

Security Certified Network Architect (SCNA)

Like the SCNP the Security Certified Network Architect designation requires passing scores on two associated examinations; however, unlike SCNP, SCNA is a more advanced qualification which builds upon the foundation laid by SCNP. The two exams required for SCNA are “Enterprise security implementation” and “The solution exam”:

Enterprise security implementation (9 domains)

1.Law and legislation	5%
2.Forensics	7%
3.Wireless security	7%
4.Secure e-mail	8%
5.Biometrics	8%
6.PKI policy and architecture	10%
7.Digital certificates and digital signatures	15%
8.Cryptography	20%
9.Strong authentication	20%

The solution exam

The solution exam is a case scenario-type examination which requires comprehensive understanding of all issues and technologies examined in the two SCNP exams and the “Enterprise security implementation” exam. Although the solution exam is in the multiple-choice format its questions and answers are considerably longer and are more complex in order to reflect the complexity of decisions faced by network architects.

Both SCNA examinations cost US\$ 180 per exam and are available at Prometric and VUE testing centres like the SCNP examinations. Training for the SCNA is also available from Ascendant Learning and third-party training providers.