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Founded in 1993 and with headquarters in Israel and the United States Check Point Software Technologies is one of the leading network security solutions providers. Check Point is particularly well known for their firewall and virtual private network (VPN) solutions. To complement their solution offerings Check Point also administers a certification program which includes the following qualifications:

- Check Point Certified Security Principles Associate (CCSPA)
- Check Point Certified Security Administrator (CCSA)
- Check Point Certified Security Expert (CCSE)
- Check Point Certified Security Expert Plus (CCSE Plus)
- Check Point Certified Managed Security Expert (CCMSE)

In addition to certification Check Point also offers training programs intended to prepare candidates for these certification examinations – for details of these programs please visit Check Point at www.checkpoint.com.

Check Point Certified Security Principles Associate (CCSPA)

The CCSPA is Check Point's entry-level certification which is intended to demonstrate candidate's knowledge of security fundamentals, concepts and best practices.

The CCSPA certification also places particular emphasis on the understanding of relationship between business needs and network security solutions.

To earn the CCSPA designation candidates must take and pass the CCSPA exam 156-110 at a VUE testing centre.

For more information on CCSPA exam objectives and training resources please visit Check Point at www.checkpoint.com.

Check Point Certified Security Administrator (CCSA)

The Check Point Certified Security Administrator designation is for those candidates who configure and manage Check Point FireWall-1 firewalls.

The CCSA is a foundation-level qualification and requires a passing score on the *Check Point NG with Application Intelligence – Management I* exam 156-210.4 which may be taken at VUE testing centres.

For more information on the Check Point Certified Security Administrator qualification please visit www.checkpoint.com.

Check Point Certified Security Expert (CCSE)

The Check Point Certified Security Expert designation is the next step after the Check Point Certified Security Administrator qualification for those who would like to acquire certification of their Check Point VPN-1 skills in addition to FireWall-1. To earn the CCSE designation candidates must take and pass the following examinations:

- Check Point NG with Application Intelligence – Management I (Exam 156-210.4)
- Check Point NG with Application Intelligence – Management II (Exam 156-310.4)

CCSE candidates who already hold the CCSA designation need only to sit and pass exam 156-310.4 to achieve the CCSE status.

Check Point Certified Security Expert Plus (CCSE Plus)

CCSE Plus is an advanced certification built on top of the CCSA and CCSE qualifications which shows in-depth understanding of Check Point VPN-1 and FireWall-1 solutions. CCSE Plus holders also have demonstrated knowledge in network planning, implementation and troubleshooting. To be awarded the CCSE Plus designation candidates must pass the following examinations:

- Check Point NG with Application Intelligence – Management I (Exam 156-210.4)
- Check Point NG with Application Intelligence – Management II (Exam 156-310.4)
- Check Point NG with Application Intelligence – Management III (Exam 156-510.4)

Therefore CCSA and CCSE holders have to take and pass exam 156-510.4 only to achieve the CCSE Plus designation.

Check Point Certified Managed Security Expert (CCMSE)

The CCMSE designation is an advanced management qualification which requires CCSA and CCSE certifications as prerequisites.

CCMSE certifies holders' both technical and management expertise in planning, implementing and managing VPN-1, FireWall-1 and Provider-1 Check Point security solutions.

To achieve the CCMSE designation candidates must pass the following examinations:

- Check Point NG with Application Intelligence – Management I (Exam 156-210.4)
- Check Point NG with Application Intelligence – Management II (Exam 156-310.4)
- Managing Multiple Sites Using Provider-1 NG (Exam 156-810)

For exam objectives please visit www.checkpoint.com.

Check Point Certified Managed Security Expert Plus VSX (CCMSE Plus VSX)

Check Point VPN-1/FireWall-1 VSX is a high-speed multi-policy security solution designed for Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs).

The CCMSE Plus VSX designation is awarded to those CCMSE holders who have also passed the VPN-1/FireWall-1 VSX Management exam 156-811 and therefore requires CCSA, CCSE, and CCMSE certifications as prerequisites.

For more information about the VSX solution and the CCMSE Plus VSX certification please visit Check Point at www.checkpoint.com.