Certified Information Systems Security Professional

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CISSP Test Facts

• One of five major certifications of ISC².
  • Systems Security Certified Practitioner (SCCP): Entry-level IT Security Certification
  • Certified Authorization Professional (CAP): Intermediate Security Certification
  • Certified Secure Software Lifecycle Professional (CSSLP): Software Development Professionals
  • Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP): High-Level IT Security Certification
  • Certified Information System Security Professional Concentrations (ISSAP, ISSEP, ISSMP)
CISSP Focus

- Geared toward individuals in technical and engineering positions.
  - Network Security Engineers
  - Systems Security Analysts
  - Security Administrators
  - System Administrators
  - Application Programmers
  - Database Administrators
  - Systems Analysts
Why Earn the CISSP?

• Recognized as a high-level IT security certification
• Be recognized for professional standing
• High demand for CISSP’s
• High salaries standard for CISSP’s
Demand for CISSP

• CISSP is one of the five (5) most in-demand IT certifications.

Salaries of CISSP’s

• IT Security professionals are one of the highest paid positions
  • Salaries range from $80,000 to $120,000
  • Average is about $100,000
  • Best salaries are in larger cities
CISSP Test Details

• The exam contains 250 multiple-choice questions, with 4 choices each.
• 25 Questions are included for testing purposes.
• Test takers may take up to six (6) hours.
• Guessing on questions does not count against you.
• You can go back, forward – answer questions in any order.
• Computerized tests can be taken at Pearson-Vue Professional test centers.
• Or, regularly scheduled regional paper exams.
Important Testing Notes

- Register for the test at PearsonVue, [www.pearsonvue.com/isc2](http://www.pearsonvue.com/isc2).
- You must bring two forms of identification
  - One must have a signature
  - One must a photo
  - Both must be current and valid
- Be on-time!!! 15 Minutes late forfeits the test.
- You must agree to and sign a non-disclosure agreement
- You will be photographed and have a biometric hand scan
- You will be searched for unauthorized materials
- Personal belongings will be kept in a locker
- Breaks count against your test time.
  - You may be excused one at a time, by a proctor
- Special accommodations are available by request
- The test fee is eligible for reimbursement under the GI Bill.
CISSP Endorsement

- Once you have passed the CISSP test, you must be endorsed by a current CISSP.
- You must have five years experience, in two or more domains.
- If you don’t have the experience, you can become an Associate CISSP
- You can be granted a one-year waiver for a college degree.
- Your experience needs to be detailed on your resume.
Exam Reorganization

effective April 15, 2015

Old CISSP Exam – 10 Domains

• Access Control Systems and Methodology
• Telecommunications and Network Security
• Security Management Practices
• Applications and Systems Development Security
• Cryptography
• Security Architecture and Models
• Operations Security
• Business Continuity Planning and Disaster Recovery Planning
• Law, Investigations, and Ethics
• Physical Security

New CISSP Exam – 8 Domains

• Security & Risk Management
• Asset Security
• Security Engineering
• Communications & Network Security
• Identity & Access Management
• Security Assessment & Testing
• Security Operations
• Security in the Software Development Life Cycle