Cisco Certifications Portfolio Updates

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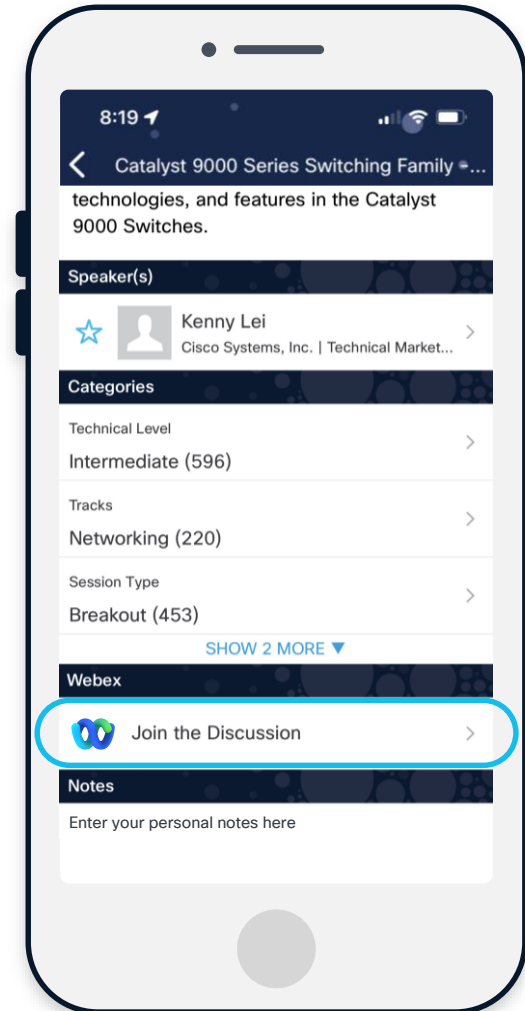
Preparing the IT Team of today and tomorrow

Certification Lifecycle Management

- Annual, iterative, agile model

- Cadence-based systemic approach

- Align with rapid technology evolution

- Ensure relevancy for today

- Prepare for the future

- Add new technologies

- Remove obsolete technologies

- Predictable cadence for planning

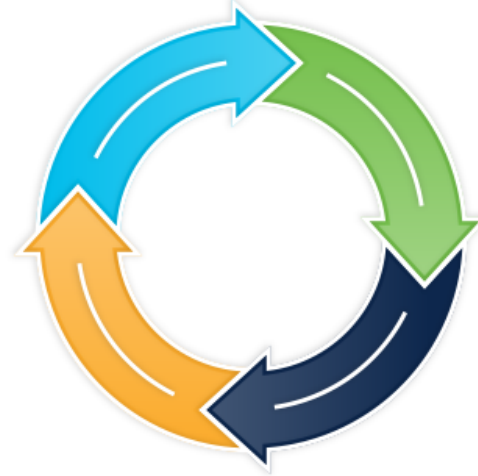# Agenda

Cisco Certification Roadmap

Certification Roadmap

Data Center & Collaboration

Q1: Review/Job Task Analysis
Q2: New blueprints published
Q3: Updated exam go live

Security & CyberOps

Q4: Review/Job Task Analysis
Q1: New blueprints published
Q2: Updated exam go live

Enterprise & DevNet

Q2: Review/Job Task Analysis
Q3: New blueprints published
Q4: Updated exam go live

CCNA & Service Provider

Q3: Review/Job Task Analysis
Q4: New blueprints published
Q1: Updated exam go live

How it works:
1. Cisco **reviews** each technology on the same quarterly schedule each year to make sure our exams align with the latest Cisco technologies.
2. We **announce** blueprint changes 3-6 months in advance along with revised exam topics and release notes, if applicable.
3. We **publish** the updated exam 3-6 months after the exam blueprint publication, if applicable.

Dates shown reflect Cisco's fiscal year calendar.
Q1: August-October, Q2: November-January, Q3: February-April, Q4: May-July

Revision Framework

Major Revision
(Traditional Revision Model)

Blueprint version number
v2.1 ➡ v3.0

← Every 3-5 years →

- Large revisions
- Major changes
- Steep learning curve
- Wider Alignment (Product & Technology)

Minor Revision
(Agile Revision Model)

v2.1 ➡ v2.2 ➡ v2.3

← Every year → ← Every year → ← Every year →

- Smaller modular revisions
- Incremental changes
- Easy bite-size learning model
- Frequent alignment (Product & Technology)

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Blueprint Revision Framework – Comparison

	Major Revision	Minor Revision
Definition	Larger infrequent changes	Smaller but frequent changes
Frequency	Every 3-5 years	Every year
Blueprint Version Number X.Y	X will increment e.g., from 2.1 to 3.0	Y will increment e.g., from 2.1 to 2.2
Exam Topics Changes	Above 20%	Below 20%
Topology Changes	Yes	Yes (if needed)
Software Changes	Yes (major OS revs)	Yes (if needed)
Hardware/Equipment Model Changes	Yes (EOL, NPI, hw/sw evolution)	No
Notification / Announcement	6 months	3 months – Associate & Professional 6 months – Expert

