CHECK POINT

CERTIFIED SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR R80 FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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CCSA R80 Overview

What's new in R80?

With the barrage of connected devices, new technologies like cloud computing, and a continuous wave of sophisticated threats, managing security is becoming increasingly complex - security needs to adjust to new operational realities. The key to managing this complexity is through security consolidation - bringing all security protections and functions under one umbrella. With R80, security consolidation is fully realized.

- A single platform manages the entire IT infrastructure - from the data center to private/public cloud deployments - ensuring security consistency across the organization.
- Policy management is unified so you can create and monitor these policies harmoniously, and efficiently.
- Routine tasks can be automated and delegated, so security teams can focus on key security tasks, as repetitive tasks are embedded into day-to-day operations.
- Security is aligned to IT processes and technologies for adaptive and effective security orchestration.
- Threat management is integrated, speeding incidence response. Security teams have full visibility into security status and can react faster to prevent the next attack.

How do I prepare for the Check Point Certified Security Administrator R80 certification?

Your best approach for preparation is the Administrator course offered through our Authorized Training Center (ATC) Partners. Once completed, as a review before taking the exam, work through all the labs again.

Taking the Exam

What is the exam format?

Check Point exams offered through Pearson VUE are all multiple choice. You will have ninety minutes to answer up to 90 questions.

How can I find where to take a Check Point exam? Is it according to Pearson VUE website?

Yes. The Pearson VUE site for Check Point (www.pearsonvue.com/checkpoint/) includes a test site locator. It is in blue on the right hand side of the screen "Find a test center.

Does it have to be a Training Center (ATC) Partner or are they two separate institutions? Does Check Point accept the certification regardless of testing location, if any training took place at all?

Check Point Authorized Training Center (ATC) Partners and Pearson VUE are separate institutions. Some ATC's offer testing services, but many do not. We have approximately 150 Authorized Training Centers and over 4000 examination sites. We accept the exam results from any Pearson VUE exam site. Exam results are securely transmitted to Check Point on a daily basis and the exam candidate does not have to do anything. Certifications are issued based on their meeting the certification criteria for each.

Do we have any special prices/promotions to different partners or do they find the prices in Pearson VUE website?

All pricing and promotions are managed through Pearson VUE.

What will be on the CCSA R80 (156.215.80) exam?

The exam will closely follow the organization of the Check Point Security Administration course offered through our Authorized Training Center (ATC) Partners. Roughly four out of five questions of the 90 questions on the exam will be based on content, or can be inferred from knowledge gained during the course. The remaining questions will be based on recommended experience using the product.

Check Point Professional Certification Exams are available from Pearson VUE.
http://www.pearsonvue.com/checkpoint/

What if I want to take the CCSA 77.30 exam instead of the R80?

The CCSA R77.30 exam (156.215.77) will be available for a period of time. However, it has not been determined how long the exam will be available. We will post the expiration date on the Pearson VUE site 90 days before the scheduled exam retirement.

Where can I find study material for R80?

Course materials are available from our ATC Partners (Authorized Training Centers).

How many questions are on the CCSE R80 exam?

You will have 90 minutes to complete 90 questions.

Certification

How long does my Certification last?

Check Point Certifications are good for two years from your examination date.

What version is my Certification?

In 2011 Check Point shifted from certifying by version (i.e. R60, R65) to certifying by date. With the shift to R80, and the plan to maintain both R77 and R80 concurrently, R80 certifications will be posted in the User Center by version as well as expiration date.

Will there be an upgrade path for holders of currently valid CCSA certifications?

There will not be an update exam for the CCSA certification. The update exams are designed to test primarily what is changed from earlier exams. With completely revised job models and a whole different architecture, *nothing* will be the same. In fact, there will be *no* legacy exam items on the new 156.215.80 and 156.315.80 exams for your CCSA and CCSE certifications. They will be completely new exams.

Why doesn't my Certification show in my User Center Profile?

The single most common reason for certifications not showing in your user center profile is because the email address we have on file in the CERTS database does not match the email address you have attached to your User Center Profile. You can check this by contacting certification@checkpoint.com.

