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About this Guide

This guide includes an overview of general processes, instructions for how to register your company as a Cisco® Channel Partner and detailed information about submitting an application.

Overview of the Partner Registration Process

Partner Registration enables a company to become a Cisco Registered Partner - the first step on the path to reaping the rewards offered by the Cisco Channel Partner Program. The award-winning Cisco Channel Partner Program offers you the solutions, training, tools and support you need to help satisfy your customers and set your company apart from the competition.

Simple Requirements to Become a Cisco Partner

To become a Cisco registered for each country in which you practice business:

- You must be either a reseller or non-reseller who provides professional services related to Cisco products
- You must have a verifiable physical address in the country
- You must have at least one employee in the country with a Cisco.com ID
- You must agree to the terms and conditions of the Indirect Channel Partner Agreement

In order to become a Cisco Registered Partner, apply using the <u>Partner Registration</u> tool. As part of the registration process, companies that do not have a direct purchasing relationship with Cisco will be required to review and agree with the terms and conditions of the <u>Indirect Channel Partner Agreement (ICPA)</u>. Only one person per company (for each country) can agree with the terms and conditions, and submit an application. Status as a registered partner is valid for 12 months and must be renewed annually.

Direct competitors of Cisco Systems will not be granted Cisco Specialized Partner or Cisco Certified Partner status pursuant to the Worldwide Channel Partner Program. Direct competitors may participate as Cisco Registered Partners. Any entity that is owned or controlled by one of these competitors may not participate as a Cisco Specialized Partner or Cisco Certified Partner. Ownership or control is defined as 51% or more.

Resources

User Guide: Provides detailed instructions about how to use the Partner Registration tool and register your company as a Cisco Registered Partner.

FAQs: Lists frequently asked questions and answers to help navigate through the registration process.

Partner Support: Contact Cisco Customer Service Team for questions or concerns about the tool or process.

Getting Started

Logging In

You must have a Cisco.com user ID and password to register as a Cisco Partner. If you do not have one, apply for one <u>here</u>.

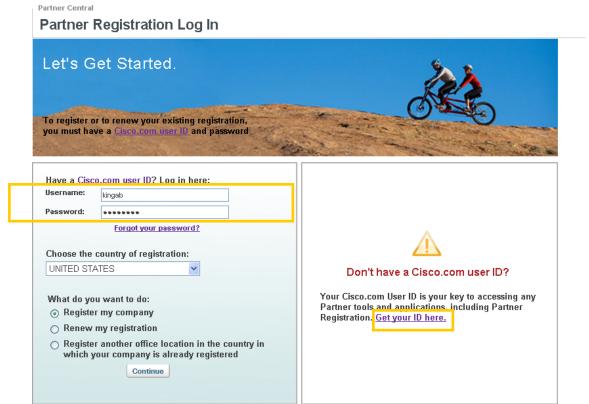
Compatible browsers: Best viewed in (Internet Explorer 6.0 & 7.0, Firefox 2.0).

- **1. Start** Ensure that your company is a reseller or provides professional services related to Cisco products. The person submitting the application must also be authorized to sign legally binding documents at your company.
- **2. Confirm** Verify your company and personal information. Accurate information protects the integrity of your company's information within the Cisco Partner database and makes it easier for Cisco to contact you.
- **3. Agree** Review the terms and conditions of the Cisco Indirect Channel Partner Agreement (ICPA) and agree to them on behalf of your company.
- **4. Launch** Finalize your application and browse through the tools and training available as a registered Cisco Partner.

Information Required:

- Business Address
- Contact Information
- Companies doing business in the United States and Canada: Federal Tax Identification Number or VATIN Number (optional, and enables faster approval of application).

Companies doing business in the European Union: A Value-Added Tax Identification Number (VATIN) is a unique identifier of a business entity used in the European Union for taxation purposes.

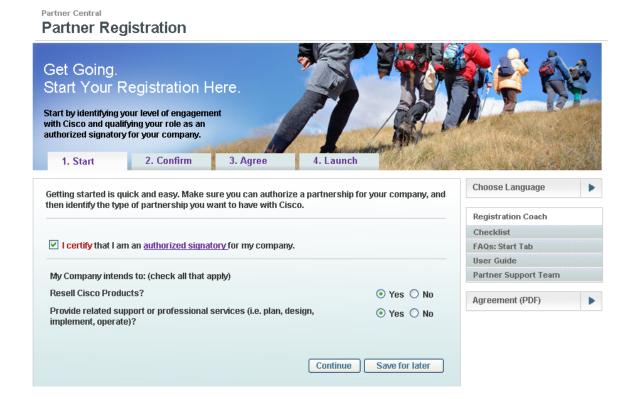


• If you do not have a Cisco.com User ID, click Get your ID here.

