CISSP.

Certified Information
Systems Security Professional

An (ISC)² Certification

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE CISSP

How to achieve the world's premier cybersecurity certification

Achieve More in Your Career

You prove every day that you have what it takes to secure critical assets. But our profession is always changing, and even the brightest minds can benefit from having a guide on the journey to success. (ISC)² is here to help you discover the right path, create your plan and thrive throughout your career.

The Ultimate Guide to the CISSP covers everything to know about the world's premier cybersecurity certification. See how the CISSP – and (ISC)² – can distinguish you as a globally respected security leader.

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Is the CISSP Right for Me?

The CISSP is ideal for information security professionals seeking to prove their understanding of cybersecurity strategy and hands-on implementation. It shows you have the advanced knowledge and technical skills to design, develop and manage an organization's overall security posture.

5 YEARS

Experience

To qualify for the CISSP, candidates must pass the exam and have at least five years of cumulative, paid work experience in two or more of the eight domains of the (ISC)² CISSP Common Body of Knowledge (CBK®).

A candidate who doesn't yet have the required experience to become a CISSP may become an Associate of (ISC)² after successfully passing the CISSP exam. The Associate of (ISC)² will then have six years to earn the experience needed for CISSP certification.
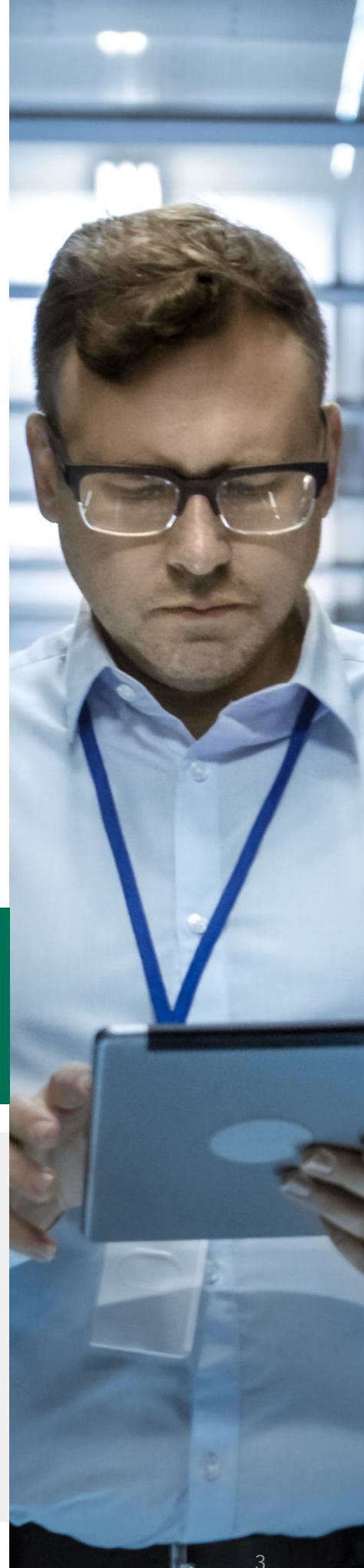
Discover Your Path

See "Pathway to CISSP Certification" for more information.

Jobs that Typically Use or Require the CISSP

- » Chief Information Officer
- » Chief Information Security Officer
- » Director of Security
- » IT Director/Manager
- » Network Architect
- » Security Analyst

- » Security Architect
- » Security Auditor
- » Security Consultant
- » Security Manager
- » Security Systems Engineer

The CISSP has provided me with an increased level of credibility and trustworthiness. It has also given me a great opportunity to meet and collaborate with other security professionals through my local (ISC)² member chapter and industry events such as the annual (ISC)² Security Congress conference.

Walter Speelman
Staff Security Specialist, IAM/EVM/SOAR
Walt Disney Company
Orlando, Florida, USA

Being an Associate of (ISC)² has opened many new doors and opportunities for me. As a CISSP, I am immediately connected to resources and a network of like-minded people as we work together to inspire a safe and secure cyber world.

Lucy Chaplin
Manager
Wavestone
London, UK

CISSPs from Around the Globe

When I achieved the CISSP, clients and other professionals in the field began to approach me with full confidence. Because the CISSP extends beyond the technicalities and focuses on hands-on application of knowledge, stakeholders know you can effectively identify risks – and efficiently evaluate how to mitigate them.

