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CISSP
Certification

Exam Preparation Guide

WHAT IS CISSP?

CISSP, Certified Information Systems Security Professional, is a prestigious certification provided by the (ISC)² International Information System Security Certification Consortium. CISSP validates an information security professional's deep technical and managerial knowledge and experience to effectively design, engineer, and manage the overall security posture of an organization.
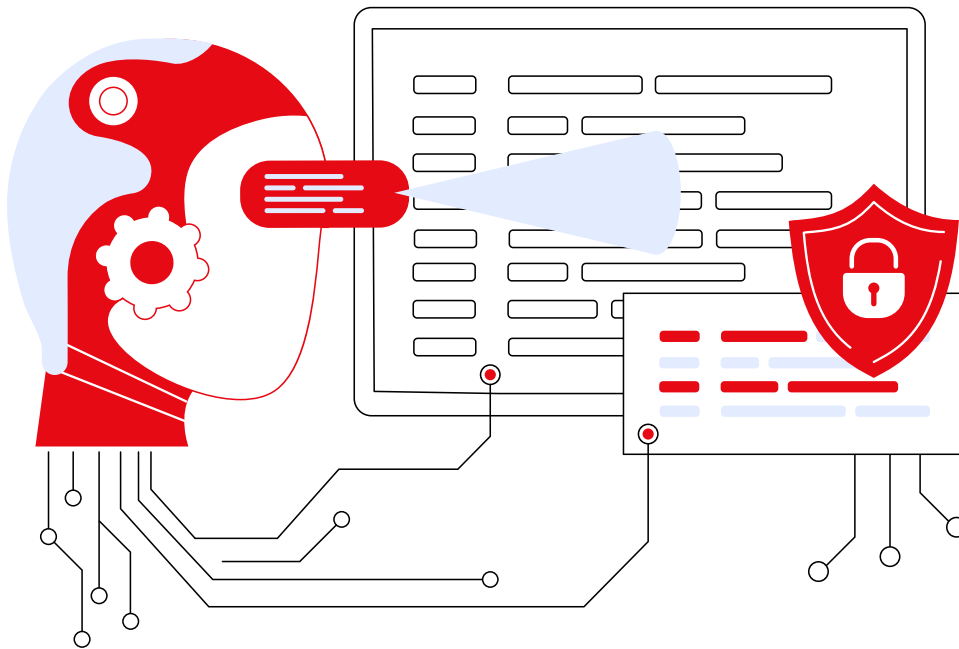
Pre-requisites

- 5 years of information security experience
- Endorsement from a CISSP-certified professional
- 4 year degree or other (ISC)² approved credentials (can obtain one-year waiver for the experience requirement)

Exam Details

Exam Duration	3 hours
Exam Format	Multiple-Choice and Advanced Innovative Questions
Number of Questions	100 - 150
Passing Score	700 out of 1000 points
Exam Language	English, Chinese, German, Japanese, Spanish
Exam Center	(ISC)² Authorized PPC and PVTC Select Pearson VUE Testing Centers
Exam Price	$749
Exam Domains	• Security and Risk Management **(16%)** • Asset Security **(10%)** • Security Architecture and Engineering **(13%)** • Communication and Network Security **(13%)** • Identity and Access Management **(13%)** • Security Assessment and Testing **(12%)** • Security Operations **(13%)** • Software Development Security **(10%)**
Validity of Certificate	The CISSP certification remains valid for 3 years from the date of certification. For members who possess the following certifications: CGRC, CCSP, CISSP, CSSLP, and SSCP, an Annual Maintenance Fee (AMF) of U.S. $125 is applicable. This fee is charged on a yearly basis.

HOW TO BOOK THE CISSP EXAM?

Once you have chosen the (ISC)² certification you wish to pursue, the registration process for the exam is simple:

- Visit the (ISC)² website **(www.isc2.org)** and click on the "register for the exam" button

- If you are an (ISC)² member or candidate, log in. If not, create an (ISC)² account

- Complete the (ISC)² exam account information form accurately to match your identification

- Submit the form, and you will be redirected to the Pearson VUE website

- Schedule your CISSP exam at a convenient testing center through the Pearson VUE website

EXAM RETAKE POLICY

Test-free days between retake attempts:

- If you don't pass the exam on your first attempt, you may retest after 30 test-free days.

- If you don't pass the exam on your second attempt, you may retest after 60 test-free days from your most recent exam attempt.

- If you don't pass the exam on your third attempt and for all subsequent retakes, you may retest after 90 test-free days from your most recent exam attempt.

As per the certification program guidelines, candidates are allowed a maximum of 4 attempts to take an (ISC)² exam within 12 months.

HOW TO RENEW
CISSP CERTIFICATE?

Earn CPE Credits: Accumulate Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits during the three-year certification cycle.

CPE Activities: Participate in activities like attending conferences, training courses, writing articles, mentoring, teaching, and volunteering in cybersecurity.

Calculate & Report CPE: Keep track of CPE credits earned and report them accurately during renewal.

Pay Annual Maintenance Fee (AMF): Submit the required annual maintenance fee to maintain active certification status.

Renewal Application: Complete and submit the CISSP certification renewal application to (ISC)².

TRAINING

Some training providers offer CISSP courses to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to excel in the CISSP exam.

