CompTIA Certifications

Concerned about your CompTIA certification? The information in this article will help you understand the changes with CompTIA certifications current and future.

The name of the certification will change but the objectives will not. For example, the certification name could change to "Security+ CPE" for the Security+ certification. Continuing Education credits will be accumulated during a three-year time frame. What will qualify as validated points has yet to be determined.

The Services POCs are currently reviewing training material to provide to CompTIA for evaluation. Bridge exams will not be part of the continuing education process once the current bridge exams retire.

Personnel who are certified in Net+, Sec+ or A+ as of 31 Dec 2010 will be considered "certified for life" however they are required as DoD workforce personnel to "OPT-in" to the continuing education certification numbering scheme on 1 Jan 2011 but NLT 31 Dec 2012. No exam will be required to OPT-in to the continuing education platform.

ANSI is still reviewing CompTIA’s submission for continuing education therefore no confirmed approvals have been met.

Army e-Learning IT Knowledge Center

A new look for Skillport users who utilize the IT Knowledge Center may be coming soon. A DoD 8570.01 Knowledge Center will be presented as a one stop portal to IA-related articles, courses, online books, and will also include hands-on Practice Labs for real-time training. You will be able to select a certification to view the corresponding courses, study guides, and books that can assist students in achieving certification.

Date of production has not been determined; pending CIO-G6 approval.

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Training FYI Highlight:
Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) is now included as one of the DoD approved baseline certifications. Training is available at the Professional Education Center (PEC). Contact Maj Michael Riley at Michael.rileyjr1@us.army.mil for training times and locations.
The following upgrades to the ATCTS will be available within the month:

a. Managers will be able to share customized report settings with other managers.
b. Managers will be able to run a Report that shows the entire course completion list for each user within a single row.
c. Managers will be able to run a voucher report showing which users have received vouchers.
d. The ability to manually add Awareness training will be disabled. All IA Awareness training recorded in ATCTS will be taken from the Signal Center website.
e. Managers will be able to Batch Move inactive accounts. The option will be located in the “Batch Move” option.
f. All: The Home page will provide links to the various training sites such as the Signal Center, Skillport, Virtual Training website and others.
g. Managers and Users will be able to see the last login date and the date the profile was verified in their profile.

Exam Vouchers

This office currently has vouchers for the following exams:

- A+
- Network+
- Security+
- CISSP
- CISSP
- CAP
- ISSEP
- ISSAP

In order to receive a voucher students must upload duty appointment orders and PLAA in their ATCTS profile and complete minimum training requirements for their IA position. Voucher request form and pre-assessment test results (where required) should be uploaded to student’s profile by the ATCTS manager or send to netcomiawip@conus.army.mil. Uploading documents to the student profile helps expedite the voucher process.

*Only the IAM, IAPM, or Commander can sign the voucher request form in Part 5. IASO’s, SA’s and others cannot sign as the aforementioned positions unless given exclusive permission to do so.

Network+ On-line Course

The Office of Information Assurance and Compliance, Assessments and Training Division will be hosting an on-line Net+ training session from 17-21 May 10. If you have personnel working IATI or IATII functions and managing your organization’s network please provide the name, mailing address, phone number and email address to netcomiawip@conus.army.mil.

Please note that each individual must have their appointment order/letter and Privilege Access Agreement uploaded in ATCTS and all required training completed. We have at least nine vacancies.
Inactivated Accounts in ATCTS

When personnel PCS to other duty stations, their ATCTS accounts are inactivated by the manager of the unit they no longer reside. ATCTS managers have the ability to reactivate accounts of in-processing personnel by going through the following steps:

a. Click on your management tab
b. Above the list of users, on the horizontal gold bar click the "Find and Move Users Here" link
c. Type the user's FULL AKO email address and click Find User
d. You will see the user and their current SC/FCIO and MACOM structure
e. Select "Request Move"
g. The move request goes into a queue for previous organization to approve or reject (within 24-48 hours). Inactivated accounts will be moved immediately.

ATCTS Validation of the IA Workforce

All Commanders/Directors/Managers (IAPMs/IAM/Division Chiefs) must ensure that personnel who are validated in ATCTS as working IA/IT functions must be working the functions outlined in AR 25-2 and DoD 8570.01-M and appointed on order/letter. Individuals validated in ATCTS without an appointment order/letter or PAA (if working technical functions) will have their profile status changed to unverified.

Schoolhouse, Mobile Training Team and Army Funded Courses

Managers at all levels please make sure that candidates understand that they must take the commercial certification exam NLT 30 days after the completion of their classroom training. ISACA exams are only taken in Jun and Dec, however the voucher must be requested prior to the training date. Civilian and military personnel must request their voucher prior to attending any schoolhouse, MTT, or Army funded course-No exceptions. All training requirements and documentation (appointment letter and/or PAA) must be uploaded prior to requesting a voucher.
The Army received several applications for the Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP) and we are proud to announce that nine Army personnel were selected for academic year 2010-2011. The next opportunity to apply for the IASP will be around the September timeframe. Additional information can be found at http://cio-nii.defense.gov/sites/iasp2/

**IAASO Course Name Change**

The IASO course on the Signal Center website, (https://ia.signal.army.mil) is required for all IA Workforce personnel whether they are appointed to an IASO position, hold a current certification or working to achieve certification. The course provides individuals an understanding of the information systems security policies, roles, responsibilities, practices, procedures, and concepts necessary not only to perform the functions of an IASO but also provides the security fundamentals for any IA Workforce professional. The course material will remain the same, however the course name will change from IASO to Information Assurance Fundamentals. Students will see this course title in their ATCTS profile in place of the IASO course title in the required minimum training table very soon.