Certification Roadmap

What's Changing

- Blueprint version number will incrementally update (1.1 to 1.2)

- Minor blueprint revision can result in up to 20% changes in exam topics

- Where necessary, the software version for Cisco products may be upgraded

What's NOT Changing

- Exam numbers (e.g., CCNA 200-301)

- Notification/Announcement:
  - 3-months for Associate & Professional
  - 6-months for Expert
- Hardware models/equipment do not change in minor revisions, but may change during major revisions

Resources

Release Notes:

- Overview of program technology
- Summary blueprint changes
- Side-by-side versions

Learning Matrix:

- Reference books with chapters identified
- Cisco Live! 365 presentations
- Training courses
- Webinars
- VoDs
- White papers

Announcements

What's announced

DevNet certifications evolving to Automation track

Our DevNet certification track are evolving to CCNA, CCNP, and CCIE Automation.

Cisco certifications, clarified and simplified

Most of our certs will more clearly follow three certification levels for advancing from entry to expert using the framework learners know and trust:

- CCNA (Associate)
- CCNP (Professional)
- CCIE (Expert)

Our Cybersecurity certifications will be updated to CCNA and CCNP Cybersecurity

Our cybersecurity certifications will be renamed CCNA Cybersecurity and CCNP Cybersecurity

Retirement of the following specialist certifications:

These exams will reach end of life on February 3, 2026:
300-835 CLAUTO
300-810 CLICA
300-535 SPAUTO
300-735 SAUTO
300-910 DEVOPS

New Collaboration Specialist certification

Cisco is updating its CCNP Collaboration certification to meet the evolving needs of cloud and hybrid workforces.

Get ready for a new specialist certification—Collaboration Cloud Customer Experience —along with significant updates to existing collaboration certifications.

All announced cert updates will go live on Feb 3, 2026, prior to Cisco Live Amsterdam.

Aligning Certification Portfolio with AI, Automation, Cyber demand

Enabling current / future workforces with AI-driven skills in Network Automation and Cybersecurity

Targeted Cisco Certification portfolio updates for AI-ready careers

Current state → **Future**

CISCO CERTIFIED DEVNET Associate · CISCO CERTIFIED DEVNET Professional · CISCO CERTIFIED DEVNET Expert → CISCO CERTIFIED CCNA Automation · CISCO CERTIFIED CCNP Automation · CISCO CERTIFIED CCIE Automation

Current state → **Future**

CISCO CERTIFIED Cybersecurity Associate · CISCO CERTIFIED Cybersecurity Professional → CISCO CERTIFIED CCNA Cybersecurity · CISCO CERTIFIED CCNP Cybersecurity

Enabling current and future workforce with AI-driven skills in Network Automation Cybersecurity

Brand recognition

Aligning Cyber and Automation with the well-established CCNA, CCNP, and CCIE brand will provide greater alignment and credibility, leveraging the strong recognition and reputation associated with CCNA, CCNP and CCIE certifications.

Clarified focus

Aligning these certs with CCNA, CCNP, and CCIE immediately communicates a focus on skills, making it clear to prospective learners and employers what the certification emphasizes.

Unified Certification Path

Integrating DevNet and Cyber with CCNA, CCNP, and CCIE will create a more cohesive certification pathway, simplifying the decision-making for those pursuing networking careers with an automation and/or cybersecurity focus.

Industry alignment

As automation and cyber skills become increasingly important, the new names (and updates) reflects current industry trends and demands, increasing the certification's relevance

Collaboration Certifications

Collaboration

CCNP Collaboration certifications

New Collaboration specialist certifications available **Feb 3rd 2026**

- Implementing Cisco Collaboration Cloud Customer Experience

The 350-801 CLCOR, 300-815 CLACC and 300-820 CLHCT exams will include major updates and will be released as v2.0 on **Feb 3, 2026**

- Last date to test for existing exams: **Feb. 2, 2026**
- First date to test using new / updated exam topics: **Feb.3, 2026**
- The 300-835 CLAUTO, 300-810 CLICA exams will reach EOL on **February 2, 2026**.

Automation Certifications

DevNet to Automation

Automation Associate,
Professional, Expert

Updated exam topics available July 2025

- DevNet Associate rebranded to CCNA Automation
- DevNet Professional updated and rebranded to CCNP Automation
- DevNet Expert rebranded to CCIE Automation
- 350-901 DEVCOR, 300-435 ENAUTO, and 300-635 DCAUTO – major changes to these exams
- 300-835 CLAUTO will EOL
- 300-535 SPAUTO will EOL
- 300-735 SAUTO will EOL

- 300-910 DEVOPS will EOL
- Link(s) to updated / new exam topics
- Last date to test for existing exams: Feb. 2026
- First date to test exams is Feb 3, 2026
- Expert-level written and lab exams will only be rebranded – no updates to exam content

DevNet Associate migration plan

Current

Future

200-901 DEVASC

200-901 CCNAAUTO

All current DevNet associate certified candidates will be migrated to CCNA Automation on Feb. 3, 2026.

