet and Cybersecurity certifications are changing.

How DevNet certification is changing

With AI-driven networking comes the need for deep skills in automation, software development, and application design. To meet that demand, we're launching a new automation certification track built on the success of our DevNet program.

On February 3, 2026, the DevNet certification track will be rebranded as CCNA, CCNP, and CCIE Automation.

These updated certifications feature major updates to the exams and training materials with an even greater focus on automation and AI-ready networking skills.

New Cisco Automation certifications will launch on February 3, 2026:

- CCNA Automation
- CCNP Automation
- CCIE Automation

These certifications will replace our current DevNet certification track and are designed to give you a competitive edge in a multi-vendor environment, preparing you to lead in a world where network automation and AI are no longer optional—it's essential.

Mark your calendar: Exam topics will be released in July 2025. [Get notified](#)

Note: Starting February 3, 2026, anyone holding an active DevNet Associate, Professional, or Expert certification will automatically be recognized as CCNA, CCNP, or CCIE Automation certified, respectively.

New Collaboration Specialist certifications

With hybrid work now the norm, collaboration technology must evolve—and network engineers must evolve along with it. Show your employer (or potential employers) you're ahead of the game with one of our collaboration certifications, focusing on cloud-only, hybrid, or on-premises technologies—

whatever's most relevant to your role. Any of these Collaboration exams can be taken along with a core exam to earn the [CCNP Collaboration Certification](#).

The Cloud certification is **brand new** and the only one to focus solely on the cloud:

- **[Implementing Cisco Collaboration Cloud Customer Experience](#)**

The other three Collaboration certification exams have been newly updated (v2.0):

- [Implementing and Operating Cisco Collaboration Core Technologies](#)
- [Implementing Cisco Advanced Call Control On-Premises](#)
- [Implementing Cisco Collaboration Hybrid and Cloud Technologies](#)

These skills-focused certifications will help you prove your expertise, especially in high-demand areas like Webex contact center technologies and cloud.

Cybersecurity certifications, aligned with the CCNA and CCNP brand

To better reflect Cisco's leading security portfolio, we're also rebranding our cybersecurity certifications under the familiar CCNA and CCNP umbrella. With this change, launching in February 2026, you'll have the opportunity to earn either an Associate or Professional-level certification in this area:

- **Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) Cybersecurity**
- **Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP) Cybersecurity**

You may be wondering why simple name changes and alignment shifts matter. *Why mess with a good thing?*

Here's why we think it'll make a difference:

- **Enhanced recognition:** Aligning with the well-known CCNA and CCNP brands instantly lends greater credibility to your cybersecurity skills. Employers recognize these certifications as benchmarks of competence.

- **Clear career path:** This update clearly defines your path in cybersecurity, whether you're starting out (CCNA) or advancing your expertise (CCNP). This makes it easier to plan your career progression and identify the skills you need to acquire.

Note: If you currently hold an active CyberOps or Cybersecurity certification, you'll automatically be recognized as a CCNA or CCNP Cybersecurity certification holder based on your current certification level once the certs go live