

SPeD

Security Professional Education Development



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What is the SPeD Certification Program?

The Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Certification Program is part of the Department of Defense (DOD) initiative to professionalize the security workforce. This initiative ensures there exists a common set of competencies among security practitioners that promotes interoperability, facilitates professional development and training, and develops a workforce of certified security professionals.

Who is eligible to become certified?

You are eligible to pursue a SPeD certification or credential if you are:

- DOD civilian assigned to a security position
- Military member assigned to a security position
- Contractor (Industry) assigned and performing security functions on behalf of the DOD. Requirements must be validated by one or more of the following:
 - Stated on Performance Work Statement (PWS)
 - Stated on the Statement of Work (SOW)
 - Authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)
- Facility Security Officers supporting DOD Classified contracts

For questions about eligibility, contact the SPeD Certification Program Management Office.

What are the benefits of SPeD certifications or credentials?

For Individuals

- Fosters understanding of the concepts and principles deemed critical to protect the nation's assets.
- Assures skills, enhances credibility while certifying capability.
- Provides nationally accredited and recognized credential transportable across the DOD, federal government, and industry.

For Employers

- Provides a reference to determine an individual's understanding of the concepts and principles deemed critical to protect the nation's assets and a source to increase workforce productivity.
- Identifies competent, mission-ready professionals and promotes interoperability.

For the Profession

- Defines consistent standards which builds upon professionalizing the workforce.
- Provides a structure for certificants to maintain competencies and assures their mission readiness.

How do I prepare for a SPeD certification or credential assessment?

There are several resources to assist in preparation to take an assessment, such as the DOD Professional Certification and Credentialing Handbook, Competency Preparatory Tools (CPTs), and SPeD program specific webinars and tutorials.

Recommended certifications and credential for industry



Core SPeD Certification

SECURITY FUNDAMENTALS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION (SFPC)

The SFPC provides a recognized and reliable indication of a security practitioner's understanding of foundational concepts, principles, and practices needed to successfully protect DOD assets. The SFPC was accredited by the National Commission of Certifying Agencies (NCCA) in December 2012, and received re-accreditation in November 2018, demonstrating its continued compliance with NCCA standards.



SPeD Specialty Certification

PHYSICAL SECURITY CERTIFICATION (PSC)

The PSC is ideal for DOD, industry, and federal members performing physical security functions under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). The PSC was accredited by the NCCA in March 2016 and received re-accreditation in April 2021, demonstrating its continued compliance with NCCA standards.

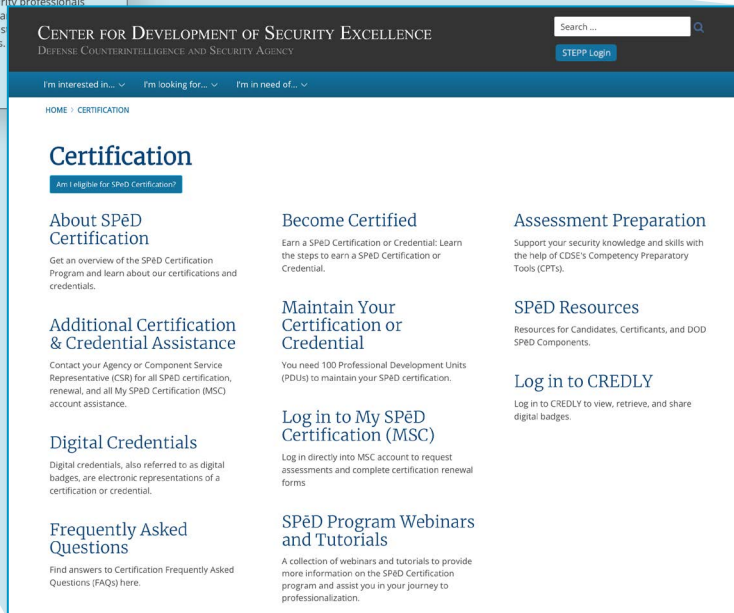


SPeD Credential

SPECIAL PROGRAM SECURITY CREDENTIAL (SPSC)

The SPSC is ideal for personnel who will be or are already performing Security Officer functions for and on behalf of the DOD Special Access Programs (SAP). Candidates must be conferred the SFPC to participate.

How to find us



To learn more about certifications and credentials, visit CDSE's Certification webpage by scanning the QR code below:



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