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#### QUESTIONS FROM THE IA COMMUNITY IN REFERENCE TO THE COMPTIA CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Question	Answer
What do I need to do since I missed the deadline to enroll in the CompTIA Continuing Education Program?	If the certification is required for your position then the certification must be re-taken.
What will happen to my organization's certification compliance percentages for those individuals that did not enroll?	Compliance percentage will not be affected at this time. Army is working with CompTIA certified personnel in capturing corrections to their data in DMDC.
How do I pull in my continuing education enrollment in my ATCTS profile and/or release my certification?	Go to <a href="https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwc/index.jsp">https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwc/index.jsp</a> , login and click on "authorized release of certification", then COMPTIA, then "release additional certification" if you released your certification once. If you never released your certification enter your candidate ID number from your certification certificate from CompTIA. The name must be entered in DMDC the same way it was entered in CompTIA. Make sure your certification in DMDC is not in an "unknown" status.

#### OBTAINED COMPTIA CERTIFICATION on 1 JAN 2011 and thereafter

Question	Answer
What happens if I pay all 3 years of annual dues; upload all required CPEs before the end of my 3 year period?	The new 3 year period will start at the expiration date on your certificate.

#### OBTAINED COMPTIA CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO 1 JAN 2011

Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3
What happens if I pay all 3 years of annual dues; upload all required CPEs before the end of my 3 year period?  The 3 year period begins on the date of Continuing Education enrollment.	Your next 3 year period starts the date after CompTIA approves all of your CPE credits so please do not upload all CPEs and pay before the end of the 3 years.	You will have the "CE" designator.	Army CIO/G6 will provide maintenance fee tokens if funding is available to help Military and DA civilians with this payment.





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**Network+ course for COMSEC Account Managers (CAM) and Assured Compliance Assessment Solution training courses**

The Army CIO/G6, Cybersecurity Directorate has partnered with the Communication and Electronic Command Training Division to host Network+ training for CAMs that require certification through their command and ACAS training for organizations that would like to host a course. The team will travel to the organization to provide the training and administer the Network+ exam on the last day of training. Military and DA Civilians can request vouchers for testing from the Army CIO/G6, Cybersecurity Training and Certification Branch as long as they have registered in the Army Training and Certification Tracking System, uploaded all documents in their ATCTS profile and completed all required training. The Network+ N1005 and the Information Assurance Fundamental training must be completed before a voucher is issued. The ACAS suite is an integrated software solution that is scalable to an unlimited number of locations. The solution's tiered ability will give Department of Defense (DoD) enhanced enterprise security while being easy to install and manage. If you wish to host either course please send an email to [ciog-6.netcomiawip.inbox@mail.mil](mailto:ciog-6.netcomiawip.inbox@mail.mil).

**CERTIFIED INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGER CLASSROOM COURSE**

The Army CIO/G6 Cybersecurity Directorate has partnered with the Fort Gordon School of Information Technology to host two CISM courses. The location will be Fort Detrick, MD and Fort Hood, TX. Dates are to be determine. However Army will host one prior to the Jun 13 and Sep 13 exam dates. The intent of the certification is to provide a common body of knowledge for information security management.

The CISM focuses on information risk management as the basis of information security. It also includes material on broader issues such as how to govern information security as well as developing and managing an information security program and incidents.

The requirements for receiving initial vouchers and 2nd vouchers are located on the ATCTS homepage under documents



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**CARNEGIE MELLON VIRTUAL TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (VTE) MOVES TO FedVte OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

The new FedVte site: <https://www.fedvte-fsi.gov/Vte.Lms.Web/> is available .

**All registered user accounts** on the Carnegie Mellon VTE site were imported into the FedVte site on 10 Sep 2012. In order to gain access each user must request a new password but must remember the email address used on the Carnegie Mellon VTE site.

**New registrations:** Your account needs to be approved by your VTE manager on the FedVte site. Most Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands and Direct Reporting Commands already have a VTE manager assigned. Please check with your IA Division for your manager. A list of managers are located on the ATCTS homepage under documents. If your FedVte manager is not listed please send an email to [john.h.steward.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:john.h.steward.ctr@mail.mil). **Mr. Steward will send you an invite to the FedVte system.**

A quick guide is located on the FedVte site and the manager and Training Advisor guides are located on the ATCTS homepage (<https://atc.us.army.mil>) under the Documents tab.

