CompTIA Certification CPUs

CompTIA is transitioning to a continuing education format to meet the ISO 17204 standards. Currently CompTIA is evaluating the list of courses from the DoD services. The course completions equate to a certain number of Continuing Professional Education Credits. CompTIA hopes to have everything formulated and confirmed NLT Oct 10.

Personnel certified in A+, Network+, and Security+ by 31 Dec 2010 will be "certified for life" by CompTIA standards. All personnel holding one of the CompTIA certifications and who are part of the IA workforce shall opt into the continuing education process on 1 Jan 2011 and no later than 31 Dec 2012. Certified personnel who do not opt into the continuing education by 31 Dec 2012 will have to RETAKE the commercial certification exam under the continuing education umbrella or naming schema. The retake is required if you are a member of the DoD IA workforce only.

The yearly maintenance fee will be paid by DoD as long as your certifications have been released through DMDC at https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwc/index.jsp.

MANAGERS: Please ensure your personnel have released their certifications.

Personnel taking the exam on or after 1 Jan 2011 will have a certificate expiration date of three years from the date certified, however when the individual enrolls in the Continuing Education process they will have three years from the date to complete the CPE credits therefore their certification will not expire.

CPE credit requirements:

Security+: 50 CPEs every 3 years

Network+: 30 CPEs every 3 years

A+: 20 CPEs every 3 years

Army e-Learning IT Knowledge Center

The Army's e-Learning program has upgraded to Skillport 7.0, providing a more user-friendly online experience. On 1 September 2010 the current IT Knowledge Center (KC) in Army e-Learning will no longer be available. This Knowledge Center will be replaced with the new 8570 KC. This change is based on duplication within the KC as well as the need for a more defined DoD specific KC. Although the IT Security KC will no longer be available, any courses accessed via the KC will still be available in the catalog as well as within your "My Progress Report".

Army Information Assurance Training and Certification Update

ATCTS MANAGERS: Your general users (non-IA personnel) can be imported into the ATCTS without individual registration by using the General User Import Sheet for Managers found on the ATCTS Home page, under Compliance Information.
ATCTS Upgrades

The following upgrades to the ATCTS are now available:

a. Managers can share customized report settings with other managers.
b. Managers can run a report that shows the entire course completion list for each user within a single row.
c. Managers can run a voucher report showing which users have received vouchers.
d. The ability to manually add Awareness training has been disabled. All IA Awareness training completions will be reported from the Signal Center site.
e. Managers can Batch Move inactive accounts. This option is located in the “Batch Move” section.
f. The Home page provides links to the various training sites such as the Signal Center, Skillport, Virtual Training website and others.
g. Managers and Users can see the last login date and the date the profile was verified.
h. Users can share their training transcripts with managers who cannot view their profile data.

Exam Vouchers

CIO/G6 currently has vouchers for the following exams:
  - Security+
  - CISM
  - CAP
  - ISSEP
  - ISSAP
We are currently out of A+, Network+, and CISSP vouchers and anticipate receiving more 1 August.

To receive a voucher students must upload duty appointment orders and their 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. *Only* the IAM, IAPM, or Commander should sign the voucher request form in Part 5. IASO’s, SA’s and all others should not sign as the aforementioned positions unless given exclusive permission to do so.

DoD 8570.01, Change 2

Change 2 to the DoD 8570.01-M dated 20 Apr 10, “Information Assurance Workforce Improvement Program,” was approved and posted to the official DoD (WHS) Directives Web-site at: http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/857001m.pdf. For your convenience, Change 2 is also on the Army Training and Certification Tracking System homepage under compliance information: https://atc.us.army.mil along with other regulatory documents relative to training and certification.
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. Select your management tab
b. Above the list of users, on the horizontal gold bar click the "Find and Move Users Here" link
d. Type the user's FULL AKO email address and click Find User
e. You will see the user and their current SC/FCIO and MACOM structure
f. Select "Request Move"
g. The move request goes into a que for the user's 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.

New Courses

Virtual Training website: The IA Briefing for Senior Operational Leaders training narrated by MG Smith has been added. This training is focus on providing Senior leaders a short briefing on IA issues and associated risks pertaining to information and information systems. The completion date of the course will import into the individual's Army Training and Certification Tracking System profile within 24 hours of completion. Signal Ctr: Training on Phishing Awareness is located on https://ia.signal.army.mil. This training is recommended for all personnel with network access.

Need to Take the CISM Exam?

The CIO/G6, OIA&C will be hosting a CISM exam the latter part of Sep 10. This is for the exam only, there is no training class. If you wish to take the exam please send an email to netco-miwip@conus.army.mil. This office will provide a CISM voucher to military/civilian personnel only who are appointed in the required IA position needing the cert and have completed all training and documentation requirements.
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**DWCA Certification Release**

As part of the Information Assurance Workforce you will release your certification status in the Defense Workforce Certification Authorization (DWCA) tool. You can accomplish this by visiting https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dwc from the NIPRNET using your CAC to authenticate. You must also enter your certifications in ATCTS as well, https://atc.us.army.mil. This will ensure that your renewal fees are paid by DoD. Please note that all IA Workforce personnel (military, civilians, and contractors) must release their certifications in the DWCA website but DoD will only pay for military and civilians ISC (2) and ISACA renewal fees (only one certification) for the level assigned.

**A Heads Up!**

**IA SP:** The DoD IA Scholarship Program will begin around Oct 10. Please seek out those highly motivated IA professionals who would like to advance their educational knowledge. More information will be distributed once this office receives the signed memorandum from DoD.

**BBP:** The updated IA Training and Certification Best Business Practice will be out for comments around 30 Jun.