

CCIE Security Lab Exam Details

Lab Exam Refresh:

Effective April 20th, 2009, important content changes were implemented in the CCIE Security Lab Exam. Version 2.0 has been retired, candidates should prepare using the v3.0 Lab Exam Blueprint, Lab Equipment and Software Versions.

Please review the [Study/Learn](#) tab for more information on how to study for the Lab Exam.

Configuring a Network to Given Specifications

The CCIE lab exam is an eight-hour, hands-on exam which requires you to configure a series of secure networks to given specifications. Knowledge of troubleshooting is an important skill and candidates are expected to diagnose and solve issues as part of the CCIE lab exam.

Cost

Lab exams cost US\$1,400 per attempt, not including travel and lodging expenses. Costs may vary due to exchange rates and local taxes (VAT, GST). You are responsible for any fees your financial institution charges to complete the payment transaction. Price not confirmed and is subject to change until full payment is made. For more information on the lab exam please reference the [Take your Lab Exam](#) tab.

Lab Environment

The Cisco documentation CD is available in the lab room, but the exam assumes knowledge of the more common protocols and technologies. As of March 2006, the documentation can only be navigated using the index; the search function has been disabled. No outside reference materials are permitted in the lab room. You must report any suspected equipment issues to the proctor during the exam; adjustments cannot be made once the exam is over.

Lab Exam Grading

Each question on the lab has specific criterion. The labs are graded by proctors who ensure all the criterion are met and points are awarded accordingly. The proctors use automatic tools to gather information from the routers to perform some preliminary evaluations, but the final determination of a correct or incorrect configuration is done by a trained proctor.

Results

You can review your lab exam results online (login required), usually within 48 hours. Results are Pass/Fail and failing score reports indicate major topic areas where additional study and preparation may be useful.

Reevaluation of Lab Results

You may request a reevaluation of results for Routing and Switching, Security and Service Provider labs for up to 14 days following your exam date. Use the link next to your lab record called "Request for Reread". Due to the equipment used, rereads are not available for the Voice and Storage Networking exams. Each reread costs US\$250 plus any applicable local taxes. Payment is made online via credit card and your card will be charged upon receipt of the request. You may not cancel the reread request once the process has been initiated and refunds are only given when the results change from Fail to Pass.

A reread consists of a second proctor loading your configurations onto a rack to recreate the test and rescore the entire exam. This process may take up to three weeks after receipt of payment. Only one reread per lab attempt is permitted. The result of the reread is an updated score report with success rates for each major section. Be aware that scores may decrease. Exams receive a Pass mark only when the total exam score exceeds 80%. Before requesting a reread, consider that, historically, only 0.3% of exams have been changed from Fail to Pass.

Security Lab Locations

Security exams are offered at the Cisco locations below. Additional information, such as start times, directions and hotel recommendations can be found on the following links.

[Bangalore, India](#)]

[Beijing, China](#)]

[Brussels, Belgium](#)]

[Dubai, UAE](#)]

[Hong Kong, PRC](#)]

[RTP, USA](#)]

[San Jose, USA](#)]

[Sydney, Australia](#)]

[Tokyo, Japan](#)]