DevNet Professional migration plan

Current

Future

350-901 DEVCOR

350-901 AUTOCOR

300-435 ENAUTO

300-435 ENAUTO

300-635 DCAUTO

300-635 DCNAUTO

All current DevNet professional certified(including core and specialists) candidates will be migrated to CCNP Automation and relevant specialist badges on Feb. 3, 2026.

SPAUTO, SAUTO, CLAUTO, and DEVOPS will EOL on Feb. 2, 2026, and no migration will be given for them.

DevNet Expert migration plan

Current

Future

DevNet Expert Lab

Automation Expert Lab
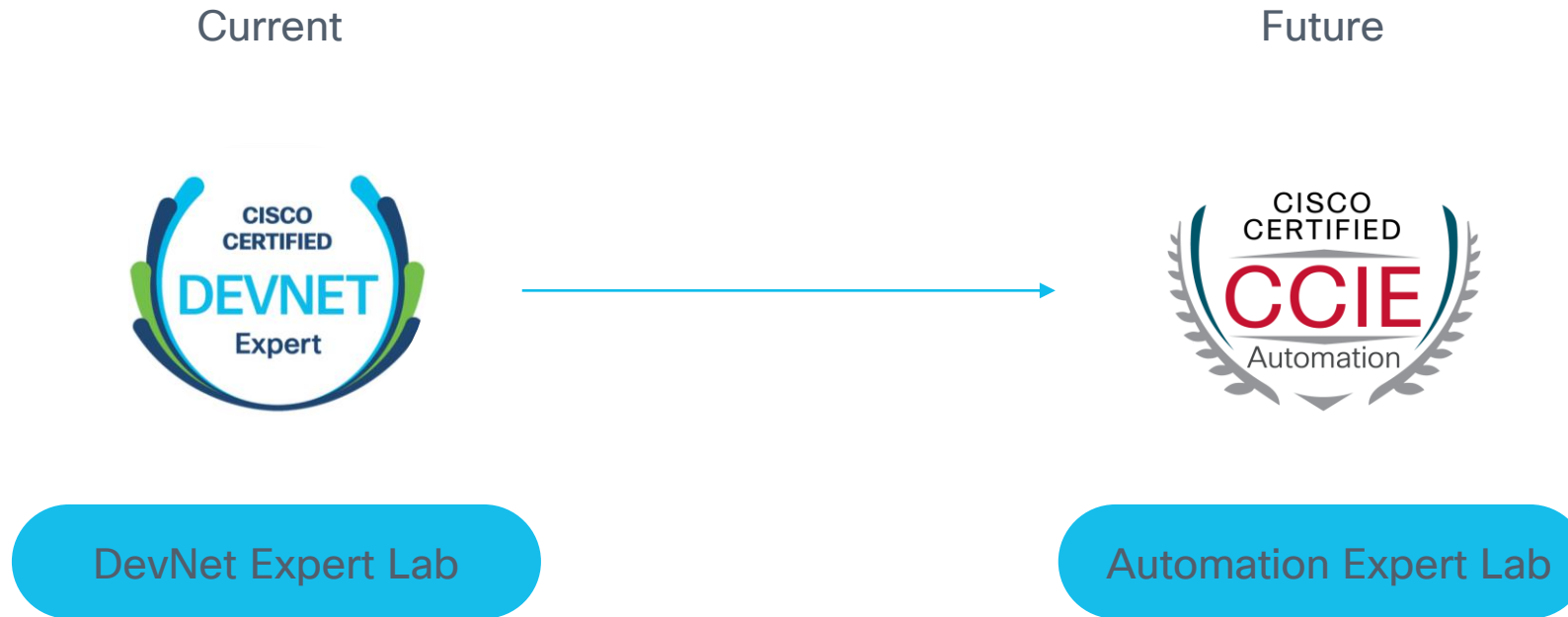
Cybersecurity Certifications

Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity Certs
(Associate and Professional)

- Cybersecurity Associate will be re-branded to CCNA Cybersecurity
- Cybersecurity Professional will be re-branded to CCNP Cybersecurity
- No changes to existing exams / training

Cybersecurity Associate migration plan

Current

Future

200-201 CBROPS

200-201 CCNACBR

All current Cybersecurity associate certified candidates will be migrated to CCNA Cybersecurity on Feb. 3, 2026.

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Cybersecurity Professional migration plan

Current

Future

350-201 CBRCOR

300-215 CBRFIR

300-220 CBTHD

350-201 CBRCOR

300-215 CBRFIR

300-220 CBTHD

All current Cybersecurity professional certified (including core and specialists) candidates will be migrated to CCNP Cybersecurity and relevant specialist badges on Feb. 3, 2026.

CCNP Datacenter Certifications

Updated CCNP Data Center Exams

Updated exams now available since May 21 through Pearson VUE

SDSI Certification

Designing Cisco Security Infrastructure (SDSI)

Exam available May 20 through Pearson VUE

Learn the essential knowledge and skills to become proficient in security architecture design.

Exams Reaching EOL

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Exams reaching end of life

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- 300-835 CLAUTO
- 300-535 SPAUTO
- 300-735 SAUTO
- 300-910 DEVOPS

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