• To register your company for the first time, click *Register my company*

Select a Business Model

The next step is to provide your company's intended business model with Cisco. Please respond Yes to the question that best describes your company's business model. If your company does not fit one of the business model types, you may not be eligible to apply to the Cisco Channel Partner Program.



Confirm Company Information

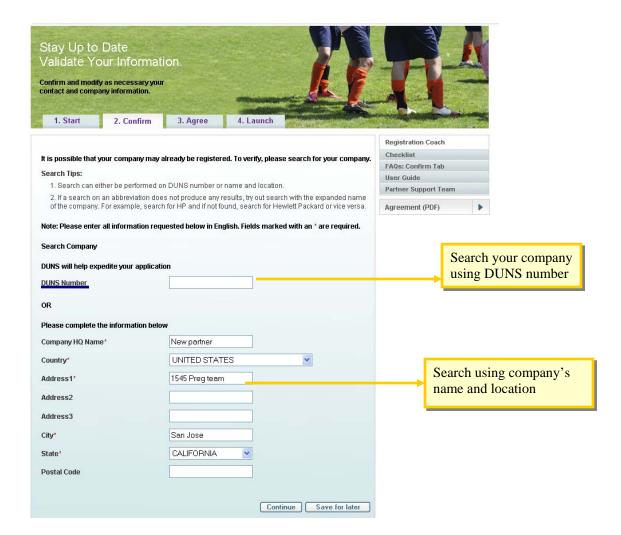
This section describes how to search for your company in the Cisco Channel Partner database for new and current Channel Partners.

New Company Search:

Your company may already be registered in our Channel Partner database. Search for your company search by partner name and country, and/or by company address. If your search is not successful after several attempts, it is likely that your company has not been registered with the Cisco Channel Partner Program and you will be directed to create a company profile.

You can also search by DUNS number. A Dun & Bradstreet (D&B®) D-U-N-S® Number is a unique nine-digit number recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of more than 100 million businesses worldwide. Check the www.dnb.com site for your company's D-U-N-S® Number.

To search for a company

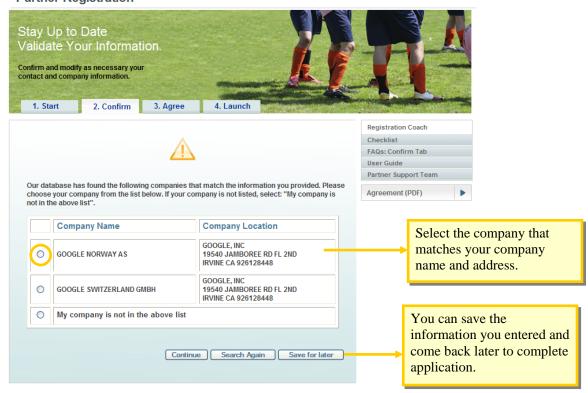


Company Found after Search

If a match is found, the system will display a list of companies that closely match the information you provided in your search criteria.

- 1. Click on the radio button next to your company. Click on "Continue".
- 2. If your company is already registered, you will need to <u>Associate Yourself with Your Company</u> through the <u>Partner Self Service</u> tool.

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- If your company is displayed, but the information is wrong, select "My Company is not in the above list" and click "Continue".
- 4. If your company is not listed, Click "Continue with registration" to register your company.



Company Not Found After Search

If no matches are produced, you will receive the following message confirming that no matches were found.



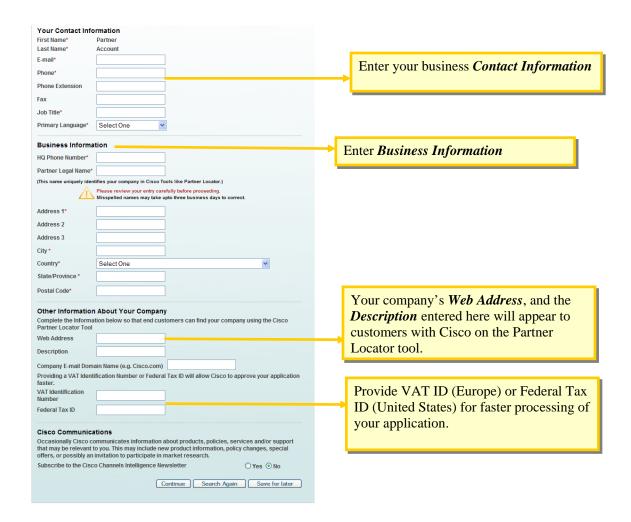
Search Again

Try alternate searches. For example, if a search on an abbreviation does not produce any results, try your search with the expanded company name.

