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## How to Get Your CISSP<sup>®</sup> Certification

Here are the steps to become a CISSP:

### 1. Obtain the Required Experience

Candidates must have a minimum of 5 years cumulative paid full-time work experience in two or more of the 8 domains of the [\(ISC\)<sup>2</sup> CISSP CBK<sup>®</sup>](#). Candidates may receive a one year [experience waiver](#) with a 4-year college degree, or regional equivalent or additional credential from the (ISC)<sup>2</sup> approved list, thus requiring four years of direct full-time professional security work experience in 2 or more of the 8 domains of the CISSP CBK.

Don't have the experience? Become an [Associate of \(ISC\)<sup>2</sup>](#) by successfully passing the CISSP exam. You'll have 6 years to earn your experience to become a CISSP.

### 2. Schedule the Exam

- Create an account at [Pearson Vue](#) and schedule your exam. The CISSP exam is offered in English, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, Simplified Chinese, Korean, and Visually Impaired.
- Complete the Examination Agreement, attesting to the truth of your assertions regarding professional experience and legally committing to the adherence of the [\(ISC\)<sup>2</sup> Code of Ethics](#).
- Review the [Candidate Background Questions](#).
- Submit the examination fee.

### 3. Pass the Exam

Pass the CISSP examination with a scaled score of 700 points or greater. Read the [Exam Scoring FAQs](#).

### 4. Complete the Endorsement Process

Once you are notified that you have successfully passed the examination, you will be required to subscribe to the [\(ISC\)<sup>2</sup> Code of Ethics](#) and have your application endorsed before the credential can be awarded. An [endorsement form](#) for this purpose must be completed and signed by an (ISC)<sup>2</sup> certified professional who is an active member, and who is able to attest to your professional experience. With the endorsement time limit, you are required to become certified within nine months of the date of your exam or become an Associate of (ISC)<sup>2</sup>. If you do not become certified or an Associate of (ISC)<sup>2</sup> within 9 months of the date of your exam, you will be required to retake the exam in order to become certified. (ISC)<sup>2</sup> can act as an endorser for you if you cannot find a certified individual to act as one. Please refer to the [Endorsement Assistance Guidelines](#) for additional information about the endorsement requirements.

### 5. Maintain the CISSP Certification

Recertification is required every 3 years by meeting all renewal requirements, which include:



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- Earn and submit a minimum of 40 continuing professional education (CPE) credits each year of the 3-year certification cycle and total of 120 CPE credits by the end of the 3-year certification cycle. For CISSPs who hold one or more concentrations, CPE credits submitted for the CISSP Concentration(s) will be counted toward the annual minimum CPE credits required for the CISSP.
- Pay the annual maintenance fee (AMF) of US\$85 each year of the 3-year certification for a total cycle
- Abide by the (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Code of Ethics

For more details concerning the CISSP annual maintenance and renewal requirements, please contact (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Member Services at [membersupport@isc2.org](mailto:membersupport@isc2.org).

**Audit Notice\***

Passing candidates will be randomly selected and audited by (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Member Services prior to issuance of any certificate. Multiple certifications may result in a candidate being audited more than once.

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