



# NSE Program Updates

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# October 2025 Updates

- Reintroducing the NSE 1 to 8 exam levels
- Adjusting NSE tracks

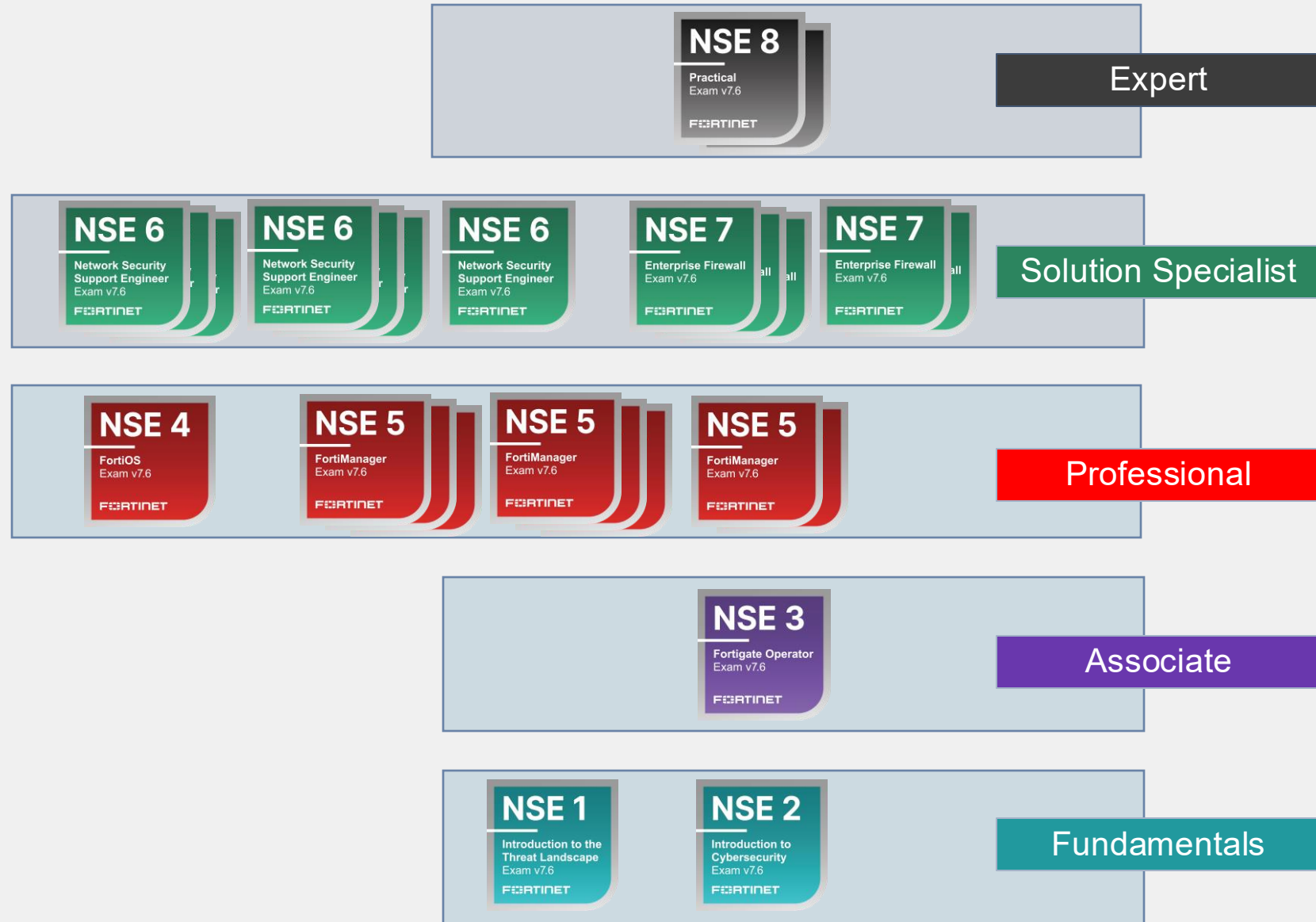


# This Update Supports...

- The latest industry advancements and Fortinet technological innovations
- Expanded cyber roles and education pathways
- Enhanced opportunities for cross-solution learning and skill development
- Feedback from NSE professionals
- Ongoing Fortinet program evaluation

