THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE
CISSP-ISSAP
Design the Next Level of Your Career
You already prove every day that you are a globally respected security leader. Now you can elevate your knowledge and skills even higher as a go-to expert in information security architecture.

The Ultimate Guide to the CISSP-ISSAP covers everything to know about this elite and specialized certification. See how the CISSP-ISSAP concentration builds on the CISSP and helps you design the next level of your career.

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Is the CISSP-ISSAP Right for Me?

The CISSP-ISSAP is ideal for professionals who already hold the CISSP certification and want to build on their expertise in information security architecture. It shows you have the advanced knowledge to develop, design and analyze security solutions and provide risk-based guidance to meet organizational goals.

Experience
To qualify for the CISSP-ISSAP, candidates must be a CISSP in good standing with two years of cumulative, paid, full-time work experience in one or more of the six domains of the (ISC)² CISSP-ISSAP Common Body of Knowledge (CBK®).

Discover Your Path
See “Pathway to CISSP-ISSAP Certification” for more information.

Jobs that Typically Use or Require the CISSP-ISSAP
- Security Architect
- Security Analyst
- Chief Security Officer
- Chief Technology Officer
- System Architect
- System and Network Designer
The CISSP-ISSAP provided me the opportunity to increase my depth of knowledge while attaining a significant certification. My understanding of security architecture has grown, and I’ve been able to leverage that into quality interactions with both technical and business teams.

David Wayland
Director, Information Security
Santa Ana, California, U.S.A

The CISSP-ISSAP concentration addresses expected security knowledge and experience for cybersecurity professionals. Recognized by the cybersecurity community, it will eventually be a de-facto standard for the industry.

Bahadir G. Sarıkoz
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The CISSP-ISSAP has helped me gain a greater and extensive understanding in the field of information security architecture through the Common Body of Knowledge. It has also made me more marketable, employable and recognizable to recruiters.

Kenneth Dontoh
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The CISSP-ISSAP concentration will challenge you and is a self-development journey. It will prove that you have very strong baselines and a good grasp of security principles.

John Martin
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Join the (ISC)² Community!
Meet, learn from and ask questions of peers 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-ISSAP

- Introduced in 2003
- Average CISSP-ISSAP Salary: U.S. $153,000 - CertMag 2019 Salary Survey
- DoD Approved IASAE III

SHOUT-OUTS

CISSP-ISSAP RANKED #2 on the 2019 CERTIFICATION SALARY SURVEY 75 LIST — CertMag
Benefits of Being CISSP-ISSAP-Certified

**Career advancement**
Raise visibility and credibility, improve job security and create new opportunities. This concentration proves you have an elite level of knowledge and expertise.

**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-ISSAP, you build on your CISSP credential and remain part of a professional community that never stops learning and growing. You also maintain ongoing 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 opportunities
» Safe and Secure Online program
» Professional recognition through (ISC)² Awards Programs
» Digital badges to promote expertise
» (ISC)² Member Perks

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-ISSAP
The CISSP-ISSAP exam evaluates your expertise across six 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 to design, develop and analyze security solutions and provide risk-based guidance to meet organizational goals.

**CISSP-ISSAP Exam Overview**

- **ARCHITECT FOR APPLICATIONS SECURITY**: 15%
- **ARCHITECT FOR GOVERNANCE, COMPLIANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT**: 19%
- **IDENTITY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT ARCHITECTURE**: 19%
- **INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY**: 14%
- **SECURITY OPERATIONS ARCHITECTURE**: 17%
- **SECURITY ARCHITECTURE MODELING**: 16%

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

**Number of items on the CISSP-ISSAP exam**: 125

**Maximum amount of time for the CISSP-ISSAP exam**: 3 hrs.

**Exam availability**: English

**Testing Centers**: Pearson VUE
Training and self-study aids directly from (ISC)² or one of our many Official Training Providers help you get ready for the CISSP-ISSAP exam by reviewing relevant domains and topics.

Official CISSP-ISSAP Training

CISSP-ISSAP Study Resources

- Exam Outline
- Official (ISC)² Guide to the CISSP-ISSAP CBK
- Official CISSP-ISSAP Flash Cards
- Suggested References

Create Your Plan

Get your copy of the (ISC)² Certification Prep Kit.
Pathway to CISSP-ISSAP Certification

Obtain the Required Experience

To qualify for the CISSP-ISSAP, you must be a CISSP in good standing and have two years of cumulative, paid, full-time work experience in one or more of the six domains of the CISSP-ISSAP Common Body of Knowledge (CBK):

- Domain 1. Identity and Access Management Architecture
- Domain 2. Security Operations Architecture
- Domain 3. Infrastructure Security
- Domain 4. Architect for Governance, Compliance and Risk Management
- Domain 5. Security Architecture Modeling
- Domain 6. Architect for Applications Security

Study for the Exam

Many self-study resources are available from (ISC)² – the creator and keeper of the CISSP-ISSAP CBK – to help you prepare with confidence.

Pass the Exam

Candidates are given a maximum of three hours to complete the 125-item CISSP-ISSAP 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

(ISC)² members recertify every three years to maintain certification. Recertification is accomplished by earning continuing professional education (CPE) credits and paying an annual maintenance fee (AMF) to support your ongoing development.

| 20 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-ISSAP 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-ISSAP

Attend Trainings & Events
- (ISC)² Chapter meetings
- (ISC)² Professional Development Institute courses
- Prepare or attend an educational presentation related to the CISSP-ISSAP CBK domains

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
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](http://www.isc2.org/development)
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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, pragmatic approach to security. Our membership, more than 140,000 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™.