- 1. Select the "Search Again" button to perform another search.
- 2. If you are still unable to find your company, click on "Continue". This will allow you to create a new company demographic profile.

Confirm

Accurate information makes it easier to identify your company and communicate with you. Please review and confirm your contact and business information, make any changes and then choose **Continue** when you are ready to proceed.



If you must stop the process temporarily, use *Save for Later* and your registration will be saved for 3 months. When you are ready to proceed, choose *Continue*.

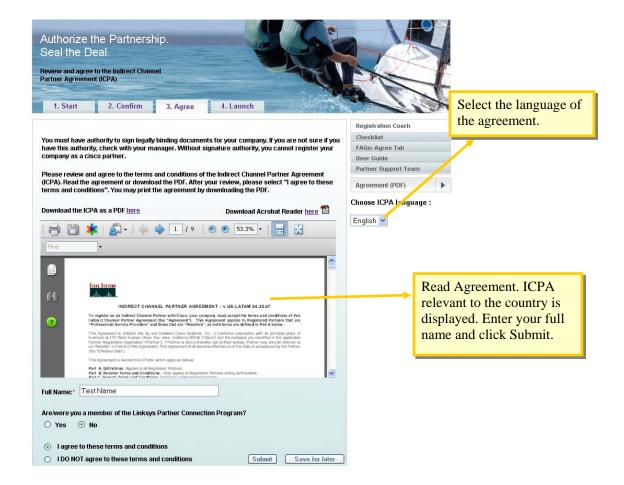
Agree to Terms and Conditions of the Indirect Channel Partner Agreement

Review and agree to the terms and conditions of the Indirect Channel Partner Agreement (ICPA). You must have the authority to sign legally binding documents for your company. If you are not sure you have this authority, check with your manager. Without signature authority, you cannot register your company as a Cisco partner.

Review the legal agreement between Cisco and your Company which is valid for one year. All indirect partners must sign this agreement.

- Select a Language from the *Choose ICPA Language* drop down to read the Indirect Channel Partner Agreement in another language
- You can also download the *pdf* copy of the ICPA.

If you are a Linksys partner, make sure to select the *Linksys Partner Connection Program*. This helps integrate Linksys partners.



To agree to the terms and conditions of the Indirect Channel Partner Agreement:

- 1. Enter your full name
- 2. Check the radio button to the left of "I agree to these terms and conditions"
- 3. Select Submit.

Declining the Indirect Channel Partner Agreement

Declining the ICPA

Cisco encourages new partners to sign the Indirect Channel Partner Agreement to quickly access Partner Central and to be visible to customers. Various legal terms and clauses including the date of agreement & partners' involvement are briefly explained in the agreement. If you select "I DO NOT agree to these terms and conditions" of the ICPA, your application cannot be processed at this time. If you think you need more information, browse through the FAQs, and/or open a support case or call customer service.



At this point you can:

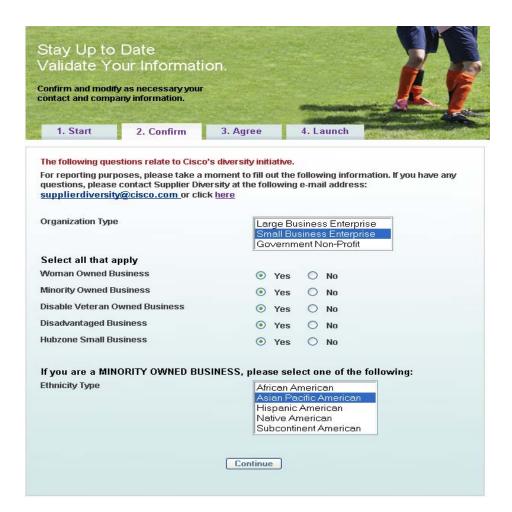
- Click Go back, review the terms and conditions and check "I agree to these terms and conditions."
- Click *Go back*, and select Save for Later; your registration will be saved for three months.
- Cancel your registration. By doing so, all information you have entered to this point will be discarded.

