



The **ULTIMATE GUIDE**  
to the **CCSP<sup>®</sup>**

Be a Leader in the Field of Cloud Security



Certified Cloud  
Security Professional



# ACHIEVE YOUR CCSP CERTIFICATION

SHOW THEM YOU'RE A CLOUD SECURITY EXPERT

Are you looking to advance your information security career into the field of cloud security? Are you already working in cloud security but would like to prove your expertise? Are you a cloud service provider looking to better differentiate your services and win the trust of more clients?

Cloud security professionals report that, by obtaining the CCSP certification, they have gained employer and customer confidence – respect, credibility, and trust. Backed by the two leading nonprofits focused on cloud and information security, the Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) and (ISC)<sup>2</sup>, the CCSP credential denotes professionals with deep-seated knowledge and competency derived from hands-on experience with cloud security architecture, design, operations, and service orchestration.

The Ultimate Guide to CCSP Certification is a must-have resource if you are planning to sit for the exam.

**Designed with you in mind, this guide will walk you through:**

- Fast facts about CCSP
- An overview of the CCSP exam
- Benefits of becoming a CCSP
- Setting yourself up for success
- Steps to getting certified



We're here to help you through the certification process. **Contact us with any questions.**

# FAST FACTS ABOUT CCSP



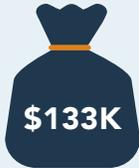
Introduced in 2015



Developed by two leading nonprofits focused on cloud and information security, **CSA and (ISC)<sup>2</sup>**



Join a network of over **125,000** cybersecurity professionals



Average CCSP Salary:  
**US \$133,820**  
– CertMag 2016 Salary Survey



CCSP tops **“The Next Big Thing”** list as the #1 certification survey respondents plan to earn in 2017  
– CertMag 2016 Salary Survey



**Named the #1** cloud computing certification for 2017  
– Cloud Computing Intelligence

## TRAINING AND EXAM

**40 hrs.** Length of the typical CCSP training course (Training can range from 5 days to 12 weeks depending on delivery method)

**125** Number of CCSP certification exam questions

**4 hrs.** Amount of time allowed for taking the CCSP certification exam

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

## EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

**5 Years**  
information technology

**3 Years**  
information security

**1 Year**  
in cloud security

Don't have the experience? **Become an Associate of (ISC)<sup>2</sup>** by successfully passing the CCSP exam while working toward the required experience



CCSK certificate can be substituted for one year experience in cloud security



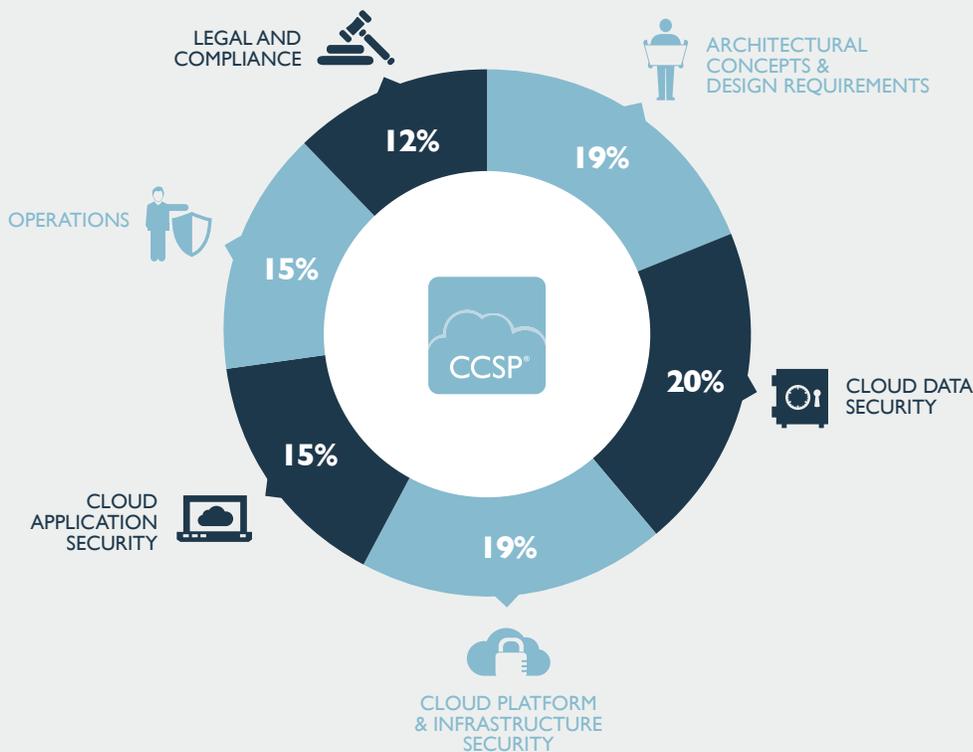
CISSP certification holders automatically meet the experience requirements

# WHAT'S COVERED ON THE CCSP EXAM

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW

By taking the CCSP exam, you'll have the chance to prove you have the knowledge necessary to audit, assess, and secure cloud infrastructures.

The exam covers 6 domain areas. Think of the domains as specific topics you need to know based on your professional experience and education. Some domains carry more exam weight than others.