Shashana Campbell
Technology Audit Manager
Grant Thornton LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
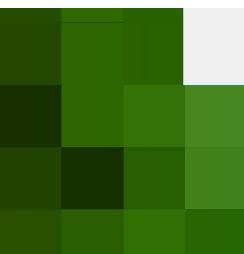
Preparing for the CISSP gave me invaluable insight to better manage and communicate with different stakeholders, including engineering and DevOps. Since passing the CISSP exam, I have also attracted the attention and respect of employers and recruiters, which brings great self-satisfaction.
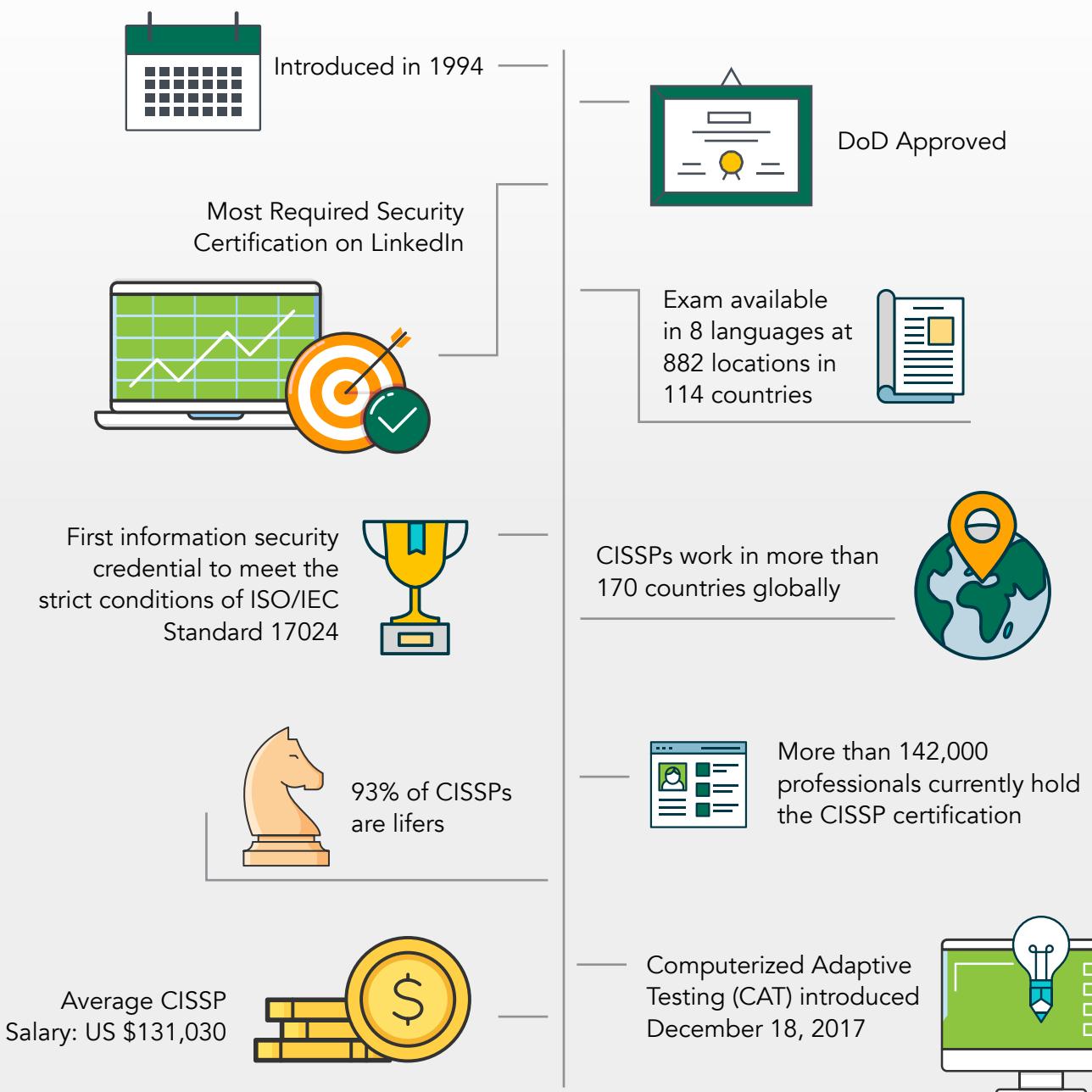
Samana Haider
Manager, Security Labs
Forcepoint
Dublin, Ireland

Join the (ISC)² Community!

Meet, learn from and ask questions of CISSPs in our virtual community. You don't have to be an (ISC)² member to join relevant discussions with a network of security professionals focused on ensuring a safe and secure cyber world.