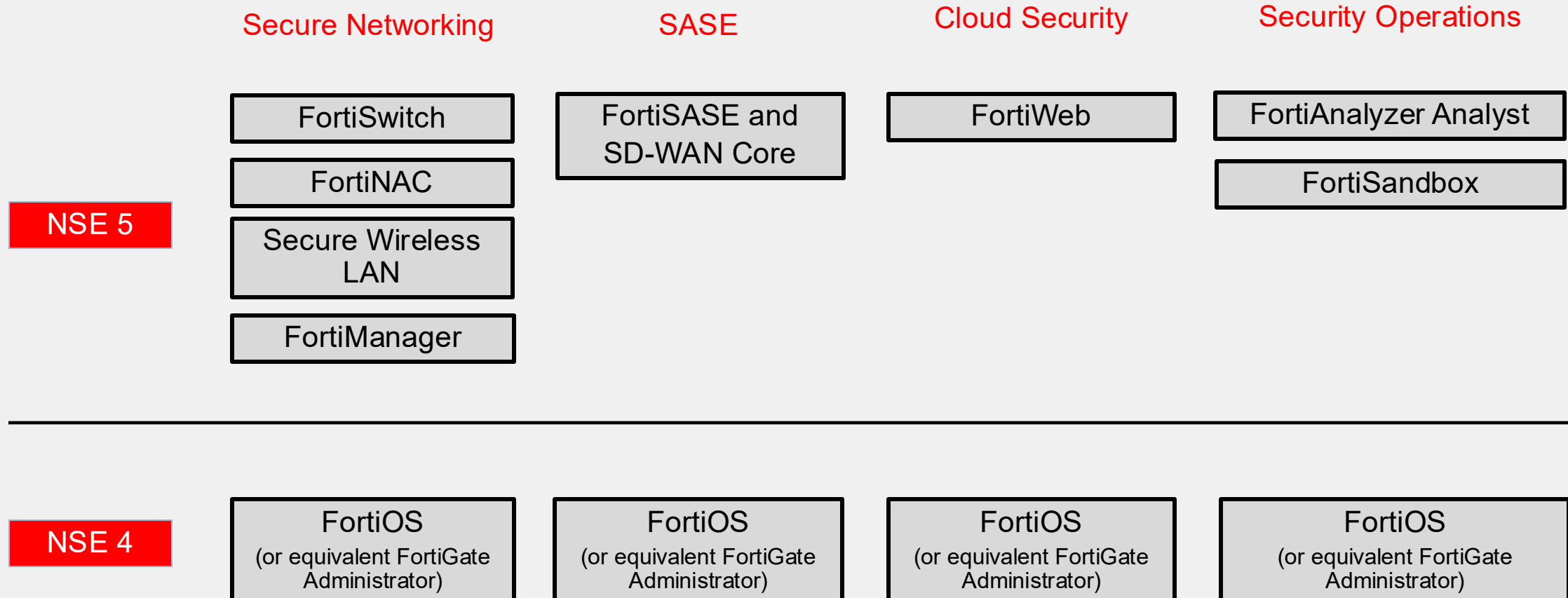


# Updated Naming with NSE Number Re-introduced



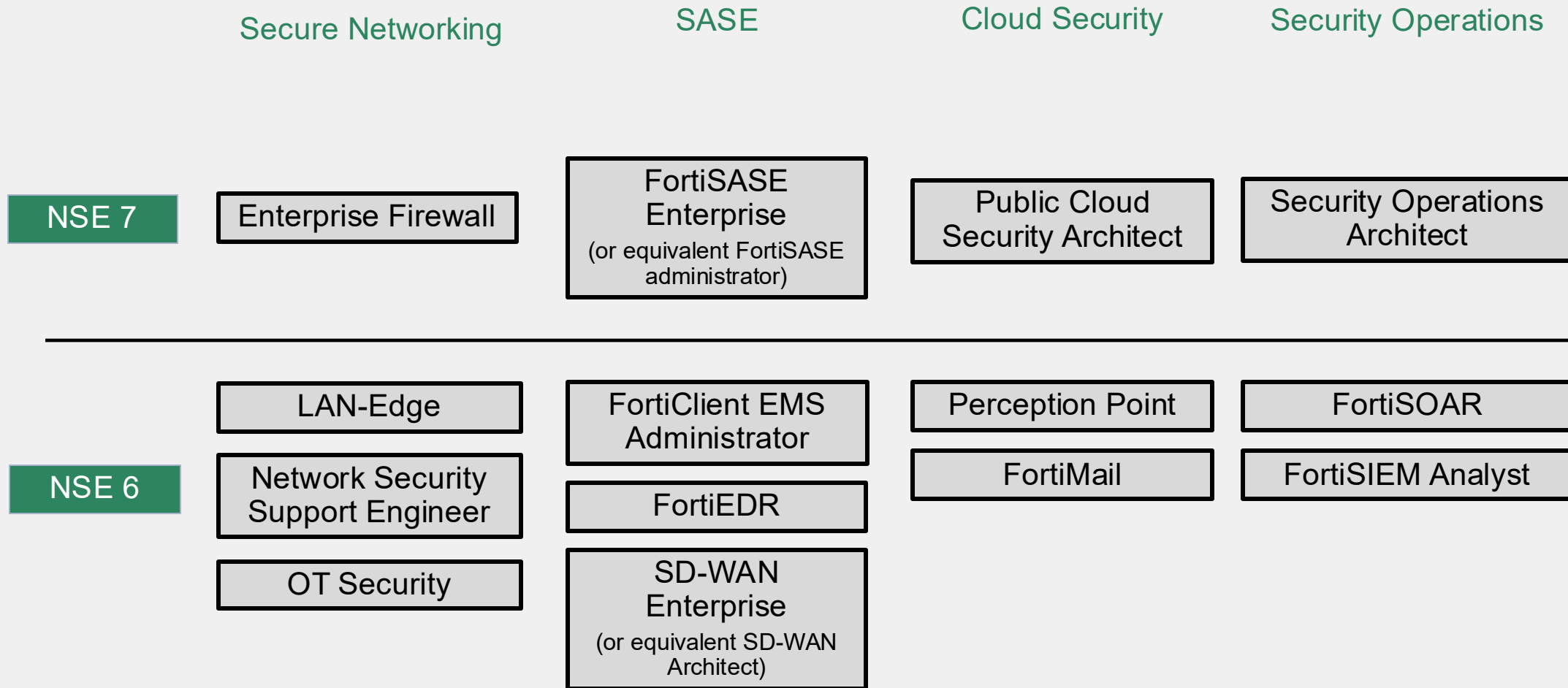
# Reorganization of the Professional Exams

