



Cisco CCNP Data Center FAQs

What updates have been made to the CCNP Data Center certification curriculum?

The CCNP Data Center certification curriculum focuses on:

- Data Center networking
- Unified computing
- Virtualization
- Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI)
- Data Center automation and orchestration

The courses include even more emphasis on hands-on learning than previous versions. There is a significantly expanded emphasis on data center virtualization, automation, and ACI management and monitoring, with a new course and exam focused on these topics, as well as on data center security and data center storage connectivity.

The number of courses has been reduced from 6 to 5. Three courses focus on implementation, one course focuses on design, and one course focuses on troubleshooting. Candidates may select design or troubleshooting, based on their career focus.

With a CCNP Data Center certification, what job roles am I prepared for?

The certification prepares IT professionals, with an average of five to eight years of experience, for senior- or career-level roles, including:

- Presales engineer
- Design engineer
- Data Center engineer
- Support engineer
- Senior network engineer
- Data Center administrator

Why do the CCNA Data Center and CCNP Data Center curriculums go from version 1 to version 6?

The versions have been synchronized because of the extensive revisions to both tracks and to align version numbers between CCNA and CCNP Data Center courses.

What are the prerequisites for the CCNP Data Center certification?

An active CCNA Data Center certification or any CCIE certification can act as a prerequisite.

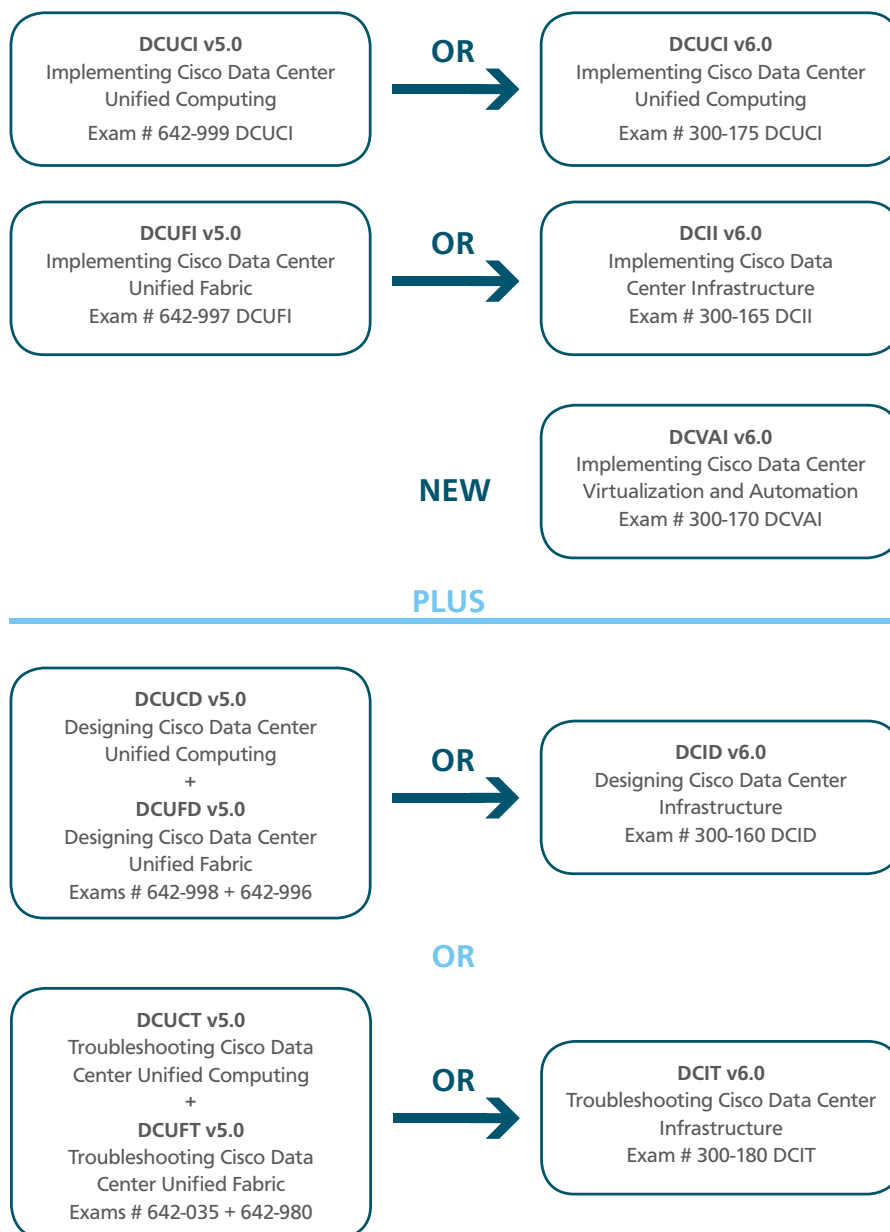
What are the requirements to obtain a CCNP Data Center certification?

A candidate is required to pass the following exams to obtain the certification:

- 300-175 DCUCI
- 300-165 DCII
- 300-170 DCVAI
- 300-160 DCID or 300-180 DCIT

What is the version 6.0 migration plan? Can I mix and match the current exams with the newer exams in order to achieve CCNP Data Center?

Yes you can, the exams/courses align as follows:



The last day to take the old CCNP DC exams is the 3rd July 2017.

If you are just starting to study for your CCNP Data Center certification, then the recommendation would be to start with the new courses and exams. If you have taken the old courses but wish to take the new exams, then you should ensure you have completed additional study to cover the changes in content.

When will the new CCNP Data Center exams be available ?

All of the exams become available on the 17th January 2017.

When will the CCNP Data Center v6.0 courses be available?

The release of the courses from Cisco are staggered, the current scheduled release dates are:

- DCID - 17th January 2017
- DCUCI - 6th February 2017
- DCVAI - 6th February 2017
- DCII - 20th February 2017
- DCIT - 20th February 2017

Please contact your local Global Knowledge account manager to book the first available dates.

What is the last day to take the old exams?

The last day to take the old exams is the 3rd July 2017.

How do I recertify my CCNP Data Center certification?

The CCNP Data Center certification is valid for three years. Recertification can occur on or before the holder's current certification date. For detailed information, view the recertification policy for the CCNP Data Center certification program.

What self-study materials are available to help me prepare for the exams?

A comprehensive range of self-study materials are available to help in preparing for your exam. Please contact your training account manager who will be happy to provide details of the latest options.

More information

If you would like more information about CCNA/CCNP Data Center training and certification, then please contact one of our Cisco Training Advisors today and let Global Knowledge assist you with your CCNA/CCNP Data Center requirements.