Fast Facts About CISSP

Introduced in 1994

DoD Approved

Most Required Security Certification on LinkedIn

Exam available in 8 languages at 882 locations in 114 countries

First information security credential to meet the strict conditions of ISO/IEC Standard 17024

CISSPs work in more than 170 countries globally

93% of CISSPs are lifers

More than 142,000 professionals currently hold the CISSP certification

Average CISSP Salary: US $131,030

Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT) introduced December 18, 2017

SHOUT-OUTS

Named the **MOST VALUED CREDENTIAL AMONG EMPLOYERS** by a margin of 3 to 1

— 2017 Cybersecurity Trends Spotlight Report

Named one of the **TOP CERTIFICATIONS IN BEST INFORMATION SECURITY CERTIFICATIONS**

— 2018 article, Tech Gig

Voted **"BEST PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM"** numerous times

— SC Magazine

Made **"The Next Big Thing"** list as the #2 certification Annual Salary Survey respondents plan to earn in 2020

*— Certification Magazine*

Benefits of Being CISSP-Certified

Career advancement
Raise visibility and credibility, improve job security and create new opportunities.

Versatile skills
Vendor-neutral so skills can be applied to different technologies and methodologies.

Respect
Differentiate yourself to employers, clients and peers.

Solid foundation
Be better prepared to stem cyber attacks and inspire a safe and secure cyber world.

Community of professionals
Gain access to (and respect from) a global community of like-minded cybersecurity leaders.

Higher salaries
On average, (ISC)² members report earning 35% more than non-members.

Expanded knowledge
Reach a deeper, better and broader understanding of the common body of knowledge for cybersecurity.

Stronger skill set
Expand the skills and knowledge needed to fulfill organizational duties.

Benefits of (ISC)² Membership

Once you earn your CISSP, you become an (ISC)² member and part of a professional community that never stops learning and growing. You also gain access to a full suite of benefits and resources for continuing education and development:

» Free online (ISC)² Professional Development Institute courses

» Free subscription to InfoSecurity Professional Magazine

» Member pricing for (ISC)² events

» 50% off official (ISC)² textbooks

» Deep discounts on industry conferences

» Expert-led webinars on the latest security issues

» The ability to join or start a local (ISC)² Chapter

» Volunteer Opportunites

» Safe and Secure Online program

» Professional recognition through (ISC)² Awards Programs

» Digital badges to promote expertise

» (ISC)² Member Perks

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Digital Badges Show Off Your Skills
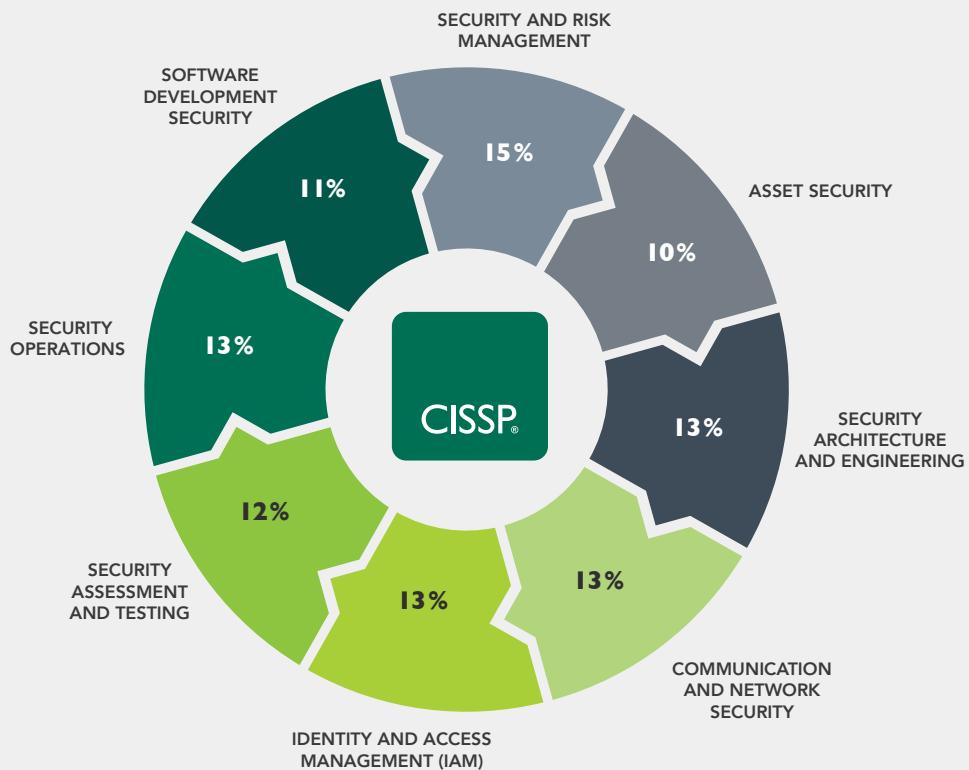
A digital badge is the cool (and secure) way to share your credential online. You can attach it to a website, digital resume, email signature or social network. And with one simple click, employers and colleagues can verify your credential – and all that's required to earn it.

