

Thomson NETg Introduces First New Cisco Certified Security Professional (CCSP) and Cisco Qualified Specialist (CQS) Certification Curricula

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New Curriculum First to Address Cisco Systems Changes to Key Certification Preparation Requirements and Examinations

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Sept. 19 /PRNewswire/ -- Keeping pace with just-announced changes to Cisco Systems' CCSP and CQS security certification requirements, Thomson NETg, the leading provider of knowledge on demand to global enterprises and part of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), has introduced the first new Cisco-approved certification preparation curricula.

Cisco Systems today announced a comprehensive update of its Cisco Certified Security Professional (CCSP) and Cisco Qualified Specialist (CQS) security certification programs. These programs are highly popular among IT professionals who design, implement and manage Cisco network security systems. But passing the security certification is a complex endeavor, and one that requires candidates to be fully abreast of Cisco's most recent requirements. Thomson NETg's new curriculum provides the up-to-date product and application instruction necessary for security professionals to competently install, configure, operate and support Cisco's latest network security products and applications.

Thomson NETg is among the first e-learning providers to offer the six recommended courses for the five exams comprising the new CCSP certification curriculum. These include:

Topic	Recommended Training
Security Foundations	Securing Network Devices (SND)
Securing Routers and Switches (SNRS)	Securing Networks with Cisco Routers and Switches
Intrusion Protection	Implementing Cisco Intrusion Protection Systems (IPS)
ASA and PIX Firewall (SNPA)	Securing Networks with PIX and ASA
Virtual Private Networks (CSVPN)	Cisco Secure Virtual Private Networks
Cisco Security Agent Agent	Securing Hosts using Cisco Security

"Thomson NETg is uniquely qualified to offer leading-edge training for Cisco's latest technology advances," said Joe Dougherty, President of Thomson NETg. "Working side-by-side with Cisco Systems, we continue to design and build high-quality, engaging learning programs that help professionals and their organizations exceed training goals and deliver tangible business results.

"2005 has been a very exciting year in the Cisco Security space," continued Dougherty. "Cisco has been working on many new projects, achieving significant growth in its security product lines through the acquisition of new technologies for which there is growing demand in the marketplace. Cisco's evolving strategies will have a profound impact on its CCSP certification and security specialization programs, and our certification support programs and security training solutions have changed to reflect that evolution."

Available in Thomson NETg's Live Now virtual classroom format for scheduled instruction by field experts or via Expert Now, a self-paced expert-led virtual classroom experience, all of the new CCSP and CQS courses are Cisco-approved and include:

- Engaging live or recorded instruction by recognized experts in their field;
- Learn-by-doing simulations;
- Searchable and printable online student guide; and
- Unlimited 24X7 access to a personalized Web portal that launches and manages the entire learning experience for the individual learner.

Thomson NETg also fully supports the Cisco Learning Credits Program, which allows Cisco customers to make product and training purchases in tandem, saving them time and money. And when Cisco customers choose to redeem their learning credits for expert-led learning from Thomson NETg, training dollars often go further because virtual instructor-led courses are offered at much lower costs than traditional "bricks-and-mortar" classroom instruction.

For comprehensive information regarding all Cisco-approved courses and Cisco Learning Credit Programs offered by Thomson NETg, please go to

<http://www.netg.com> or call 1-888-577-5779 and ask for the Thomson NETg Cisco learning experts.

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