



**Certified Cloud  
Security Professional**

ISC2 Certification



# The Ultimate Guide to the **CCSP**

Be a leader in the field of cloud security

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# Achieve more in your career

You prove every day that you have what it takes to secure critical assets. But our profession is always changing, and even the brightest minds can benefit from having a guide on the journey to success. ISC2 and

are here to help you discover the right path, create your plan and thrive throughout your career

The Ultimate Guide to the CCSP covers everything you need to know about the world's leading cloud security certification. Inside, see how ISC2 CCSP and

can help distinguish you as a top-level cybersecurity expert.

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# Is CCSP Right For Me?

As cyberthreats continue to make daily headlines, the need for cloud security experts is at an all-time high. Yet talent is scarce. That's where CCSP from ISC2 comes in — to help fill the gap in cloud security. Once certified, the opportunities for certified professionals are near limitless.

CCSP, a vendor-neutral cloud security credential, not only provides a strong foundational understanding of key concepts, it recognizes IT and information security leaders who have the knowledge and competency to apply best practices to cloud security architecture, design, operations and service orchestration. As more organizations worldwide move to multicloud operations, the versatile skills from vendor-neutral certification are highly desirable for cloud security teams.

CCSP is particularly well-suited for IT and information security professionals seeking to prove their understanding of cybersecurity and securing critical assets in the cloud. It shows you have the advanced knowledge and technical skills to design, manage and secure data, applications and infrastructure in the cloud.

## Acquire five years experience

[To qualify for the CCSP](#), candidates must have at least five years of cumulative, paid work experience in information technology, of which three years must be in information security and one year in one or more of the six domains of the ISC2 CCSP Exam Outline.

If you don't yet have the required experience to become a CCSP, you can become an [Associate of ISC2](#) after successfully passing the CCSP exam. You will then have six years to earn the experience needed for the CCSP certification.



## Jobs that typically use or require CCSP certification

- Cloud Architect
- Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
- Chief Information Officer (CIO)
- Chief Technology Officer
- Engineer/Developer/Manager
- DevOps
- Enterprise Architect
- IT Contract Negotiator
- IT Risk and Compliance Manager
- Security Administrator
- Security Analyst
- Security Architect
- Security Consultant
- Security Engineer
- Security Manager
- Systems Architect
- Systems Engineer
- SecOps

# CCSPs in the Community



*"Vendor knowledge in cloud security is focused on a particular cloud solution and the tools to manage it — but the CCSP is the glue that connects all the concepts. You get a better overview so you can see the capabilities and how everything fits together."*

**Jonas Björk**

Security Presale Representative  
Telia Cygate, Helsingborg, Sweden



*"Certification from widely recognized bodies like ISC2 clarify factual information versus opinion. In cloud security, it's important to provide recommendations based on facts supported by data. The CCSP Exam Outline is a great source of information in that respect."*

**Vanessa Leite**

Principal Strategy and Consulting  
CyberCX, Wellington, New Zealand



*"CCSP complements my CISSP by asserting my knowledge in key areas specific to cloud environments. Cloud-based technologies and theory are ubiquitous in today's IT and cybersecurity realms, and the CCSP took the knowledge I had and updated it to take me to the next level in my career."*

**David Schneider**

Senior Cyber Security Threat Engineer  
Garmin International, Olathe, KS

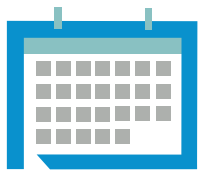


*"Cloud is in the present and it will be here in the future. Every company will always have a footprint in the cloud. The CCSP is a credential that, as a cybersecurity professional, you need to invest in. It is an asset that will serve you for years."*

**Panagiotis Soulos**

Global Information Security Manager  
Intrum, Athens, Greece

# CCSP Fast Facts



Introduced in 2015



CCSPs are part of a network of over 675,000 cybersecurity professionals



ANAB accredited

Exam available in 4 languages at 882 locations in 114 countries



DoD-approved



Average CCSP Salary: U.S. \$137,100



## Shout-outs

Ranked #2 on **'THE NEXT BIG THING' LIST** as the certification survey respondents plan to earn in 2023 . — *Certification Magazine*

CCSP makes the list of **top cloud certifications**

— *SC Magazine*

"CCSP is the most **most well-rounded certification by far** for the cloud protection area."

— *Certification Magazine*

# Benefits of CCSP Certification

## Career opportunities and advancement

Raise visibility and credibility, improve job security and create new opportunities.



## Credibility

Demonstrate a solid foundation to mitigate and respond to cyberthreats.



## Membership in a strong peer network

Become an ISC2 member, unlocking exclusive resources, educational tools and peer-to-peer networking opportunities.



## Expanded knowledge

Reach a deeper, better and broader understanding of the Exam Outline.



## Versatile skills

Build vendor-neutral skills that can be applied to different technologies and methodologies.



## Leadership

Develop a broad set of technical and nontechnical skills that job experience alone doesn't provide.



## Higher salaries

In 2023, Certification Magazine's annual survey lists an average salary of \$137,100 (in U.S.) and \$115,150 (globally).