How do I get a hard copy certificate of my certifications?

Check Point provides e-certificates. To download your certificate(s), please follow the instructions below:

1. Log into the User Center at usercenter.checkpoint.com/usercenter/portal
2. Click "Assets/Info".
3. Click "My Certifications" under "My Info" option.
4. Click "Download" to the right of the certificate to open/save/print.
   a. Open to print.
   b. Save to print later.
   c. Cancel to do nothing.

CCSE R80 (Coming Soon)

Will holders of a current CCSA (pre-R80) be able to transition somehow with a goal to learning and achieving an R80 CCSE?

We will not be able to mix and match between R77 and R80. The exams are just too different. If you're starting from scratch, to qualify for the CCSE R80 exam and certification, you must first obtain the CCSA R80 certification (exam 156.215.80).

I have my CCSA R80. When will I be able to take the 156-315.80 exam to complete my CCSE R80 Certification?

A release date for the 156.315.80 exam needed to complete the CCSE R80 certification has not yet been determined. According to our best available information, it looks like the earliest delivery date for a validated 156.315.80 exam will be November.

Will there be an option to renew existing CCSE certifications, for customers R70 or higher, for customers below R70?

The 156.315.80 exam to complete your CCSE Certification will be released H2 2016. There will be an R80 CCSE Update Exam (156.915.80) based on the 156.215.80 and 156.315.80 exams. Since R80 is markedly different from even the latter versions of R77, the same update exam will suffice for all candidates holding a prior CCSE certification, regardless of version. It will be available roughly 60 days after the new 156.215.80 and 156.315.80 exams for your CCSA and CCSE certifications get their first refresh from candidate response data.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The CCSE Update exam for R77 (156-915.77) will retire the same day we release the CCSE R80 exam. The function of an update exam is to update your certifications to the current level.

What if my CCSE certification has expired?

While your certification may have expired, your eligibility has not. We encourage candidates to update their skills and certifications to the latest threats and opportunities to secure their valuable information assets.

What's on the CCSE Update Exam (156.915.80)?

Your prior certification demonstrates your mastery of key concepts common to all versions. The Update exam covers the changes from prior versions as well as reinforcing any content considered critical, or reflecting the most common errors the Technical Assistance Center receives. Since these topics

overlap so much of the regular training, Check Point recommends reviewing the content of both the Administration and the Engineering courses.

How do I prepare for the CCSE Update Exam?

The Update exam covers the changes from prior versions as well as reinforcing any content considered critical, or reflecting the most common errors the Technical Assistance Center receives. Since these topics overlap so much of the regular training, Check Point recommends reviewing the content of both the Administration and the Engineering courses. Check Point will post practice exams for CCSA and CCSE on the Pearson VUE on-line exam site.

What are the prerequisites to become CCSE certified?

CCSE certification requires scoring at least 70% on the Pearson VUE Check Point exams 156-215 and 156-315.

I just took the CCSE exam (156-315.77 or .80). Where is my CCSE Certification?

You may not have completed all the requirements for your CCSE Certification. Your CCSE Certification requires two exams – the 156-215 and 156-315.They must be from the same version. If you take the 156.215.77 exam, then you must take the 156.315.77 exam. If you take the 156.215.80 exam, you must take the 156.315.80 exam when it is available.

What are the topics for CCSA & CCSE R80?

See the course catalog for the course descriptions.

Staying Current

How do I renew my certification?

If you want to renew a certification, you can take the same exam for a later version, or you can complete two Continuing Education Credits.

What if I want to take the same exam again?

That is NOT an option. You can NOT repeat an exam you have already passed.

What is a Continuing Education Credit?

Many professional certifications, Check Point included, require candidates to keep current. One way is to update or upgrade your certification. Another way is to participate in courses or events the certifying body considers worthwhile. Such events will issue a Continuing Education Credit. Candidates can 'collect' these credits towards certification renewal. For example, a candidate can renew their CCSE certification by collecting two Continuing Education credits during his or her two year certification. Two Continuing Education credits will extend certification for one year.