What is the SPēD Certification Program?

SPēD stands for Security Professional Education Development. The SPēD Certification Program is the Department of Defense (DoD) initiative to professionalize the security workforce. The SPēD Program has three elements: training and education, security professionalization (workshops and outreach), and the SPēD Certification Program. The SPēD Certification Program ensures that security practitioners can demonstrate proficiency in a common set of competencies. The purpose of the SPēD Certification Program is to promote interoperability, facilitate development and training, and develop a workforce of certified security professionals.

What are the SPēD Certifications?

Certifications	Acronym	Certification Description
Security Fundamentals Professional Certification	SFPC	The individual understands foundational security concepts, principles, and practices.
Security Asset Protection Professional Certification	SAPPC	The individual applies foundational security concepts, principles, and practices.
Security Program Integration Professional Certification	SPIPC	The individual understands and applies risk assessment and security program management based on security concepts, principles, and practices (to be released in FY 2012).
Security Enterprise Professional Certification	SEPC	The individual understands and applies concepts, priciples, and practices for managing enterprise-wide security (under development).

SPēD Certification Basics

To obtain Certification, the individual must do the following:		Waivers
Requirements:	• Attain a passing score on the Assessment • Be an employee in good standing • Be conferred by the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence USD(I)	**NONE**

Certification Renewal Requirements

To maintain Certification, the certification holder must do the following:		Waivers
Requirements:	• Complete approved continuing professional development units • Be an employee in good standing	As specified in DoD Component's Implementation Plan

The certification holder will need to recertify if		Waivers
Conditions:	The DoD Security Training Council (DSTC) determines the content addressed in the certification's assessment modules to be significantly out-of-date, or an individual fails to meet the certification maintenance requirements.	NONE

How do I schedule a SPēD Certification Assessment?

Before beginning the process, notify your supervisor of your plans to schedule a SPēD Certification Assessment.

Step One: Component must identify you as an applicant or you may volunteer based on your Component's SPēD Candidate policy.

Step Two: Create or update your ENROL account to be added to the SPēD Certification Audience.

Step Three: Contact your Component SPeD Project Management Office to schedule your test date and time.

Step Four: Register for the Certification Assessment via ***SPeDCert.Registration@DSS.MIL*** with your confirmed scheduled test site location, date and time.

After receiving an e-mail approval from ENROL, candidates will receive further instructions from the Registrar's Office.

What should I expect at the test site?

The SPēD Certification Assessment is administered via computer in a proctored environment. The Assessment is password-protected and hosted on a secure server to assure privacy and integrity. The test takes approximately 3 hours.

On the day of the Assessment, be sure to bring your registrar confirmation e-mail, ENROL username & password, and government issued photo identification (Common Access Card (CAC), or driver's license).

How do I know if I am certified?

The candidate must earn a score that is equivalent to or exceeds the passing score. Candidates will be notified of results by their DoD Component after formal review of their results by their DoD Component and Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.