Complete the Diversity Questionnaire (for U.S. partners only)

We believe a diverse, multicultural supply chain is a source of innovation and is good for business. In many countries, governments are focusing on supplier diversity and requiring it of businesses. For example, in the United States, a company that provides products and services to government organizations or public utilities must demonstrate its efforts to reach out to diverse suppliers, including:

- Small businesses
- Veteran-owned small businesses
- Service-disabled or disabled veteran-owned small businesses
- Small, disadvantaged businesses omen- or minority-owned small businesses or enterprises

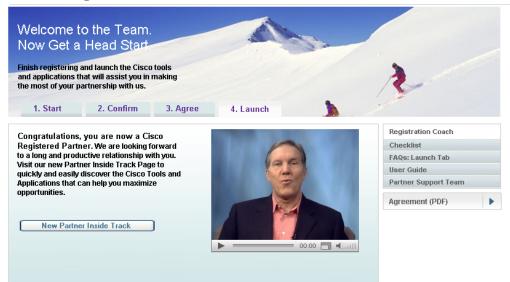
Please complete the Diversity Questionnaire; this is required for US partners only. This improves customer satisfaction by allowing the customer to get the Cisco products and services they need and still be able to count the expenditure as diverse.



Use the New Partner Inside Track

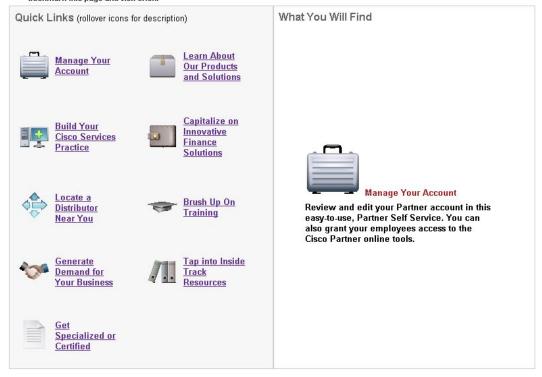
You have completed the Partner registration process. You are now a Cisco Registered Partner, however, it might take 24 hours for activation (information propagates to all servers across Cisco). Visit the *New Partner Inside Track* page to quickly and easily discover the Cisco tools and applications that can help you maximize opportunities.

Partner Registration





Here are the key links for the tools, services and information you need to start being a successful Partner Right away. Make sure to bookmark this page and visit often.



Track Your Company's Application

Cisco may need to review your company's application and will do so within 5-10 business days of your submission date. Once your application is processed, Cisco will send you an e-mail message notifying you that your company has either been approved or denied as a Cisco Registered Partner. Please log in again to the Partner Registration home page to review your application status.

If your company is approved, your application status is set to approve and now you can sign the Agreement. Once you sign the agreement, an e-mail will be sent to you outlining the Cisco Registered Partner benefits and your responsibility as Partner Administrator for your company.

Renewing Your Registered Partner Status

Renewing Registered Partner

Cisco Registered Partner agreements are valid for 12 months and may be renewed 90 days before expiration of the ICPA by anyone authorized to sign legally binding agreements for your company. (The original applicant does not need to manage the renewal process.)

To renew your Partner agreement, log on to the Partner Registration tool with your Cisco user ID and password, then choose the "Renew my Registration" option.

You must accept the current ICPA by your anniversary date. You have a 10-day grace period after your expiry date in which to agree to the ICPA and renew your Registered Partner status. If you do not renew your Registered Partner status by the end of the 10-day grace period:

- Your status as a Cisco Registered Partner is terminated
- All associated employees lose their partner-level access to Cisco.com
- Your company is no longer eligible to participate in the Cisco Channel Partner Program
- You must reapply to become a Cisco Registered Partner and agree to the ICPA for all country locations
- Your company listing will be removed from the Partner locator

Contacting Partner Support

The Cisco Customer Service Team provides Cisco Channel Partners a starting point to find a wealth of information applicable to their specific needs. If you have questions or concerns about the Partner Registration tool or process, click on <u>Partner Support</u>. Partner Support allows you to search for frequently asked questions, open a support case, and track your support history. If you are not able to find your question in our knowledge database, you may open a support case. A partner support representative will provide a timely response to your inquiry.

