NSE Certification Program Fall Updates

Changes take effect October 1, 2023

The Fortinet Network Security Expert (NSE) program is set to undergo significant enhancements in the fall of 2023 featuring increased scalability, flexibility, and modularity. With new badging, the program will also provide a better identification of specific skills and knowledge acquired in a complex industry that supports various roles across multiple cybersecurity solutions and verticals.

Effective October 1, 2023, the Fortinet NSE Certification program will undergo four major updates:

- The program's restructuring will result in five proficiency levels that include a total of 11 certifications.
- Each proficiency level will have one or more certifications that align with professional career paths.
- Obtaining a certification will require a minimum number of exams or courses.
- Exam badges will be introduced for each core and elective exam.

NSE Certification Program (October 1, 2023)

Level	Certifications
Expert	FORTINET CERTIFIED EXPERT — Cybersecurity
Engineer	FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER — Zero Trust Access · FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER — Network Security · FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER — Public Cloud Security · FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER — Security Operations · FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER — OT Security
Professional	FORTINET CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL — Network Security · FORTINET CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL — Public Cloud Security · FORTINET CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL — Security Operations
Associate	FORTINET CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE — Cybersecurity
Fundamentals	FORTINET CERTIFIED FUNDAMENTALS — Cybersecurity

Fall 2023 NSE Certification Levels

■ Core ■ Elective

Fortinet Certified Fundamentals (FCF)

The Fortinet Certified Fundamentals in Cybersecurity certification validates that you have mastered the fundamental skills required to learn how to operate cybersecurity products and solutions. This curriculum covers today's threat landscape and the fundamentals of cybersecurity.

To achieve this certification, you must have completed one core course and one elective course:

1 Core +
1 Elective within 2 years

FORTINET CERTIFIED FUNDAMENTALS
Cybersecurity

■ Introduction to the Threat Landscape
■ Getting Started in Cybersecurity
■ Technical Introduction to Cybersecurity

Fortinet Certified Associate (FCA)

The Fortinet Certified Associate in Cybersecurity certification validates your ability to execute high-level operations on a FortiGate device. This curriculum covers the fundamentals of operating the most common FortiGate features.

To achieve this certification you must have completed the following course and passed the online exam:

1 Core

FORTINET CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE
Cybersecurity

■ FortiGate Operator

Fortinet Certified Professional (FCP)

The Fortinet Certified Professional certifications (3) validate your ability to secure networks and applications by deploying, managing, and monitoring Fortinet cybersecurity products. Each certification's curriculum covers the day-to-day tasks related to Fortinet devices.

To achieve one of these three certifications, you are required to pass the corresponding exams:

1 Core + 1 Elective within 2 years		1 Core + 1 Elective within 2 years		2 Electives within 2 years	
FORTINET CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL Network Security		FORTINET CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL Public Cloud Security		FORTINET CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL Security Operations	
■ NSE 4 FortiOS	■ NSE 5 FortiClient EMS	■ NSE 6 Cloud Security for AWS	■ NSE 4 FortiOS	■ NSE 5 FortiAnalyzer Analyst
■ NSE 5 FortiManager	■ NSE 6 FortiNAC	■ NSE 6 Cloud Security for Azure	■ NSE 6 FortiSOAR Administrator	■ NSE 5 FortiEDR
■ NSE 6 FortiSwitch	■ NSE 6 FortiAuthenticator	■ NSE 4 FortiOS	■ NSE 5 FortiSIEM	
■ NSE 6 Secure Wireless LAN	■ NSE 6 FortiAnalyzer Administrator	■ NSE 6 FortiMail		
		■ NSE 6 FortiWeb		

Fortinet Certified Engineer (FCE)

The Fortinet Certified Engineer certifications (5) validate your ability to design, administer, monitor, and troubleshoot Fortinet cybersecurity solutions. Each certification's curriculum covers security infrastructures using advanced Fortinet solutions.

To achieve one of these five certifications, you are required to pass the corresponding exams:

1 Core	1 Core + 1 Elective within 2 years	1 Core	1 Core	1 Core
FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER Zero Trust Access	FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER Network Security	FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER Public Cloud Security	FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER Security Operations	FORTINET CERTIFIED ENGINEER OT Security
■ NSE 7 ZTA	■ NSE 7 Enterprise Firewall	■ NSE 7 Public Cloud Security	■ NSE 7 Advanced Analytics	■ NSE 7 OT Security
	■ NSE 7 SD-WAN			
	■ NSE 7 LAN Edge			
	■ NSE 7 Network Security Support Engineer			

Fortinet Certified Expert (FCX)

The Fortinet Certified Expert in Cybersecurity certification validates your comprehensive and expert knowledge of network security design, configuration, and troubleshooting for complex networks.
To attempt both the written and practical exams, candidates must have related industry experience.
We recommend that you complete the appropriate Professional and Engineer certification level training and have extensive experience with Fortinet products in a production environment.

To achieve this certification, you must have passed the following exams:

2 Cores. Practical no more
than 2 years after written

FORTINET CERTIFIED EXPERT
Cybersecurity

■ NSE 8 Written
■ NSE 8 Practical

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