## Stronger skill set

Expand the skills and knowledge needed to fulfill organizational duties.

# Benefits of **ISC2 Membership**

Once you earn your CCSP, you'll become an ISC2 member and part of a professional community that never stops learning and growing. You'll also gain access to a full suite of benefits and resources for continuing education and development, many that will help you earn CPE credits to maintain your certification:

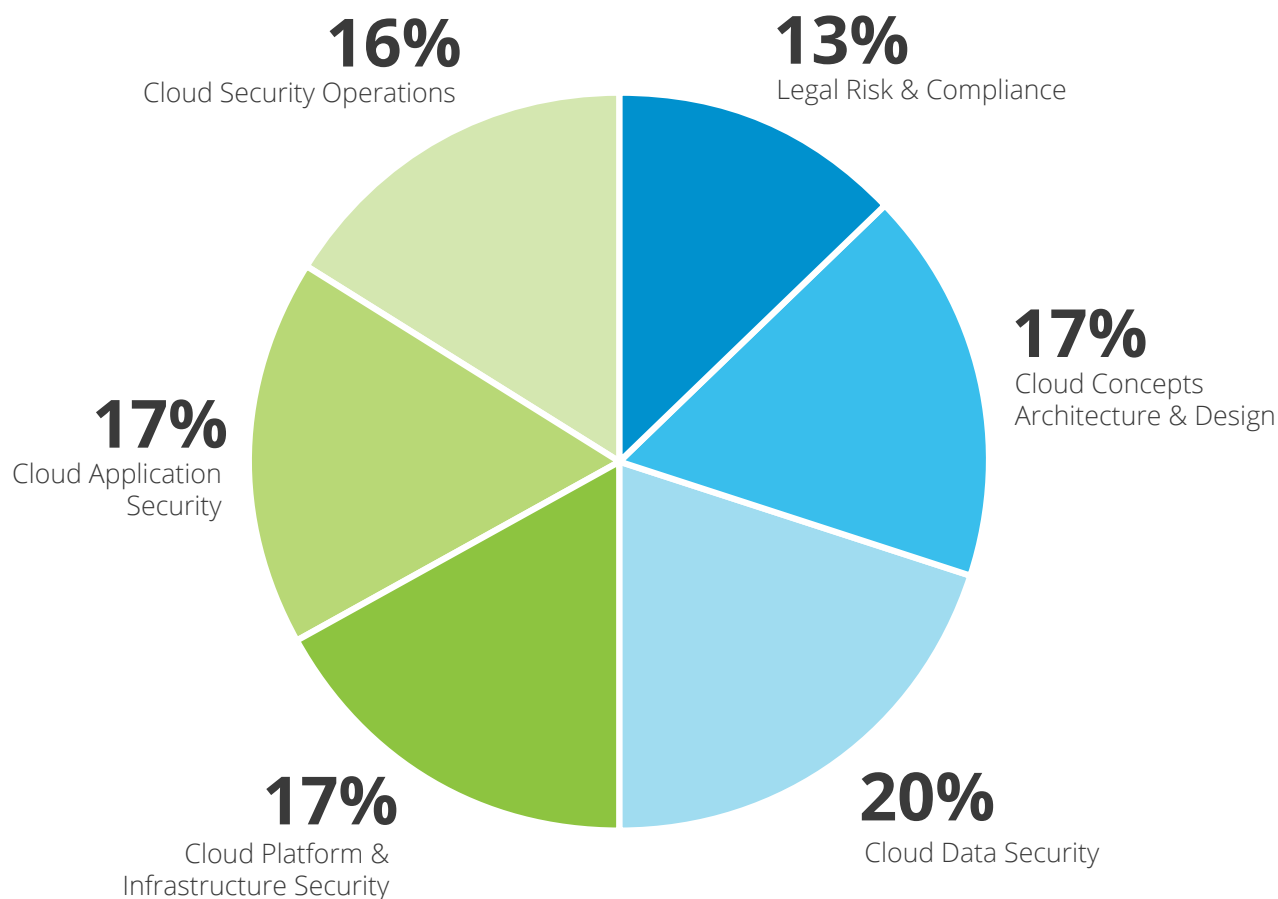
## **Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Opportunities**

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits requirement helps you maintain your competencies following initial certification. By developing and enhancing skills through CPE activities, you make an important investment in yourself while increasing value to customers and employers.



# Exam Overview

The CCSP exam evaluates expertise across six security domains. (Think of domains as topics you need to master based on your professional experience and education.) Passing the exam proves you have the advanced knowledge and technical skills to effectively design, manage and secure data, applications and infrastructure in the cloud using best practices, policies and procedures.



**125** Number of items on the CCSP exam

**3 hrs.** Maximum amount of time for the exam

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

View the CCSP [exam outline](#)

Exam availability: **English, Japanese, Chinese and German**

Testing Centers: **Pearson VUE**



CISSP certification holders automatically meet the experience requirements for CCSP



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# Get in touch with us

For more information about ISC2 CCSP certification and available training options, contact us directly at:

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