Network Security Basic Administration End of Life FAQ

Q: Why is the Network Security Basic Administration (NSBA) 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 NSBA 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 Administration (SNSA) 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 CSSA Certification still be valid?

A: For individuals who completed the NSBA exam and hold a current CSSA certification, SonicWall will continue to acknowledge this important certification for two years from the certification date. Students wishing to re-certify an expiring CSSA certification will, however, be required to complete the new SNSA course and certification.

Q: What is different in the new SNSA Course?

A: The new SonicWall Network Security Administration (SNSA) 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
- 6 hours of E-learning modules and 2 day instructor led classroom training
- Classroom training will be 20% lecture, 80% 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 CSSA Exam?

A: The last day to take and pass the Network Security CSSA Exam is June 30, 2018. If you have currently purchased NSBA 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 www.Training.SonicWall.com.