**Certification Continuing Professional Education Credits**

**Security:**  
 50 CPEs every 3 years  
 \$49.00 annually

**Network+:**  
 30 CPEs every 3 years  
 \$49.00 annually

**A+:**  
 20 CPEs every 3 years  
 \$25.00 annually

CISM and CISA: <http://www.isaca.org/Certification/Pages/maintain.aspx>  
 At least 40 per year  
 Total: 120 CPEs every 3 years  
 \$85.00 annually (non members)  
 \$40.00 annually (members)

All GIAC: CPEs completed every 4 years: <http://www.giac.org/certifications/renewal>— \$100.00 annually OR 499.00 every 4 years

**ISC(2) CISSP and CAP**

CISSP: Total of 120 every 3 years  
 At least 40 CPEs per year  
 \$85.00 annual dues

CAP  
 60 CPEs every 3 years  
 At least 10 CPES per year  
 \$65.00 annual dues

When entering CPE credits in your vendor's account (ISACA, ISC(2), etc), the CPE credit/s must align to the certification objectives.



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#### CompTIA 701 and 702 exams moving to 801 and 802 exams

The current version of the CompTIA A+ certification, [exam codes 220-701 and 220-702](#), will be available through Aug. 31, 2013 on the Pearson Vue Testing Center website. You can take either exam series to become CompTIA A+ certified. After this date IA Workforce personnel in Information Assurance Technical One positions must take the A+ 801 and 802 exams.

CompTIA A+ 220-801 covers the fundamentals of computer technology, installation and configuration of PCs, laptops and related hardware, and basic networking.

CompTIA A+ 220-802 covers the skills required to install and configure PC operating systems, as well as configuring common features (e.g. network connectivity and email) for mobile operating systems Android and Apple iOS.

The A+ 801 and 802 training modules are available in the Army E-Learning CIO/G6 folder. Individuals must enroll in the learning program for both modules first before going through the course modules. Individuals have until 31 Jun 13 to complete the 701 and 702 modules in Army E-Learning.

After 31 Jun 13 the 801 and 802 modules in Army E-Learning must be completed prior to receiving A+ vouchers from Army CIO/G6, Cybersecurity Directorate.

#### Annual Maintenance Fee TOKENS available

The following tokens available for military and civilians **only** to pay their annual certification maintenance fees.

CISM  
CISSP  
Security+  
A+  
Network+

In order to receive a token to pay the AMF, the individual must fill out the voucher/amf request form located on the ATCTS homepage under documents. The form must be sent to the individual's ATCTS manager to upload into their ATCTS profile in the voucher request/pretest area.

Individuals holding multiple CompTIA certifications (A+, Sec+ and Net+) will satisfy the AMF for the lower certifications by paying the highest certification AMF. The CPEs will be satisfied as well when All are completed for the highest Certification.

This office cannot reimburse payment for tokens or vouchers purchased by the individual. Tokens will be provided for the highest certification only.



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#### Upcoming Events

2013 National OPSEC Conference: May 6-9: Atlanta, GA: Registration will open on or about 25 Feb 13. Location: Marriott Marquis Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Center Lane, Atlanta, GA 30303  
Conference Admin POC: Linda Heaton, l.heaton@radium.ncsc.mil; 410-854-7436. More information located at: <https://www.iad.gov/events/index.cfm>.

2013 COMSEC Managers Conference: 29 Jul—1 Aug 13: Baltimore, MD: Registration dates are not yet scheduled. More information located at <https://www.iad.gov/events/index.cfm>.

2013 Information Assurance Symposium (IAS): 26-29 Aug 13: Atlanta, GA: Registration dates are not yet scheduled. More information located at <https://www.iad.gov/events/index.cfm>.

