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|  | CIS-1290 Principles of Information Security |

Chapter 3 Assignment 2

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This memo will discuss the definition of CISSP and then moves into describing the ethical rules that a CISSP is required to follow.

The abbreviated form, CISSP, is defined as “Certified Information Systems Security Professional”. It is a title provided to one that successfully becomes certified by completing a CISSP exam. "(ISC) ²" or the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium was formed in the mid 1980’s to provide this certification because there were no standards in place for information system security. They wanted a way for an individual to show their understanding of the practice thus the certification process enabled one to do this.

Once someone is officially certified they are bound to a specific code of ethics. In the event that a CISSP does not adhere to this rules, they would be subject to a review by a panel of their peers and possibly lose their certification and title. The following code is outlined below:

Code of Ethics Introduction:

Safety of the commonwealth, duty to our principals, and to each other requires that we adhere, and be seen to adhere, to the highest ethical standards of behavior. Therefore, strict adherence to this code is a condition of certification.

Code of Ethics Canons:

* Protect society, the commonwealth, and the infrastructure.
* Act honorably, honestly, justly, responsibly, and legally.
* Provide diligent and competent service to principals.
* Advance and protect the profession.

Both sections are considered mandatory. Additional guidance is provided as well, but states that it is not expected of the CISSP to follow the information. It is listed only as advice. The reason it exists is to aid in the decisions that the CISSP may be confronted with.