- **InfosecTrain:** InfosecTrain is a reputable cybersecurity training provider offering comprehensive courses and certification training. With expert instructors, hands-on labs, and real-world case studies, InfosecTrain equips professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in information security. CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional) training from InfosecTrain is a comprehensive and in-demand program designed to prepare cybersecurity professionals for the recognized CISSP certification exam. Here is why InfosecTrain.

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   - ✔ **Training Experience:** InfosecTrain's CISSP training program offers a structured and immersive learning experience for CISSP exam preparation and career advancement. The training program incorporates a combination of instructor-led lectures, practical laboratory exercises, real-world case studies, and interactive discussions to provide participants with a comprehensive grasp of information security fundamentals. Participants comprehensively understand theoretical concepts and practical perspectives that are effectively applied in real-world scenarios.
   - ✔ **Experienced Instructors:** The squad of certified instructors at InfosecTrain includes information security industry leaders with years of hands-on experience. They provide essential real-world insights and best practices for the industry, facilitating effective learning. Instructors possessing a deep understanding of CISSP domains and the exam's structure are pivotal in delivering indispensable exam preparation guidance. They create an engaging environment, encouraging collaboration and active participation. InfosecTrain's commitment to participant's success makes it the top choice for professionals seeking the CISSP certification exam.

- **Udemy:** Udemy, a leading online learning platform, provides a vast array of courses taught by expert instructors. Participants appreciate the convenience of Udemy's platform, as they can access the training material at their own pace, allowing for flexible and self-paced learning. **Udemy's CISSP training, led by instructor Thor Pedersen** has received high praise from many satisfied learners worldwide. Participants attribute their success in achieving the CISSP certification to Thor's engaging lectures and valuable insights. His comprehensive boot camps consistently deliver quality content, making Udemy's CISSP training a go-to resource for exam preparation.

BOOKS

Here are some top books recommended for CISSP exam preparation:

- **Official (ISC)² CISSP Study Guide:** The (ISC)² **CISSP Certified Information Systems Security Professional Official Study Guide, 10th Edition**, is a best-selling Sybex Study Guide that is fully updated to align with the latest 2024 CISSP Exam Outline. It comprehensively covers 100% of the CISSP exam objectives.

- **CISSP for Dummies:** (ISC)² **CISSP For Dummies, 7th Edition**, offers a friendly and accessible framework for studying for the highly sought-after CISSP certification.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS RESOURCES

Several resources are available that offer practice questions for the CISSP exam.
Some popular ones include:

- **Official (ISC)² CISSP Practice Tests:** The (ISC)² **CISSP Certified Information Systems Security Professional Official Practice Tests, 3rd Edition**, includes 1,300 unique practice questions that are in line with the latest 2021 CISSP Exam Outline. These practice tests provide valuable exam preparation and assessment for candidates.

- **CISSP Practice Exams, Fifth Edition:** Written by Shon Harris and Jonathan Ham, this book includes practice exams and explanations for CISSP candidates. These practice questions aim to enhance your reading skills effectively.

- **LearnzApp Practice Questions:** LearnzApp is designed to supercharge your CISSP exam preparation with over 5000 realistic test questions, detailed explanations, 2000+ flashcards, and an extensive glossary of terms and acronyms. Its dynamic Readiness Score feature allows continuous exam readiness assessment, pinpointing areas for focused study. The Custom Test Builder lets you create personalized tests, helping reinforce knowledge and improve performance on weaker areas. Regular updates ensure alignment with the latest exam objectives, new features, and important bug fixes.

- **Boson Practice Exams for CISSP:** Boson offers a set of practice exams that simulate the actual CISSP exam environment.

- **How To Think Like A Manager for the CISSP Exam:** This paperback book is designed to help CISSP candidates **develop a managerial mindset** when approaching security-related scenarios and questions in the CISSP exam.

EXTERNAL TRUSTED RESOURCES

Some external trusted resources for CISSP exam preparation include:

- **The Memory Palace - A Quick Refresher For Your CISSP Exam:** A publication by Prashant Mohan, CISSP, providing valuable study notes and a CISSP study guide.

- **Prabh Coffee Shots:** **"Prabh Coffee Shots"** is a YouTube channel established by Prabh Nair, a certified CISSP-ISSAP ISSMP | CCSP | CSSLP | CRISC | CISM | CISA | CGEIT | CCISO | GCA | AWS – SEC | OPSA | OPST | OSCP | CTIA | CEH | CASP professional. The channel is recognized for its concise and informative study content delivered through short videos known as "coffee shots." These videos are valuable resources to support exam preparation for various cybersecurity certifications, including CISSP.

- **Kelly Videos:** "Kelly Videos" The main goal of this video is to help you understand how to think like a manager. It will teach you the way managers approach their work and make decisions. You can explore the channel to determine its quality, relevance, and suitability for your exam preparation needs.

- **Destination Certification Mind Maps:** "Destination Certification" is a YouTube channel offering mind maps for various certification exams, including CISSP. It has visual representations of essential concepts organized hierarchically, aiding in comprehending complex topics and their interconnections.

- **Larry Videos:** These videos provide **valuable exam tips and insights** into the CISSP exam.

- **50 CISSP Practice Questions: Master the CISSP Mindset:** Prepare to ace your CISSP exam with 50 meticulously crafted practice questions designed to help you master the CISSP mindset. Presented by the Technical Institute of America, this video provides a valuable resource for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of key concepts and boost their confidence.

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