CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional)

CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional) is a globally recognized cybersecurity certification governed by (ISC)². It validates expertise in designing, implementing, and managing a best-in-class cybersecurity program.

Eligibility Criteria

- Experience Required: Minimum 5 years of full-time work experience in 2 or more of the 8 CISSP domains.
- Waiver Option: A 1-year experience waiver is available if you hold a four-year college degree or an approved certification (like CompTIA Security+, CISA, etc.).
- No Experience?
    - You can still take the exam and become an Associate of (ISC)².
    - You'll have 6 years to gain the required experience and earn the CISSP title.

CISSP Domains (Chapters) and Weightage

Security and Risk Management 15%
Asset Security 10%
Security Architecture and Engineering 13%
Communication and Network Security 13%
Identity and Access Management (IAM)13%
Security Assessment and Testing 12%
Security Operations 13%
Software Development Security 11%

Exam Fees

- Cost: USD 749 globally (may vary slightly by region).
- Format: Computer-based testing (CBT).
- Duration: 4 hours.
- Questions: 125-175 questions (adaptive format).

Further Resources and Registration

- Official Website: https://www.isc2.org/Certifications/CISSP
- Training Options:
    - (ISC)² Official Online Self-Paced or Instructor-Led
    - Third-party training platforms like Coursera, Udemy, and Cybrary
- Free Practice Exams: Available through (ISC)² and many online portals

Why Pursue CISSP?

- Globally respected across industries (finance, defense, healthcare)
- Often a requirement for senior roles (e.g., CISO, Security Architect)
- Enhances your credibility and salary prospects