One NSE 4 and one NSE 5 = Professional



# Reorganization of the Solution Specialist Exams

One NSE 6 and one NSE 7 = Solution Specialist



# Cybersecurity Tracks

Exam Level	Secure Networking	SASE	Cloud Security	Security Operations
<b>NSE 7</b>	Enterprise Firewall	FortiSASE Enterprise <sup>(*)</sup> (or equivalent FortiSASE Administrator)	Public Cloud Security Architect	Security Operations Architect <sup>(*)</sup>
<b>NSE 6</b>	Support Engineer LAN Edge OT Security	FortiClient EMS FortiEDR SD-WAN Enterprise <sup>(*)</sup> (or equivalent SD-WAN Architect)	FortiMail Perception Point <sup>(*)</sup>	FortiSIEM FortiSOAR
<b>NSE 5</b>	FortiManager FortiSwitch FortiNAC Secure Wireless LAN	FortiSASE and SD-WAN Core <sup>(*)</sup>	FortiWeb	FortiAnalyzer Analyst FortiSandbox
<b>NSE 4</b>	FortiOS <sup>(*)</sup> (or equivalent FortiGate Administrator)			

<sup>(\*)</sup> New exam



# Impact to Existing FCP Certifications

- FCP in Network Security
  - All existing certifications and certification badges will be renamed to **FCP in Secure Networking** in October.
- FCP in Public Cloud Security
  - All existing certifications and certification badges will be renamed to **FCP in Cloud Security** in October.
- FCP in Security Operations
  - No changes.





# Impact to Existing FCSS Certifications

- FCSS in Network Security
  - All existing certifications and certification badges will be renamed to **FCSS in Secure Networking** in October.
- FCSS in Secure Access Service Edge
  - All existing certifications and certification badges will be renamed to **FCSS in SASE** in October.
- FCSS in Public Cloud Security
  - All existing certifications and certification badges will be renamed to **FCSS in Cloud Security** in October.
- FCSS in Security Operations
  - No changes.
- FCSS in OT Security
  - Certification will retire in October.
  - All existing FCSS in OT Security certifications will be honored by Fortinet until their expiration date.
  - The OT Security Architect exam will be part of Secure Networking. Therefore, existing holders of the FCSS in OT Security certification can take the NSE 7 Enterprise Firewall exam after October 15, before the certification expires, to be granted FCSS in Secure Networking.



# New Courses and Exams

- FortiSASE and SD-WAN Core Administrator
  - One single exam, two standalone courses:
    - FortiSASE Core Administrator
    - SD-WAN Core Administrator
- SD-WAN Enterprise Administrator (replacing SD-WAN Architect)
- FortiSASE Enterprise Administrator (replacing FortiSASE Administrator)
- Security Operations Architect (hands-off on July 28)
- FortiOS Administrator (replacing FortiGate Administrator)
- Perception Point Administrator (ETA Mid Q4)



# Exams to retire in October

## Exams to retire on October 15 (courses will remain):

- Professional – FortiAuthenticator Administrator
- Professional – FortiAnalyzer Administrator

## Exam and course to retire on October 15:

- Professional – AWS Cloud Security Administrator
- Professional – Azure Cloud Security Administrator
- Professional – Google Cloud Security Administrator



# Courses and Exams to Be Updated

- NSE 2 - Technical Introduction to Cybersecurity
- NSE 3 - FortiGate Operator
- NSE 5 - FortiWeb Administrator (ETA Mid Q4)
- NSE 6 - FortiNAC Administrator (ETA Mid Q4)
- NSE 7 – Public Cloud Security Architect

