
CCIE Lab Exam Policy Changes | Networkers Guru

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Some important news that affects CCIE Lab Exam Policy may have slipped under the radar. If you go to 36 minutes into this video you will see first-hand details of the policy changes.

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Candidates will only be allowed to sit the same Written exam 4 times per the calendar year. This applies regardless of whether you pass or fail.

Also if you fail a Written exam you are going to have to wait 15 days to resit (as opposed to 5 days).

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This is a big change. There could be folks out there who sit the lab every 30 days on an ongoing basis (for questionable reasons). It won't be possible with the new rules since the 30-day policy will only apply

between attempts #1 and #2. There is a 90-day window that needs to elapse before attempt #3 can be made. The 90-day window applies between attempt #3 and #4 and also attempt #4 and #5. Thereafter, you have to wait a whopping 180 days for every subsequent attempt. These changes apply for all tracks and are applicable from Aug 1 2014.

So let's just pretend I passed the lab on the 7th attempt. I would have passed the lab 660 days after his first attempt (give or take a few days since I think the countdown starts the day after each lab attempt). How did I get 660:

Review Lab for all tracks

The Re-readability continues to be applicable for only the RS and SP tracks. In this instance, the CCIE team will load the candidate's final configurations and perform a full assessment.

Cisco will now add the ability for a candidate to request a second proctor to "review" their answers for an undisclosed fee.

Presumably, a candidate would only request a review in the event that they had failed and the outcome will either be "sorry you still failed" or an upgrade of status to "pass". This is a new

service for [voice/collaboration](#) and the other tracks.

In terms of Collaboration, clearly, it is going to be very difficult for a complete re-read given that there are 14 or so virtual machines and an attachment between the MAC addresses of phones to the database of CM. But at least the review capability provides some way for an unsuccessful candidate to express their disappointment!

Rescheduling the Lab.

There is a lot of information in the webcast but the final point I found most interesting concerns the current lack of ability for a candidate to reschedule their lab date within the 90 days of the test. That has changed (for a fee) and now candidates can reschedule their lab within the 90-day time frame. If a candidate has a lab date that is more than 90 days away then he/she can still reschedule for free but the rescheduling service within 90 days is new.