
Training and Certification

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Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What are the pre-requisites for the CCSE R75 exam?**
CCSA R70/71
- 2. How can I update my R65 certification?**
If you have any CCSA R60 certification, take the CCSA R70/71 Update Training Blade to update your CCSA certification. If you have a CCSE R60 certification, take the CCSE R70/71 Update Training Blade to update your CCSE certification.
- 3. How long is my certification valid?**
Check Point certifications are valid for 2 years. CCMA's are valid for 3 years. Any certification more than three (3) years old is not considered current. Certifications become inactive after five years. Your benefits may be suspended if your certification is not current. Your certification can be maintained with annual continuing education credits.
- 4. What are 'continuing education credits'?**
Continuing education credits help you maintain Check Point certifications without starting over with every product release. Continuing education credits can be earned in a variety of ways like completing shorter training lessons (Training Blades), by participating in our test development process, and even attending CPX.
- 5. What are the pre-requisites for CCMA?**
CCMSE
- 6. Do you have a test-out option?**
Though highly recommended, it is not a requirement to attend a training course before challenging the exam. You may test at any time, however it is advised you spend at least 6 months working with Check Point products before attempting to achieve certification.
- 7. Are study materials available?**
Free study guides and practice exams are available for download at <http://www.checkpoint.com/services/education/index.html#resources>. Courseware can be purchased on our eStore and Training is available from an ATC.
- 8. How soon can I re-take an exam if I fail?**
If you fail an exam you must wait 24 hours before your 2nd attempt, and 30 days for the 3rd attempt. Once you pass a test you cannot take it again for a higher score.
- 9. Can I get exam insurance?**
Students automatically get a 50% re-take discount on any 2nd attempt of the CCSA and CCSE R75 exams.
- 10. I only failed by 1 point and based on my calculations I should have passed – what happened?**
The function of certification is to provide proof the Check Point Certified professional is qualified to protect the lifeblood of organizations – their data. Check Point takes this very seriously and we constantly strive to administer the most effective exams. Passing is calculated by comparing the number of questions answered correctly versus the number of questions answered incorrectly. Not all sections of the test are weighted equally.



11. Can I take any R65 level exams?

No, all R65 exams have been retired except for the Japanese versions. Our philosophy is to provide training and certification only for current technologies so our partners and customers will always benefit from the latest security advancements.

12. Where can I find more information about Check Point Certified Professionals?

The Check Point Certified Professionals website and newsletter are a benefit which contain special information and resources that are not available to the public.

13. What happens when I pass my exam? When will I receive my Certificate?

After you pass a Check Point exam at VUE, your exam results are uploaded. On the 15th and 30th, we process all certification results and order certification kits. It takes 6-8 weeks to receive your certificate. Your advanced access to Secure Knowledge and the Certified Professionals website is established once you achieve certification.

14. Why can't I have more than one account at Pearson VUE test centers?

Check Point only allows one Pearson VUE account to track your Check Point exams. If you change companies, please update the contact information in your Pearson VUE account instead of creating a new one so your Check Point certifications will follow you. You can verify your accounts with Customer Service here <http://www.vue.com/checkpoint/contact/>

15. What happens if someone gets caught cheating? How do you prevent it?

Every individual who takes an exam signs our Non-disclosure agreement. Anyone caught in the act of cheating or sharing exam items will have their Check Point certifications revoked for 2 years. All testing privileges and partner program participation will be deactivated during this time. Check Point collaborates with major technology companies to prevent cheating through test pattern analysis and distribution best practices. Together we identify and take legal action against unauthorized test centers and inaccurate "brain dump" sites.

16. What are the benefits of Check Point certification?

Check Point Certified Professionals receive access to the Advanced SecureKnowledge base, Certified Professionals only website and quarterly newsletter for 2 years. Check Point Certified Master Architects (CCMA) receive 3 years Expert level access to SecureKnowledge.

17. How do I access my certification benefits?

Make sure your Check Point User Center (UC) email address matches the email address registered with Pearson VUE. Your UC profile will automatically be updated with each certification, including advanced access to SecureKnowledge and the Certified Professionals only website. If you have any problems or questions about your benefits please email: certification@checkpoint.com

18. How do take a Training Blade exam?

You can purchase Training Blades at <http://store.checkpoint.com>. Please forward your email confirmation to examcentral@checkpoint.com for access to the exam. Please include your Check Point Certified Professional ID# for credit. Your certification ID# is generated when you create an account at Pearson VUE. If you have any questions about your ID#, please email: accountservices@checkpoint.com.

