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NSE 8 – Fortinet Network Security 8

The Fortinet NSE 8 certification recognizes a candidate's comprehensive and in-depth ability to design, configure, and troubleshoot network security using Fortinet products in complex networks.

NSE 8 is the top level in the Fortinet certification program and is designed to reflect best practices using Fortinet solutions and in the networking and security industry.



Exam Frequently Asked Questions

Fortinet NSE 8 certification has two parts: a written exam, and a practical exam.

The following is a compilation of the most commonly asked questions about NSE 8 certification and their corresponding answers.

Why I should take the Fortinet NSE 8 certification?

The Fortinet NSE 8 designation recognizes a candidate's broad and in-depth knowledge of network security design, configuration and troubleshooting for complex networks. This is the most complete and unique networking and security designation in the worldwide technology industry. Attaining the NSE 8 designation will make you part of a new elite group of professionals.

What are the NSE 8 program requirements?

The NSE 8 program has two requirements:

- Completion of the Fortinet NSE 8 written exam
- Completion of the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam

What are the pre-requisites for the Fortinet NSE 8 certification?

There are no pre-requisites for the Fortinet NSE 8 written exam.

The written exam is a pre-requisite for the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam.

Is the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam open for all candidates?

The Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam is open for all candidates that have passed the written exam and that have purchased a valid voucher.



How I can enroll for the Fortinet NSE 8 certification?

The written exam is available worldwide through [Pearson Vue](#) test centers. If you pass the written exam, you should buy a voucher for the practical exam then check with your regional Fortinet Training administrator to schedule and coordinate the NSE 8 practical session. These sessions are available at some Fortinet NSE 8 test locations.

Fortinet Training regional administrator:

training@fortinet.com - Americas

apactraining@fortinet.com - Asia

emeatraining@fortinet.com - Europe, Middle East

Where I can find the list of topics included on the exam?

There is an exam description document on our public website that includes the complete list of topics on the Fortinet NSE 8 exams (written and practical).

The document can be downloaded from the following link:

https://www.fortinet.com/content/dam/fortinet/assets/training/NSE8_Certification_ExamDescription.pdf

Is there a study guide available to help me prepare for the Fortinet NSE 8 written and practical exams?

No, there is no study guide available to help you prepare for the Fortinet NSE 8 written or practical exam. In the exam description document mentioned above, you will find information that will help you use our admin guides, handbooks, Network Security Expert program trainings and course material to help you to prepare for the Fortinet NSE 8 written and practical exams.

Is there a boot camp or official training for the Fortinet NSE 8 certification?

No, there is no boot camp or official training available to get prepared for the Fortinet Network Security Expert 8 certification.

Is there a configuration package or pre-set lab recommended to prepare for the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam?

No, there is no recommended configuration package or preset lab to help you prepare for the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam.



Is it true that I need professional and hands-on experience with Fortinet solutions to pass the NSE 8 certification?

Professional or hands on experience with Fortinet solutions is desirable but not mandatory to pass the Network Security Expert 8 written and practical exams.

Is there a remote lab that I can access to prepare for the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam?

No, there is no remote facility available for you to use to prepare for the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam.

Can I use Fortinet virtual machines (VMs) to build my own environment to play with the solutions and prepare for the NSE 8 practical exam?

Yes, you can use Fortinet VMs to create your own environment to test configurations and play with the different solutions included on the exam.

Should I concentrate on the firmware versions listed in the exam description document, or I focus on the latest firmware versions for all products?

Ensure you are reading the latest exam description document. It will list all firmware versions that are included on Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam.

Which Fortinet solutions or products are included on the NSE 8 certification exam?

The list of Fortinet solutions and products the NSE 8 certification exam can be found in the exam description document.

Product Name	Firmware Version ¹
FortiGate	5.2.x
FortiManager / FortiAnalyzer	5.2.x
FortiADC (VM and D series)	4.3.x
FortiWeb	5.3.x
FortiSandbox	2.1.x
FortiAuthenticator	3.3.x
FortiMail	5.2.x
FortiVoice Enterprise	4.0.x

Do I have to bring anything to the practical exam? (for example, a laptop?)

No, you don't have to bring anything to the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam. We will provide all the required material and equipment.

Computers, cell phones, tablets or any other electronic devices are not allowed in the testing room.

Does the exam include a troubleshooting section?

No, the Fortinet NSE Expert 8 does not include a *formal* troubleshooting section. If you make the wrong configuration for any of the required tasks, there is a high probability that you will have to troubleshoot your own configuration.

Do I have to configure any third-party solutions on the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam?

No, all the non-Fortinet solutions are pre-configured but depending on the situation you may need to edit or change the pre-defined configuration. As an expert, you should know how to configure or troubleshoot any third-party solution that integrates with Fortinet technology.

¹ Firmware versions may change at any time without notice. Ensure you have the latest version of the exam description and FAQ document.



Do I have access to Fortinet official documentation (for example admin guides and handbooks) during the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam?

Yes, all the Fortinet official documentation (handbooks and admin guides mainly) is available locally for your reference.

What are the options to take the NSE 8 practical exam?

The NSE 8 practical exam can be delivered in two ways:

- On-site at NSE 8 physical sites: Sunrise, FL or Sophia, France
- Remotely through a VPN to our NSE 8 physical sites locations.

Do I have immediate access to the results of the NSE 8 exams?

For the NSE 8 written exam the examination report is available as soon as you complete the exam.

For the practical exam, the examination report is delivered through an official email communication between 12 to 15 days after the exam was taken.

Does the Fortinet NSE 8 certification use sequential number for the certificates?

Yes, if you pass both, the written exam and the practical exam, you will receive a unique certification number that will act as your NSE8 ID. You can use this ID to identify yourself to other NSE8 members and to other professionals in the technology market.

Where I can find pricing for the Fortinet NSE 8 certification?

If you are a partner, you can check NSE prices under the **Training** tab of the quarterly updated price list.

Another alternative is to contact your Fortinet Regional Training administrator or your sales account manager.