Juniper Networks Certification Program Update FAQs

The questions and answers below are to help clarify the changes that we are making to the Juniper Networks Certification Program in 2011. Please make sure you review the Certification News web page for all the details.

Why is Juniper Networks making this change to the certification framework?

This new structure reflects career opportunities in the industry and better aligns with industry usage of Juniper's portfolio of products and solutions. In addition, the Service Provider and Enterprise tracks are supported by a comprehensive curriculum that, combined with experience and expertise, will help prepare you for certification.

Does my JNCIx-M, JNCIx-ER, or JNCIx-EX certification go away?

No. Your existing JNCIX-M, JNCIx-ER, or JNCIx-EX certification remains valid and eligible for certification benefits for 2 years after your certification date or until you recertify. You will recertify on the new tracks.

Does my JNCIx-M automatically become a JNCIx-SP?

No. If you are already certified with a JNCIx-M certification, you must recertify on the new JNCIx-SP to earn this certification.

Does my JNCIS-ER certification automatically become a JNCIS-ENT certification?

No. If you are already certified with a JNCIS-ER certification, you must recertify on the new JNCIS-ENT to earn this certification.

If my highest level of certification is JNCIA-M, JNCIA-ER, or JNCIA-EX, do I recertify on the JNCIA-Junos?

Yes. However, you could also advance your certification. On the current tracks you can get certified as JNCIS-M or JNCIS-ER. On the new tracks the JNCIA-M, JNCIS-M, JNCIA-ER, JNCIS-ER and/or the JNCIA-EX meet the requirements for the JNCIS-SP, the JNCIS-ENT and/or the JNCIS-SEC.

Is an Associate-level certification required for the new tracks?

Yes. The JNCIA-Junos certification is now the pre-requisite certification for advancing up to the JNCIS-SP, JNCIS-ENT or JNCIS-SEC. The JNCIA-Junos credential indicates an individual's knowledge and skills on base level Junos Operating System topics. The following credentials satisfy the requirements as they cover the key concepts reflected in the JNCIA-Junos: JNCIA-M, JNCIS-M, JNCIA-ER, JNCIS-ER and the JNCIA-EX.

If I have a JNCIS-M or JNCIS-ER and want to recertify on the JNCIS-SP or JNCIS-ENT, do I have to start all over again at the JNCIA level?

No. You can recertify at the same or a higher level.

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Is my JNCIA-M certification valid for the new Service Provider track?

Yes. If you have the JNCIA-M, you can move to the JNCIS-SP.

Is my JNCIA-ER or JNCIA-EX certification valid for the new Enterprise track?

Yes. If you have the JNCIA-ER or JNCIA-EX, you can move to the JNCIS-ENT.

If I have a JNCIS-SP, can I go for the JNCIP-M?

No. The JNCIS-SP does not satisfy the requirements for JNCIP-M.

If I have a JNCIS-ENT, can I go for the JNCIE-ER?

No. The JNCIS-ENT does not satisfy the requirements for JNCIE-ER.

If I have a JNCIS-M, can I go for the JNCIP-SP?

Yes. The JNCIS-M does not satisfy the requirements for JNCIP-SP.

When will I be able to prepare and take the exams for the JNCIP-SP or JNCIE-SP?

JNCIS-SP	Available	• Junos Intermediate Routing (JIR) • Junos Service Provider Switching (JSPX) • Junos MPLS and VPNs (JMV)	• Available • Available • Available
JNCIP-SP	5/6/11	• Junos Multicast Routing (JMR) • Junos Class of Service (JCOS) • Junos MPLS and VPNs (JMV) • Advanced Junos Service Provider Routing (AJSPR)	• April 29, 2011 • Available • Available • March 31, 2011
JNCIE-SP	7/22/11	No additional courses	NA

When will I be able to prepare and take the exams for the JNCIP-ENT or JNCIE-ENT?

JNCIS-ENT	**Available**	• **Junos Intermediate Routing (JIR)** • **Junos Enterprise Switching (JEX)**	• **Available** • **Available**
JNCIP-ENT	**5/27//11**	• **Advanced Junos Enterprise Routing (AJER)** • **Advanced Junos Enterprise Switching (AJEX)**	• **March 31, 2011** • **April 14, 2011**
JNCIE-ENT	**8/12/11/11**	**No additional Courses**	**NA**

When will I be able to prepare and take the exams for the JNCIP-SEC or JNCIE-SEC?

JNCIS-SEC	**Available**	• **Junos Security (JSEC)** • **Junos Unified Threat Management (JUTM)**	• **Available** • **March 31, 2011**
JNCIP-SEC	**4/22/11**	• **Advanced Junos Security (AJSEC)** • **Junos Intrusion Prevention System Functionality (JIPS)**	• **March 31, 2011** • **Available**
JNCIE-SEC	**6/24/11**	**No additional courses**	**NA**

Will the JNCIS-SP recertify me for the JNCIP-SP or the JNCIE-SP?

No. You can recertify on the new Service Provider Routing and Switching track, earning you a JNCIP/E-SP credential (you will keep your current certification number), by taking the exam leading to the JNCIP-SP credential expected to be available on May 6, 2011.

Will the JNCIS-ENT recertify me for the JNCIP-ENT or the JNCIE-ENT?

No. You can recertify on the new Enterprise Routing and Switching track, earning you a JNCIE-ENT credential (you will keep your current certification number), by taking the exam leading to the JNCIP-ENT credential expected to be available on May 27, 2011.

If I have a JNCIP-M or JNCIE-M can I recertify on the JNCIS-SP?

Since the program began, -P and –E level certifications have always recertified on the highest level written certification exam, which to date has been the JNCIS-xx level. Going forward, recertification will be on the written exam leading to the JNCIP-xx credential – not the JNCIS-xx. For the Service Provider Routing and Switching track, it's the JNCIP-SP.

If I have a JNCIE-ER can I recertify on the JNCIS-ENT?

Since the program began, -P and –E level certifications have always recertified on the highest level written certification exam, which to date has been the JNCIS-xx level. Going forward, recertification will be on the written exam leading to the JNCIP-xx credential – not the JNCIS-xx. For the Enterprise Routing and Switching track, it's the JNCIP-ENT.

Are the new JNCIP-SP, JNCIP-ENT and JNCIP-SEC written exams?

Yes, the JNCIP-SP, JNCIP-ENT and JNCIP-SEC will all be written scenario-based exams available at Prometric Testing Centers.

What if I don't recertify on the new Service Provider or Enterprise tracks?

Your certification will expire 2 years after the certification date.

What will happen to the JNCIx-M, JNCIx-ER, and JNCIx-EX designations?

The JNCIx-M, JNCIx-ER, and JNCIx-EX are being retired and will no longer be supported by exams. The designation will be eventually phased out as those certified in JNCIx-M, JNCIx-ER, and JNCIx-EX either recertify or their certifications will expire. The designations will be totally eliminated in 2013.

What happens to my certification number when I recertify on the Service Provider or Enterprise tracks?

Your current certification number, which highlights your years of experience and commitment to Juniper Networks products and services, will “follow” you into the new tracks and will remain the same.

Will I get a new expert plaque when I recertify on the Service Provider or Enterprise tracks?

We will issue new expert level gifts when an existing JNCIE recertifies.

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