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SUBJECT: Waiver to Temporarily Accept the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) Certification for Select Cybersecurity Personnel

References: (a) DoD Manual 8570.01-M, "Information Assurance Workforce Program," Incorporating Change Four, dated November 10, 2015 (originally issued December 10, 2005)

Cisco retired the CCNA Security Certification on February 24, 2020 and did not offer a new cybersecurity certification equivalent to the original certification. For personnel who held an active CCNA Security certification as of February 24, 2020, Cisco automatically awarded them the revised CCNA certification. The new CCNA certification has minimal foundational cybersecurity content and is not acceptable for the DoD 8570.01-M "Information Assurance Workforce Program."

Given the pending issuance of the DoD 8140 Manual "Cyber Workforce Qualification and Management Program" to replace the DoD 8570 qualification program, I have determined that for those who possessed CCNA Security it is not an efficient use of time or resources to obtain a different DoD 8570 Approved Baseline Certification. Instead, they shall be provided sufficient time to qualify under the 8140 program requirements following its issuance.

For civilian, military, and contractor personnel who obtained the CCNA Security certification before February 24, 2020 and are assigned to a designated 8570 billet, I waive the requirement to obtain an alternative certification listed in the DoD 8570 Approved Baseline of Certifications, and I designate the revised CCNA certification as temporarily acceptable for the following four 8570 categories: Information Assurance Technical (IAT) I, IAT II, Cybersecurity Service Provider (CSSP) Analyst, and CSSP Incident Responder.

This waiver is effective immediately and will remain in effect for the qualification timeframes specified in the DoD 8140 Program. Affected personnel will maintain the currency of their CCNA certification until qualified under the 8140 Program.

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