NCI Academy Cyber Training Services
Executive Overview for NATO Nations

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Supporting NATO's Digital Endeavour

In the coming years, the NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Agency will roll out more than 2 billion EUR worth of NATO technology investments in support of political and military decision-makers. Its wide-ranging IT Modernization Programme will fundamentally reshape NATO's cyber posture, embrace cloud computing, strengthen NATO-wide resilience, enhance information assurance, and increase the mobility and agility of the workforce, all in support of NATO's Digital Endeavour. The formation of the NCI Academy provides NATO with a world-class training capability to maintain its technological advantage.

NCI Academy opens its doors for training

The newly-formed NCI Academy organization started training operations at its new flagship training location in the new Agency campus in Oeiras, Portugal on 2 September 2019. The NCI Academy is an element of the NATO Communications and Information Agency, with 100+ professional staff and facilities in Oeiras, The Hague, Netherlands and Mons, Belgium, consolidating all training provided by the Agency. The NCI Agency and its predecessors have provided training across the entire spectrum of NATO's Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) and Cyber services to the Nations, the NATO Command Structure and the NATO Force Structure for over 60 years. This illustrious heritage will continue in Oeiras as well as in the NATO Headquarters, national home bases and NATO deployed operations around the world.

Our training offer

The NCI Academy offers training across the entire spectrum of NATO-specific C4ISR and Cyber systems, including user, administrator and technical training, as well as courses for military and civilian staff working in more general Communications and Information Systems posts. Looking to the future, there is considerable focus on updating and upgrading NATO's Cyber training capability in coordination with the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence, with the aim of training 10,000 Cyber Defenders in the next five years through the NCI Academy.

Updated funding arrangements

The formation of the NCI Academy also provides the opportunity to align training services with the remainder of NCI Agency business and the Customer Funding Regulatory Framework, including implementing NATO eligibility rules for training in line with the 2013 Policy change decided by the Nations in the Resource Policy and Planning Board (RPPB). As a result, many of the current students, originating from the Nations, and not in NATO positions, are no longer eligible for NATO Common Funding and as a consequence, with the introduction of Customer Funding, from 2021 onwards Allied Command Operations (ACO) will only fund NATO students eligible for Common Funding.

Catalogue of training services

As of 2021, all courses available for the NATO Force Structure and for other (multi)national units will be charged at catalogue prices, with a transition period starting in 2020 onwards.
The NCI Academy catalogue is available at www.ncia.nato.int/training and course pricing can be requested through training@ncia.nato.int. Nations are encouraged to review the catalogue and ensure their NCI Academy training requirements are appropriately addressed through national budgeting processes.

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