(ISC)²® Regulations Governing Use of Certification/Collective Marks

(ISC)²® is a non-profit membership organization identified as the leader in certifying individuals in information security. All of (ISC)²’s certifications are ANSI ISO/IEC 17024 accredited with the exception of JGISP, which is a regional certification. (ISC)² does not provide information security services, but focuses on the training, education, and certification of information security professionals.

Candidates who successfully complete any of the (ISC)² certification requirements may use the appropriate Certification Mark and Logo (collectively the “Logo”) to identify themselves as having demonstrated the professional experience and requisite knowledge in the realm of Information Systems Security. The following guidelines explain how (ISC)² Logos may be used.

Using the Logo

Only those who have demonstrated the requisite experience in information security, agree to be bound by the (ISC)² Code of Ethics, successfully passed the corresponding examination(s), and have had their experience and professionalism endorsed by an (ISC)² member are certified by (ISC)². Those who meet these standards (“Certified”) are authorized to use the appropriate Logo(s). The Logo(s) identifies those who have met the strict criteria for certification and are able to demonstrate professional judgment and abilities in information security. Use of the Logo indicates the Certified’s acceptance of the terms in the agreement executed upon applying to sit for the corresponding examination and these guidelines and that Certified has met the criteria to be a CISSP®, CISSP-ISSAP®, CISSP-ISSEP®, CISSP-ISSMP®, CAP®, CSSLP®, and/or SSCP®, and has maintained the requisite certification obligations. Use of the Logo must be discontinued immediately if Certified does not maintain their certification.

- Certified may use the Logo only on business cards, letterhead, marketing material and resume to indicate that they are an (ISC)² credential holder. Certified may not use the Logo on any product or product-related material.
- Certified may only use the Logo for which they have successfully completed the certification requirements (e.g. CISSPs may not use SSCP, nor may SSCP use CISSP, unless they have completed the appropriate requirements).
- If Certified holds more than one certification, the certifications must be separated by a comma. (i.e. CISSP,SSCP,CSSLP, CAP)
- If Certified holds more than one concentration of the CISSP it must be designated by a slash and in alphabetical order. (i.e. CISSP/ISSAP/ISSEP/ISSMP)
- Certified may not alter the Logo artwork in any way other than to increase or decrease in size. The Logo may not be translated or otherwise localized into any other language. Any localized versions of the Logo must be provided by (ISC)².
- Certified may not display the Logo in any manner that suggests they are an employee of (ISC)² or in a manner that suggests “(ISC)²” is a part of their company name. Use of the Logo must clearly indicate that Certified is independent from (ISC)².
- Certified may not use the Logo in any manner that is derogatory to or critical of (ISC)² or the certification.
- Certified’s name, trade name, or company name must appear on any materials where the Logo is used. The Logo cannot appear larger or more prominent than Certified’s name, product or service name, trademark or service mark, logo or trade or company name.
- The Logo may not be used in any manner that expresses or might imply (ISC)²’s affiliation, sponsorship, endorsement, certification, or approval, other than as set forth by the (ISC)² Application Agreement.
- The Logo, or any elements thereof, may not be included in trade or business name, domain name, product or service name, logo, trade dress, design, slogan or other trademarks.
- Certified may not combine the Logo with any other object, including, but not limited to, other
logos, icons, words, graphics, photos, slogans, numbers, design features, symbols, or Website audio files. (i.e. Mixing another Logo with the CISSP Logo to create a variation)

- The Logo may not be used as a design feature on any product or service materials.
• The Logo may not be imitated in any manner.

• On marketing material (exclusive of letterhead, business cards, and resumes), the Logo shall be attributed to the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium with the following attribution clause in all materials where it is used: “CISSP (or appropriate certification) is a registered mark of the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium in the United States and other countries.”

• The respective Logo (e.g. “CISSP” or “SSCP”, etc.) shall always be accompanied by ® except where prohibited by size constraints (i.e. business cards).

• Certified may not use the (ISC)² Logo or mark in any manner other than as a link on Certified’s Website to www.isc2.org.

• Associates of (ISC)² are NOT certified and may not use any Logo or description other than “Associate of (ISC)²”. Under no circumstances may they identify which exam they have successfully passed or use any Logo, other than “Associate of (ISC)²”, in any manner. Failure to abide by this rule may result in the candidate being prohibited from ever attaining any (ISC)² certification.

Logos may not be used in any way other than as specified in these guidelines. Failure to comply with these instructions shall constitute a breach of the (ISC)² Application Agreement.

Compliance with Guidelines
(ISC)² reserves the right to spot-check all marketing and promotion materials bearing the Logo and may periodically send out requests for samples. Certified must correct any deficiencies in use of the Logo. Refusal to correct such deficiencies or to cease publication or distribution could result in revocation of right to use the Logo.

Logo Artwork
Electronic artwork files for the Logo are available on the (ISC)²’s members-only Website.

Use the following contact information to obtain clarification or permission:

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