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TRANSITION GUIDE

# Aruba Network Security Certification

LEARN ABOUT THE  
EVOLUTION OF ARUBA  
NETWORK SECURITY  
TECHNICAL TRAINING  
AND CERTIFICATION



**What is zero trust?**

The zero trust approach is based on never trusting by default, always verifying identities, and always assuming the entity can introduce a security vulnerability unless proven otherwise. By never trusting by default, every identity is verified, and access privileges are granted using context-based and risk-appropriate integrity verification before being allowed into the IT environment. In short, every identity is “assumed bad until proven good.”



**NEW CYBERTHREATS REQUIRE NEW SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES AND THE SKILLS TO IMPLEMENT THEM.**

As users become increasingly decentralized and attacks become more sophisticated and persistent, network security challenges constantly evolve. Guarding an organization’s IT infrastructure against these new threats requires modern security technologies deployed with and supported by industry best practices.

Through the Aruba Network Security certification program, you can validate the new skills you need to secure the entire networking infrastructure, including wireless, wired, and wide-area network (WAN) devices. Corresponding network security courses are available to help you acquire knowledge and practical skills through hands-on labs. As an Aruba Network Security–certified engineer, you will be prepared to support today’s edge-to-cloud networking solutions built on a zero trust security framework.

**Cyberthreats continue to evolve, so the Aruba network security training and certification program is changing, too. Specifically, the Aruba Certified ClearPass Associate, Professional, and Expert certifications will be phased out and replaced by the Aruba Certified Associate, Professional, and Expert Network Security certifications.**

A methodical phaseout of Aruba ClearPass certifications will occur over time. During the phaseout period, you can capitalize on new opportunities created by the network security certification track, which focuses on holistic network security solutions including Aruba ClearPass.

In addition, you can maintain in-depth ClearPass product skills by participating in the new Aruba ClearPass Advanced Configuration course.

**NETWORK SECURITY TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION**

**Certification**

<a href="#">ACA-Network Security</a>	Aruba Network Security Fundamentals
<a href="#">ACP-Network Security</a>	Implementing Aruba Network Security
ACX-Network Security (coming soon)	Aruba Advanced Network Security Troubleshooting and Solutions

**ClearPass courses**

No certification	Aruba ClearPass Configuration
No certification	Aruba ClearPass Advanced Configuration

[View all security training options.](#)



**TIMELINE FOR TRANSITIONING FROM CLEARPASS TO NETWORK SECURITY**

Certification activity	2022			2023				
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M
ACCA Transition to Inactive			■					
ACA-Network Security Available	■							
ACCP Transition to Inactive			■					
ACP-Network Security Available	■							
ACCX Transition to Inactive			■					
ACX-Network Security Available						■		

- Legacy certification transition period
- New certification available

Transition period: December 1, 2022–May 31, 2023

Inactive date: May 31, 2023

**Important clarification:** When an existing ClearPass certification becomes inactive, it does not expire. “Inactive” simply means the exam for that certification is no longer available for new candidates.



TRANSITION PATHS FOR CLEARPASS TO NETWORK SECURITY





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. I am actively preparing for a ClearPass certification. How long do I have before the exam becomes inactive?**

A. The last date to take a ClearPass certification exam is May 31, 2023. We recommend scheduling your exam 2–3 weeks in advance to avoid any potential scheduling conflicts.

**Q. How can I renew my ClearPass certification?**

A. We recommend certifying with the new Network Security certifications, although you can renew your ClearPass certification prior to the exam inactive date. Please refer to the transition paths for more information.

**Q. If I obtain the Network Security certification at a Professional or Expert level, will that recertify my lower-level ClearPass certifications? Or will it grant me the lower-level Network Security certification?**

A. Achieving the higher level does not recertify or grant a lower-level certification.

**Q. Are there prerequisites for the Network Security Professional and Expert certifications?**

A. Yes, for network security professional the prerequisite is the network security associate certification. Network security expert requires two exams, you must pass a written exam prior to the practical exam.

**Q. Are there any upgrade paths for existing Aruba or other vendor certifications?**

A. No upgrade paths exist.

**Q. When the ClearPass certifications become inactive, will my current ClearPass certifications expire?**

A. No, your certifications will remain valid for three years from the date you achieved them. Inactive does not mean your certification is expired; inactive simply means that the exam is no longer available for new candidates, nor is it available for existing certification holders to recertify.

**Q. Will the ClearPass certification corresponding courses still be available?**

A. The ClearPass certification courses (Aruba ClearPass Fundamentals, Implementing Aruba ClearPass, and Aruba Advanced ClearPass Troubleshooting and Solutions) will be available through January 31, 2023. New ClearPass courses (Aruba ClearPass Configuration and Aruba ClearPass Advanced Configuration) will be available for those who need in-depth ClearPass training.

**Q: How can I update my Credly digital badge on LinkedIn with the new badge?**

A: To update your badge on LinkedIn, you need to remove and reconnect the badge on your Credly profile. [Watch this short video](#) for step-by-step instructions.

**Q. For Aruba partners: Will my existing ClearPass certification maintain its validity for the Aruba PRfN program in 2023?**

A. Yes, your ClearPass certifications and Network Security certifications will be accepted in 2023.

**Q. Are there any free network security training options?**

A. Aruba offers free entry-level training for networking beginners. See the [Aruba Network Security Essentials course](#).