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Don’t fall for FICTION. Know the FACTS.

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6 TRAINING MYTHS EXPOSED
1. All (ISC)$^2$ certification trainings are endorsed by (ISC)$^2$.

*If only it were so… But this is a MYTH through and through.*

(ISC)$^2$ certifications are highly regarded in the cybersecurity industry, and countless training companies offer exam prep for them – especially the CISSP. However, not all training companies who offer (ISC)$^2$ certification exam prep are affiliated with (ISC)$^2$. When enlisting a training provider, it pays to know exactly who’s preparing your team.

**FACT:** In addition to offering our own training, we partner with leading training providers around the world to ensure your organization has convenient access to official training. All instructors are verified security experts, authorized by (ISC)$^2$ to deliver the most relevant, up-to-date course content developed by (ISC)$^2$. If you’re ever in doubt about a training provider’s official status, look for the Official Training Provider or International Academic Program logos signifying official training. You can also check our list of partners on our website, or contact us directly for confirmation.
Exam voucher included.

**MYTH! In actuality, this claim borders on the unethical.**

Unofficial training providers may say they include the exam voucher, but this is neither true nor ethical. (ISC)² and (ISC)² Official Training Providers are the only authorized organizations with the ability to offer vouchers for our exams.

**FACT:** Unauthorized companies do not have the access required to purchase (ISC)² exam vouchers. An authorized organization will never ask for a candidate’s Pearson VUE credentials. Make sure your employees do not provide them to an unauthorized company. This puts them at risk and violates the terms of the (ISC)² Non Disclosure Agreement, which could result in losing their (ISC)² certification, being suspended indefinitely from retaking the exam, and losing money you’ve paid for the exam. By going through official channels for exam vouchers, they – and your organization – eliminate these risks.
FACT: No training provider knows exactly which items and real-world scenarios will be on the exam, so there’s no way to guarantee a pass rate. Our certification exams are rigorous and constantly updated to reflect the ever-changing cyber world. The notion that a single course or company will prepare a candidate for an experience-based exam is impossible. Also know that (ISC)² does not provide pass-rate information to any training providers. So, if a company guarantees a pass rate, take it with a grain of salt.
FACT: As trends in cybersecurity evolve, the official (ISC)$^2$ certification Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) and courseware are updated accordingly. These changes are reflected in the official training materials developed and maintained by (ISC)$^2$ and offered only through official channels to help candidates prepare for the exam. **It’s not guaranteed that unofficial training providers are teaching the latest domains that will be covered on the exam.** We often receive complaints from people who used an unofficial training provider and were taught old, irrelevant content.

4. **Your team will learn the latest content regardless of the training source.**

Another MYTH! **Official content through official channels is the only way to ensure this.**
FACT: Did you know some instructors teaching unofficial trainings for (ISC)$^2$ certification exam prep aren’t even certified themselves? (ISC)$^2$ Authorized Instructors, on the other hand, hold the certifications they are teaching and undergo a rigorous onboarding process. They also average 15-20 years of industry experience. It sounds obvious, but the quality of the instructor matters. A LOT.

5. All instructors are qualified to teach (ISC)$^2$ certification trainings.

Not by a longshot. Quality varies wildly through unofficial channels.
Passing the exam is the only thing that matters.

Whoa. There’s a lot more at stake here!

FACT: (ISC)² certifications are created to measure whether your employees have the experience, knowledge and critical thinking skills to be effective at protecting critical assets. We help candidates prepare for test day, but never lose sight of the bigger picture: inspiring a safe and secure cyber world and developing professionals who can better secure their organizations. When you choose (ISC)² or an (ISC)² Official Training Provider for training, you set your staff up to become well-rounded, highly effective information security professionals. Period.
FACT: We’re looking out for your training investment. With Official Training from (ISC)², you set your team up for success while maximizing your ROI.

Contact our team of Account Executives for a consult today!