Easy to claim and use, digital badges let you…

» Share abilities online

» Prove verification of abilities in real time

» Show the experience and knowledge required to earn your CISSP

CISSP **Exam Overview**

The CISSP exam evaluates expertise across eight security domains. (Think of domains as topics you need to master based on your professional experience and education.) Passing the exam proves you have the advanced knowledge and technical skills to effectively design, implement and manage a best-in-class cybersecurity program.

SECURITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT — 15%

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT SECURITY — 11%

ASSET SECURITY — 10%

SECURITY OPERATIONS — 13%

CISSP

SECURITY ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING — 13%

SECURITY ASSESSMENT AND TESTING — 12%

IDENTITY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT (IAM) — 13%

COMMUNICATION AND NETWORK SECURITY — 13%

125 - 175
Number of items on the English CISSP CAT (Computer Adaptive Testing) exam

The non-English linear, fixed-form CISSP exam has 250 items

4 hrs.
Maximum amount of time for the CISSP CAT exam

The non-English linear, fixed-form CISSP exam allows 6 hours to complete

700
Score you need out of 1,000 to pass the exam

CISSP CAT
As of December 18, 2017, all English CISSP exams worldwide use CAT. Non-English CISSP exams are administered as a linear, fixed-form exam.
Learn more about CAT
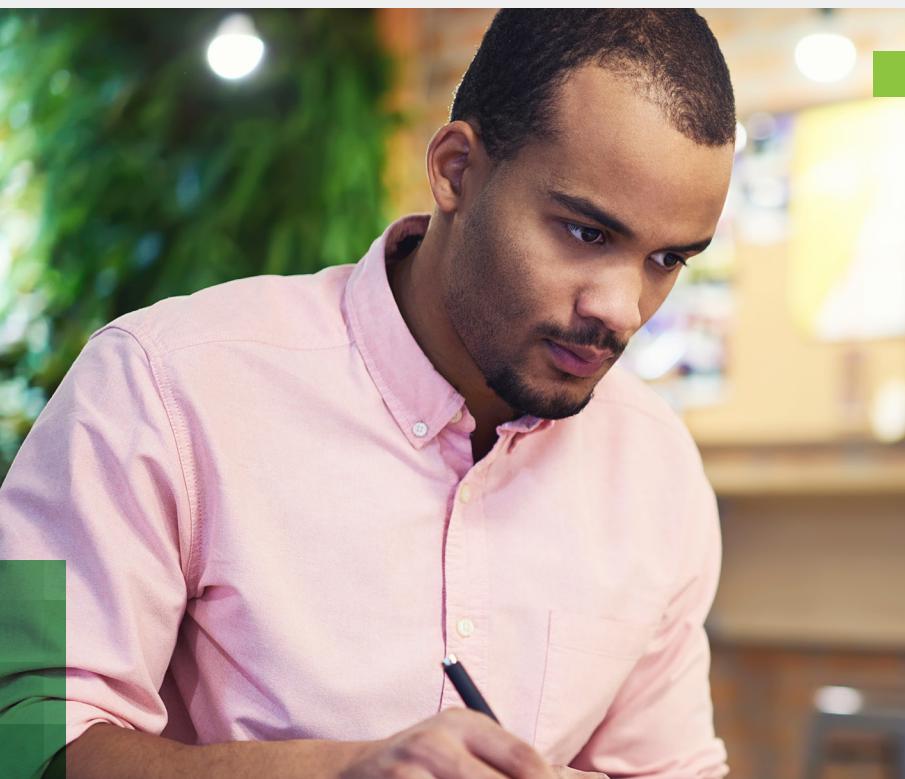
Exam availability: English, French, German, Brazilian Portuguese, Spanish Modern, Japanese, Simplified Chinese, Korean

Testing Centers: (ISC)[2] Authorized PPC and PVTC Select Pearson VUE Testing Centers

Official CISSP Training

With self-paced or instructor-led online and classroom courses, (ISC)² has a training option to fit different schedules and learning styles. Trainings, seminars, courseware and self-study aids directly from (ISC)² or one of our many Official Training Partners help you get ready for the CISSP exam by reviewing relevant domains and topics.