[DOWNLOAD THE CCSP EXAM OUTLINE FOR A DEEPER DIVE.](#)

# BENEFITS TO BECOMING A CCSP

## GET CONNECTED AND KEEP YOUR KNOWLEDGE FRESH

Once you attain the CCSP certification, you become a member of (ISC)<sup>2</sup> - and you'll be part of a growing global community of over 125,000 cybersecurity leaders.

You'll also receive access to ongoing continuing education and professional development opportunities, helping you stay ahead of industry trends and keep your knowledge and skills current.

### Benefits you'll receive include:

#### ✓ Free Webinars

- ThinkTank
- Security Briefings
- From the Trenches
- Solutions Summit
- EMEA Secure Webinars

#### ✓ Discounts on (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Education

- (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training
- (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Textbooks
- (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Study Guides

#### ✓ Networking Opportunities

- (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Chapters
- (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Member Receptions

#### ✓ Industry Recognition

- (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Global Awards Program

#### ✓ Discounted and Free Events

- (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Security Congress  
- U.S., Asia-Pacific, Latin America
- (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Secure Summits EMEA
- (ISC)<sup>2</sup> SecureEvents
- Industry Conferences

#### ✓ InfoSecurity Professional Magazine

- Free for members
- Six digital bi-monthly issues



For more information on member benefits, visit: [www.isc2.org/Benefits-of-Membership](http://www.isc2.org/Benefits-of-Membership)



# SETTING YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS

## GET PREPARED TO **ROCK YOUR CCSP** CERTIFICATION

**GET FAMILIAR WITH THE EXAM.** The [exam outline](#) is a great place to start. It's a free resource that details the major topics and subtopics within the 6 domains you will be tested on in the CCSP exam. Reviewing this outline can help set you up for success as you prepare for the exam.

**CREATE URGENCY AND DEVELOP A PLAN.** Commit to an exam date early. This can help you stay motivated and allow you to work backwards as you create a study schedule. Stay on track and stick to a routine by blocking study time on your calendar each day.

**INVEST IN STUDY MATERIALS.** Take advantage of the [self-study resources](#) available to you. These resources should be utilized in preparation for the CCSP exam and will provide a comprehensive reference that will serve you for years to come.

**REVIEW AND REFRESH YOUR KNOWLEDGE THROUGH TRAINING.** Attending a formal training once you've begun studying can help reinforce the topics you've already explored. Choosing official training from (ISC)<sup>2</sup> provides several benefits, like access to the most up-to-date content with a focus on real-world learning activities and scenarios. You'll also be learning from an (ISC)<sup>2</sup>-authorized instructor who is an industry expert and certified CCSP. And, with diverse training options available - including in-person and online - you can pick what works best for you and your schedule.



Classroom-based



Online Instructor-Led



Private, Onsite



Online Self-Paced

**BRUSH UP ON LESS FAMILIAR TOPICS.** After your training, think about the topics that were covered and if there were any areas where you could improve. Refer back to your study materials and review those domains more closely as you continue to prepare.

**PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!** Now's the time to assess your exam readiness by going through realistic practice questions. You can find these practice questions in your CCSP CBK Guide, from the practice test you receive in your training seminar, or by searching the internet. Once you're acing the practice exams, you should feel confident that you're ready to take on the real thing!

**CATCH SOME ZZZS.** Try to relax in the days leading up to your exam. Go to bed at a reasonable hour the night before, and try to eat a healthy breakfast on the morning of your exam. Remember that the exam could take you up to 4 hours to complete - you might want to bring along a snack, too.

**Good luck. You got this!**



# STEPS TO GETTING CERTIFIED

## 1 Obtain the Required Experience

To qualify for the CCSP, you must have a minimum of 5 years of cumulative paid full-time information technology experience, of which 3 years must be in information security and 1 year in one of the 6 domains of the CCSP examination:

- Architectural Concepts & Design Requirements
- Cloud Data Security
- Cloud Platform & Infrastructure Security
- Cloud Application Security
- Operations
- Legal & Compliance

Don't have enough experience? Check out our Associate program at [www.isc2.org/Certifications/Associate](http://www.isc2.org/Certifications/Associate).

## 2 Take the Exam

Candidates are given four hours to complete the 125-question CCSP exam. Register at your local Pearson VUE Test Center:

[www.pearsonvue.com/isc2](http://www.pearsonvue.com/isc2)

## 3 Complete the Endorsement Process

Once you successfully pass the exam, you will have nine months from the date of the exam to complete this process.

[www.isc2.org/endorsement](http://www.isc2.org/endorsement)

## 4 Maintain Your Membership

Once you are certified, you become a member of (ISC)<sup>2</sup>. Recertification is required every three years. This is accomplished through earning Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits and paying an Annual Maintenance Fee (AMF).

90 CPEs

US \$100 AMF

3 years



# About (ISC)<sup>2</sup>

(ISC)<sup>2</sup> is the largest nonprofit membership body of certified cyber, information, software and infrastructure security professionals worldwide, with over 125,000 certified members. (ISC)<sup>2</sup>'s flagship certification is the CISSP®. In 2015, (ISC)<sup>2</sup> and the Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) partnered to launch the Certified Cloud Security Professional (CCSP®) credential for security professionals whose day-to-day responsibilities involve procuring, securing and managing cloud environments or purchased cloud services. (ISC)<sup>2</sup> offers education programs and services based on its CBK®.

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