



End-of-Life Announcement for CCNA v3.1 Curriculum and Certification Exams (English Version)

Cisco® Networking Academy® has announced the end-of-life dates for the English version of CCNA® v3.1 and corresponding certification exams. The last day to create new student classes for CCNA v3.1 course 1 is March 31, 2008. The last day to create new student classes for CCNA v3.1 courses 2–4 is January 31, 2009. The Networking Academy Help Desk will continue to provide support until July 31, 2008 for CCNA v3.1 course 1 and until July 31, 2009 for courses 2–4. Table 1 lists the end-of-life milestones and dates for the affected curriculum. Table 2 lists the courses affected by this announcement.

Academies are encouraged to migrate to CCNA Discovery v4.0 or CCNA Exploration v4.0, depending on which curriculum best meets their needs. Both curricula provide new content that aligns with the new CCENT™ and CCNA certifications, and both feature a new GUI and embedded e-doing capabilities, which utilize rich media and highly-interactive activities to stimulate learning and promote knowledge retention.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for CCNA v3.1 (English Version)

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement	Announce the end of life for CCNA v3.1 (English version) and corresponding certification exams to all academies	11-OCT-2007
End of Offering	Last date to create new instructor classes for courses 1–4	31-JAN-2008
Course 1		
End of Offering	Last date to create new student classes for course 1	31-MAR-2008
End of Support	Last date to receive Help Desk support for course 1	31-JUL-2008
End of Availability	Last date to access content on Academy Connection	31-JUL-2008
Courses 2-4		
End of Offering	Last date to create new student classes for courses 2–4	31-JAN-2009
End of Support	Last date to receive Help Desk support for courses 2–4, including promotional codes and discount voucher availability	31-JUL-2009
End of Availability	Last date to access content on Academy Connection	31-JUL-2009
Exams		
Certification Exams Retirement	Last date for Networking Academy students to access INTRO (640-821), ICND (640-811), and CCNA (640-801) certification exams using promotional codes and discount vouchers	31-JUL-2009

Table 2. CCNA v3.1 (English Version) Courses Affected

Course Name
CCNA1: Networking Basics
CCNA2: Routers and Routing Basics
CCNA3: Switching Basics and Intermediate Routing
CCNA4: WAN Technologies

Frequently Asked Questions

Course Availability

Q. How did you determine the end-of-life dates for CCNA v3.1?

A. A number of key factors influenced the end-of-life dates for the CCNA v3.1 curriculum. First, we want to encourage academies to adopt the new CCNA Discovery and CCNA Exploration curricula so that students can learn the latest technology and skills. We also want to provide enough time for current CCNA v3.1 students to successfully complete their courses and old certification exams. Finally, we wanted to provide sufficient time for academies to plan and implement their migration to the new CCNA curricula based on global academic cycles.

Q. Why are the end-of-life dates for course 1 earlier than for courses 2–4?

A. Course 1 is being retired earlier to facilitate migration to the new curricula by preventing new students from embarking on the CCNA v3.1 path. The end-of-offering date for new student classes for course 1 is March 31, 2008. New students must enroll in the new CCNA Discovery or CCNA Exploration courses after this date. Courses 2–4 are being retired later to give CCNA v3.1 students adequate time to complete the curriculum and the old certification exams.

Q. Can student classes for CCNA v3.1 courses 2–4 be opened before January 31, 2009 and taught beyond July 31, 2009?

A. No, student classes for courses 2–4 that are opened before January 31, 2009 must be completed by July 31, 2009.

Q. Can student classes for CCNA v3.1 courses 2–4 continue to be taught until Friday, July 31, 2009?

A. Technically, yes. However, we recommend ending the class well before July 31, 2009 to give students enough time to complete the corresponding certification exams before they are retired.

Q. Are the end-of-life dates the same worldwide?

A. We adjusted the end-of-life dates for course 1 to align with the academic cycles in the Asia Pacific region. The end-of-life dates provided for course 1 in this document apply to academies in all other regions of the world. The end-of-life dates for courses 2–4 and the certification exams are the same globally.

Q. What are the plans for retiring other language versions of CCNA v3.1?

A. The milestones and dates in this document pertain to the English language version of CCNA v3.1 only. When the end-of-life dates for other language versions and certification exams have been determined, we will communicate that information.

Certification Exam Availability

Q. How long will the existing CCNA exams be available?

- A. The INTRO (640-821), ICND (640-811), and CCNA (640-801) exams will be available to Networking Academy students until July 31, 2009. The retirement date for the general public is November 6, 2007.

After July 31, 2009 students will need to take the new CCNA exams ICND1 (640-822) and ICND2 (640-816), or CCNA Composite (640-802), to achieve CCNA certification.

Q. How will students access retired version of exams?

- A. A promotional code will be provided for each of the retired exams. Students can use these promotional codes when registering to gain access to the retired exams. These codes can be used more than once and will be changed every six months.

After November 6, 2007, registration for retired certification exams will no longer be available online and students will need to call Pearson VUE to complete their registration. Students who are using a promotional code to register for an exam will need to provide their academy name and student ID. Visit the Pearson VUE Website at www.pearsonvue.com for test center locations and contact information.

Q. What is the process for requesting a retired exam promotional code?

- A. Links to retired exam promotional codes will be available to instructors and students through the Class Home page and the Tools section of Academy Connection. Instructors and alumni may also access the promotional codes by contacting the Academy Support Desk. To contact the Support Desk, log into Academy Connection and select **Help** at the top of the screen. Select the appropriate language program support link then click the **Contact the Support Desk** tab.

Q. Can I use my discount voucher in combination with a retired exam promotional code?

- A. Yes, you may use your discount voucher in combination with a promotional code if they are for the same exam. Please note that a discount voucher can only be used once while a promotional code can be used multiple times.

Migration

Q. What are the migration plans for the CCNA Discovery and CCNA Exploration courses?

- A. Unlike the rollout of CCNA versions 2.x to 3.x, there will be no bridge courses for CCNA Discovery and CCNA Exploration, so academies that are halfway through delivering the four CCNA v3.1 courses are encouraged to continue teaching the CCNA v3.1 curriculum.

Although there is no direct mapping between CCNA v3.1 and the new curricula, we are researching possible migration paths from CCNA v3.1 to CCNA Discovery or CCNA Exploration to offer additional flexibility and help cover any knowledge gaps. We will provide more details as they become available.

Academies that deliver translated versions of CCNA v3.1 courses may choose to wait until translated versions of the new CCNA curricula are available, or adopt the English versions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the new CCNA Discovery curricula, visit
www.cisco.com/web/learning/netacad/course_catalog/CCNAdiscovery.html

For more information about the new CCNA Exploration curricula, visit
www.cisco.com/web/learning/netacad/course_catalog/CCNAexploration.html

For more information about Cisco certifications, visit
www.cisco.com/go/certifications