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# **Cisco Certifications: the Top 10 Questions Asked and Answered**

1. What's Cisco certification? This is when one receives a certificate attesting to the proficiency of an individual in Cisco related products given by Cisco. In its Career Certification Program, Cisco request that there should be certified engineer in all Cisco agents, so as to provide better service to clients as well as build a certification system for network engineers who are familiar to Cisco product.

2. Why go for Cisco certification? While among all certifications in market, Cisco certification which was released by the well-known network enterprise Cisco enjoys wide acceptance and great reputation. It's a well known fact that being an international talent will benefit both the individual and the company. To be an international talent, an international certification is no doubt the best gateway to achieving international relevance in the IT field.

3. What are the benefits of certification? Candidate who gains Cisco certification usually enjoys a good remuneration; and The certified individual can enjoy credit exemptions for associate professions.

4. Can one without college education get Cisco certification? Yes one can get Cisco certification, in fact there are a huge number of candidates who didn't have computer major background. Only if you own courage and capability in learning something new, you can pursue Cisco certification and there is great opportunity for you to gain certification.

5. Who needs Cisco certification? a) A graduate looking at surviving the fierce competition for limited job opportunities, which can greatly be alleviated by acquiring a Cisco certification. b) Career seekers looking for a career change and want to enter into IT industry, Cisco certification is no doubt the best permit to validate your capability for a job role. c) Network Technicians are provided an opportunity to grow on the job as Cisco certification enables them to ask for a higher position and better remuneration.

Other than remuneration benefits, what other benefits can I enjoy if a gain Cisco certification? a) License enables you to immigrate or work abroad; b) Gain trust from Cisco as well as client; c) Gain technical support from Cisco; d) Be allowed to put Cisco logo on your resume e) Be list into talent pool f) Chances for attending Cisco Technical lecture class; g) Gain competitive edge and become popular in big enterprises;

7. How can I recertify my Cisco Certified (CCSP) certification? There is a 3 year validation for CCSP certification . There are two paths available for candidates to recertify their CCSP certification. One is to pass any 642 exam which belongs to professional level certification; the other is to take and pass any CCIE written exam. Candidate should pay attention to that the two paths can be followed only when candidate processes a valid CCSP certification.

8. How much does Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE) certification cost? The written exam and lab exam, are required for CCIE certification. The written exam costs \$350 USD/ZAR2800 while the beta exams allow \$50 USD/ZAR400 discount. The lab exam costs \$1400 USD/ZAR11,600. If candidates can't pass both the exam at their first try, it may cost more.

9. Can One take Cisco Certified Network Professional exam directly? No. A valid CCNA certification can act as the prerequisite of CCNP exam.

10. What can one do after gaining Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification? As we all know, CCNA certification is an associate level certification which validate the fundamental skills and knowledge of candidates'. CCNA certification enables candidate to pursue other higher level certifications, which means CCNA is just a springboard for candidate. After gaining CCNA certification, candidates can consider about pursuing other higher level certifications in Cisco certification system

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