Classroom-based

Online Instructor-Led

Private On-site

Online Self-Paced

CISSP Study Resources

- » **Exam Outline**
- » **Official (ISC)² Guide to the CISSP CBK**
- » **Official (ISC)² CISSP Study Guide**
- » **Official (ISC)² CISSP Practice Tests**
- » **CISSP For Dummies**
- » **Official CISSP Study App**
- » **Official CISSP Flash Cards**
- » **Suggested References**
- » **Free CISSP Webcast Series**

Create Your Plan

Get your copy of the (ISC)² Certification Prep Kit.

Pathway to CISSP Certification

Obtain the Required Experience

To qualify for the CISSP, candidates must have at least five years of cumulative, paid full-time work experience in two or more of the eight domains:

Domain 1. Security and Risk Management

Domain 2. Asset Security

Domain 3. Security Architecture and Engineering

Domain 4. Communication and Network Security

Domain 5. Identity and Access Management (IAM)

Domain 6. Security Assessment and Testing

Domain 7. Security Operations

Domain 8. Software Development Security

If you don't have enough experience yet, you can still pass the CISSP exam and become an Associate of (ISC)² while you earn the work experience needed.

Study for the Exam

Many self-study resources are available from (ISC)² – the creator and keeper of the CISSP CBK – to help you prepare with confidence. Some CISSP candidates pass the exam with self-study, and many choose to attend an Official (ISC)² Training seminar to review and refresh knowledge before sitting for the exam.

Pass the Exam

Candidates are given a maximum of three hours to complete the 100 – 150-item English CISSP CAT exam, or six hours to complete the 250-item non-English CISSP linear exam. If you're ready now, schedule your exam by creating an account with Pearson VUE, the leading provider of global, computer-based testing for certification and licensure exams.

Get Endorsed

After you pass the exam, you will have nine months from the date of the exam to complete the (ISC)² endorsement process.

Earn CPEs

Once you are certified, you become a member of (ISC)² and recertify every three years. Recertification is accomplished by earning continuing professional education (CPE) credits and paying an Annual Maintenance Fee (AMF) to support ongoing development.

120 CPEs	U.S. $125 AMF	3 years

Members with multiple (ISC)² certifications only pay a single AMF.

Free CPE Opportunities
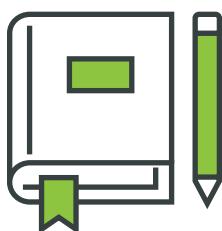
The CPE requirement helps you maintain your competencies following initial certification. By developing and enhancing skills through CPE activities, you make an important investment in yourself while increasing value to customers and employers.

(ISC)² makes it possible for you to earn all your CPE credits without spending a dime.

Join Webinars

Think Tanks

Security Briefings

eSymposiums

Solutions Summit

## Read & Write

Read the bimonthly InfoSecurity Professional e-magazine and take a short quiz

Subscribe to and summarize an information security magazine

Read a book directly related to CISSP and submit a 150-word review

Author an information security article published in a journal or magazine

Review an educational white paper related to the CISSP

Attend Trainings & Events

(ISC)² Chapter meetings

Prepare or attend an educational presentation related to the CISSP CBK domains

(ISC)² Professional Development Institute courses

Volunteer

Become a Safe and Secure Online Ambassador and spread your knowledge about cyber safety in your community

Volunteer to help develop (ISC)² Certification exams

(ISC)² Professional Development Institute

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The (ISC)² Professional Development Institute (PDI) is your go-to resource for timely and relevant continuing education opportunities that will keep your skills sharp and curiosity piqued. All courses are designed with input from leading industry experts and based on proven learning techniques. And best of all, they're **FREE to (ISC)² members** and count toward CPE credits.

Not a member yet? PDI courses are available for purchase, so you have the opportunity to learn how to better secure critical assets and consistently grow as a cybersecurity professional.

Course types include:

- **Immersive** – in-depth investigations of a single topic delivered in an online, self-paced format.
- **Lab** – hands-on approach enabling learners to practice specific technical skills within a virtual machine environment.
- **Express Learning** – topical short-format modules that leverage the expertise of (ISC)² members.

Go beyond certification with courses from our growing portfolio.

Learn more about PDI and the free courses offered to (ISC)² members:

www.isc2.org/development

Get in Touch with Us

For more information about CISSP certification and training, contact an Education Consultant in your region:

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About (ISC)²

(ISC)²® is an international nonprofit membership association focused on inspiring a safe and secure cyber world. Best known for the acclaimed Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP®) certification, (ISC)² offers a portfolio of credentials that are part of a holistic, programmatic approach to security. Our membership, 168,000 strong, is made up of certified cyber, information, software and infrastructure security professionals who are making a difference and helping to advance the industry. Our vision is supported by our commitment to educate and reach the general public through our charitable foundation – The Center for Cyber Safety and Education™.

For more information on (ISC)²,
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