



Announcement Title: Two Level 5 Updates:
Review and Update of Network Security and Cryptography (L5DC) &
Changing the assessment methodology for Professional Issues in IT (L5DC & L5DBIT)

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Dear Partner Centre,

Update 1 - Review and Update of Network Security and Cryptography (L5DC)

As part of our regular and ongoing product review process, we would like to inform you that the teaching and learning materials for Network Security and Cryptography on the L5DC have been reviewed and refreshed.

The review included but was not restricted to:

- Inspecting all relevant content, including PowerPoint slides, lecturer notes and private study tasks to ensure content remained valid and where necessary appropriate updates were introduced.
- Additional topics/diagrams have been included in the teaching materials such as: Symmetric Key Encryption and Asymmetric Key Encryption, Spear Phishing, Web of Trust, Proactive security, Network Mapper and Zenmap, Firewall Functional Requirements, Application Gateway, Firewall Bypass, VPN Categories: Site-to-Site VPN and User-to-Site VPN, WPA3
- Giving the materials a more contemporary look and feel.

Please note that the way this unit is assessed will not change.

All updated materials have been uploaded to the relevant sections on Campus (<http://campus.nccedu.com/>) and should be used immediately.

Update 2 - Changing the assessment methodology for Professional Issues in IT (L5DC & L5DBIT)

In light of the feedback from our Accredited Partner Centres and as part of the continuous review and update of our qualifications and assessments, NCC Education is updating the method of assessment of the Professional Issues in IT (PIIT) unit. From the Autumn 2019 cycle onwards, the exam will be replaced by assignment. Please note that the learning outcomes for this unit have not changed. This change has been made to ensure that we are assessing students in the most effective way for the content of the unit.

A new sample PIIT assignment is due for release shortly. This will be sent to Centres in a subsequent announcement and will also be uploaded to our website.

If you have any queries regarding this announcement, please contact Centre Support.