

## Core Knowledge Questions Removed for CCIE R&S and Voice Lab Exams

With more than six months of exam results now available, Cisco is able to report that the troubleshooting components of the [CCIE R&S v4.0](#) and [CCIE Voice v3.0](#) lab exams are performing well in validating expert level networking skills. Considering these results, Cisco has decided to eliminate the Core Knowledge questions from the current CCIE R&S v4.0 and CCIE Voice v3.0 Lab Exams. Beginning on May 10, 2010, CCIE R&S and CCIE Voice Lab Exams, in all global locations, will no longer include the four open-ended Core Knowledge questions. The total lab time will remain eight hours. For the CCIE R&S Lab Exam, this means candidates will begin with the two-hour Troubleshooting section, followed by a six-hour Configuration section. For CCIE Voice, candidates will have the full eight hours to complete the integrated exam. At this time, only the R&S and Voice tracks will be eliminating the Core Knowledge questions. **Core Knowledge Questions on Remaining CCIE Lab Exams** [CCIE Service Provider](#), [CCIE Security](#), [CCIE Storage Networking](#) and [CCIE Wireless](#) Lab Exams will begin with a brief Core Knowledge section consisting of four, computer-delivered short-answer questions. Candidates will type in their answers, which typically require five words or less. Questions will cover topics included on the current lab exam blueprint. Candidates are allowed a maximum of 30 minutes to complete the questions and may not use the Cisco documentation which is available for the remainder of the lab. Well-prepared candidates should be able to answer the questions in 15 minutes or less and move immediately to the next section. No extra time is being added to the eight-hour exam. All candidates must pass the Core Knowledge section in order to achieve CCIE certification. For more information, access [CCIE Lab Exam Q&A](#).