Network Security Advanced Administration (NSAA) End of Life FAQ

Q: Why is the Network Security Advanced Administration (NSAA) being retired?

A. The core SonicWall technical certification training has been based on the understanding of network security, with a focus on basic administration. With an eye towards training network security administrators, the NSAA provided students with a broad overview of network security technology and the skills needed to configure and administer a basic SonicWall firewall appliance. Feedback from students was that the course did not provide enough in-depth training on the SonicWall firewall itself but instead put too much emphasis on understanding network security in general. SonicWall has designed the new SonicWall Network Security Professional (SNSP) to teach students SonicWall specific network security technology and the skills to successfully implement and configure the firewall appliance and security services.

Q. Will my Network Security CSSP Certification still be valid?

A. For individuals who completed the NSAA exam and hold a current CSSP certification, SonicWall will continue to acknowledge this important certification for two years from the certification date. After June 2019, students wishing to re-certify an expiring CSSP certification will, however, be required to complete the new SNSP course and certification.

Q. Is there a prerequisite to take the new SNSP Course?

A. The new SonicWall Network Security Professional course will require the student have either an SNSA or CSSP certification to register for the SNSP course.

Q. What is different in the new SNSP Course?

A. The new SonicWall Network Security Professional (SNSP) is designed to teach students SonicWall-specific network security technology and the skills to successfully implement and configure the firewall appliance and security services.

Changes include:

- Generic network security theory is removed and provided in supplemental training material
- 2 day instructor led classroom training
- Classroom training will be 40% lecture, 60% hands on labs
- Course is built upon the recently released SonicOS 6.5 firmware

Q. What is the last day to take the Network Security CSSP Exam?

A. The last day to take and pass the Network Security CSSA Exam is June 30th, 2019. If you have currently purchased NSAA Certification Training, or a relevant test out key, please contact training@sonicwall.com.

Q. What is online proctoring and why is SonicWall moving to proctored exams?

A. SonicWall is moving towards the industry standard model of mandated proctored exams. Online proctoring is available for exams delivered through SonicWall’s training platform, SonicWall University.
Q. What is going to happen to the Network Security Advanced Administration Course (NSAA) and the CSSP Certification?

A. The NSAA Course is still an active course along with the associated CSSP Certification; however, SonicWall is continuing to update and enhance their certification training. You can access the Certification Paths diagram at https://www.sonicwalluniversity.com/contact/sonicwall-certifications.

Q. Will there be a test out option available for the new SonicWall Network Security Professional course and certification?

A. SonicWall will not be offering test out options for the SonicWall Network Security Professional (SNSP) course. The SNSP is completely new course and not just a product update of the existing NSAA course.