

The First Step on Your Information Security Career Path

You don't have to spend years in the field to demonstrate your competence in information security. Become an Associate of (ISC)²[®], and you're already part of a reputable and credible organization, earning recognition from employers and peers for the industry knowledge you've already gained.

Participation Requirements

Associate of (ISC)² status is available to those knowledgeable in key areas of industry concepts but are lacking the work experience to achieve their chosen credential. As a potential candidate, you may take the CISSP[®] or SSCP[®] examination and subscribe to the (ISC)² Code of Ethics, however to earn the CISSP or SSCP credential you will have to acquire the necessary years of professional experience requirements, provide proof and be endorsed by a member of (ISC)² in good standing. Therefore, if you are working towards the CISSP, you have a maximum of six years from your exam pass date to acquire the necessary professional experience, and two years for those working towards the SSCP. An Annual Maintenance Fee (AMF) of US\$35 applies, and Continuing Professional Education (CPE) units must be earned each year (20 towards the CISSP and 10 towards the SSCP) to remain in good standing.

The Advantages of Becoming an Associate of (ISC)²

(ISC)² provides a wide variety of benefits for CPEs for Associates, such as discounts on industry conferences, free educational events, networking opportunities, and more.

(ISC)² Associates receive discounts on industry conferences, which means you'll earn valuable CPEs while learning cutting-edge developments in the field. For more, visit www.isc2.org/industry.

(ISC)² also hosts networking receptions at industry events. It's not often that you get the chance to share opinions and observations with your peers and (ISC)² management in an informal social setting. As the Gold Standard in information security credentials, we believe this kind of idea exchange is part of what makes the (ISC)² membership renowned and respected worldwide.

It is highly recommended that you stay current on emerging security issues through events like the (ISC)² Security Leadership Series. This series is comprised of both local and online events.

- **Local Information Security Education Events**, hosted worldwide by (ISC)², are 1-day events and multiple-day events that are either free to members or offered at a reduced fee respectively. The knowledge and exposure you'll gain is well worth the price of admission. For more details, visit www.isc2.org/events.



- **(ISC)²[®] e-Symposia** is a free, half-day program on hot industry topics, from the convenience of your computer at work or home. For more details, visit www.isc2.org/e-symposium.

Prior to earning the CISSP[®] or SSCP[®] certification, becoming an Associate of (ISC)² demonstrates your competence and commitment to the profession, helping attract employers early in your career. Don't miss opportunities like:

- **Member Website** – Gives you access to a suite of resources, such as industry developments, research, upcoming event details and private news sections.
- **Online Forum** – Fostering the exchange of ideas, this forum provides networking and CPE opportunities amongst professionals. Sign on to the member Website to subscribe.
- **The (ISC)² Journal** – *Information Security Journal: A Global Perspective* is the official bi-monthly journal of (ISC)². Associates pay only US\$55 for one year for essential information on managing the security of a modern, evolving enterprise. To subscribe, visit www.isc2.org/journal. To submit articles, please contact journaleditor@isc2.org.
- **(ISC)² Magazine** – Published in response to member demand, (ISC)² provides a members-only online publication called *InfoSecurity Professional*, distributed quarterly. For news on the latest industry topics, current happenings within organizations and CPE opportunities, this is the magazine you've been waiting for.
- **SecurityTALK** – From one convenient location, you'll have access to presentations, Podcasts and research reports that come to you, courtesy of information security associations and the vendor community and (ISC)².

Hold Yourself to Globally Recognized Standards

(ISC)² is the global leader in information security education and certification. As an Associate, you're aligning yourself with an organization that offers information security credentials that are accredited to ANSI/ISO/IEC Standard 17024, such as the CISSP and SSCP. And since (ISC)² created the CBK[®] and updates it annually, no one else is better equipped to offer reviews of the subject matter.

All told, the Associate of (ISC)² gets your career off to a solid start with the tools you'll need to succeed along the way. For additional information and member benefits, visit www.isc2.org/advantages.

Helpful Links

For general information on education, online training, events and services and other resources for the information security professional, go to www.isc2.org/links.

(ISC)² is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to certifying information security professionals around the world. With tens of thousands of credentialed specialists worldwide, (ISC)² is dedicated to helping both the certified individual and their organization be successful in the information security industry. Indeed, our credentials are considered the Gold Standard in information security. So (ISC)² is the logical first contact for anyone serious about protecting information assets at an unsurpassed level of excellence.