#### SOUNDING OFF (<https://atc.us.army.mil>)

If you think it's a good suggestion send responses to your IAM/IAPM. The IAM/IAPM can consolidate and provide this office the overall response for your brigade or command. The following items are recommendations from various organizations. Please let us know your thoughts. Please send your comments to your IAM/IAPM. Send comments to [ciog-6.netcomiawip.inbox@mail.mil](mailto:ciog-6.netcomiawip.inbox@mail.mil)

- 1. SEC-John Battaglia:** The ability within ATCTS to have more HQ units be able to view a user's profile.
- 2. JBLM-Dale Tongue:** Take away the ability for users to upload their IA Awareness Training.
- 3. USASFC-IAM Rodney Shuler:** Would like to see grouping of several saved reports with the same title, numerical order or alphabetical order.
- 4. JBLM-Dale Tongue:** Allow the users and managers to upload certificates for training listed in the Army Minimum Required Training area.





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### Exam Vouchers availability

The Army CIO/G6, Cyber security Directorate has the following vouchers available

1. CISSP
2. Security+
3. Network+
4. A+
5. CISM

#### ARE YOU CERTIFIED AND TRAINED:

Newly appointed IA personnel/hires (civilians and military) have six months from date of appointment to become fully qualified.

#### Certification goal percentages:

RED is not a good goal. The mandate is to have all IA workforce personnel certified (baseline and CE) within 6 months of Cybersecurity/IA appointment. All personnel outside the 6 month window must already be certified.

- 0-50%: RED
- 51-90%: Amber
- 91-100%: Green



#### Can I receive a voucher to take two types of certifications

Yes, if you change job duties and working functions that require a different type of certification.

#### Helpful Websites

DoD published the "Department of Defense Strategy for Operating in Cyberspace," July 2011. To view this document go to : <http://www.defense.gov/news/>

Please check the ATCTS homepage for your FedVte manager. The list is located on the ATCTS homepage under documents.

- <https://iatraining.us.army.mil>
- PII
- PED
- Safe Home Computing
- Phishing
- \*Complete the Army test and the CBT\*

- <https://ia.signal.army.mil>
- Information Assurance Fundamentals
- DoD IA Awareness (complete steps 1 and 2)
- Mobile Training Team schedule (POC Joey Gaspard at [joey.gaspard@us.army.mil](mailto:joey.gaspard@us.army.mil))

<https://usarmy.skillport.com>

FedVte: <https://www.fedvte-fsi.gov>

DMDC: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwc/index.jsp>

#### INFORMATION ASSURANCE FUNDAMENTAL (IAF) TRAINING

The 40 hour IAF training course located on the Fort Gordon website at <https://ia.signal.army.mil> counts as 40 CPE credits for the CISSP and Security+ certifications.

The training will be annotated under "Training-other IT industry" in the individual's CompTIA account.

The IA Fundamental course counts towards 16 CPE points for A+ certification and 24 CPE points for Network+

A detailed listing of skillport, FedVte and DoD courses that counts as CompTIA CPE credits are located on the ATCTS home page under documents. Title: CompTIA CPE course listing



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**Questions regarding contracts**

- Do you have contractors that perform IA support functions?
- Does their contract have the IA certification category and level requirements stated, per DoD 8570.01-M? The Performance of work (PWS) statement should state: "The contractors must comply with DFAR 252.239.7001". Additionally you can add the DoD and Army requirements in the PWS as well.
- Is their contract number listed in their ATCTS profile?
- Is there a DD254 on file for all classified contracts or contracts that requires access to classified material?

**\*\*Managers please assist this office by asking these questions and taking the necessary actions to complete the requirements. If you need suggested words to include in the contract please review the DFARS clause located on the ATCTS homepage under documents\*\***

**Contractor Certifications**

**DoD DFARS 48 CFR Parts 239 and 252 RIN 0750-AF52**  
DFARS Clause: 252.239.7001

Contractor personnel who do not have proper and current certifications shall be denied access to DoD Information Systems for the purpose of performing information assurance functions. Contractors must be hired with the required level of baseline certification as stated in their contract. The contractor has 6 months to obtain the rest of the qualification requirements unless it is stated in their contracts. (Computing Environment certification/certificate of training; Privilege Access Agreement; Duty appointment letter; background check; On-the-Job Training)



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**Questions regarding Civilian and Military personnel**

- Is the IA certification category and level requirement stated in the position description and the HR hiring checklist as a condition of employment?
- Is the soldier or DA civilian made aware of the type of certification/s and/or certificate of training required for their position ?
- Does the command offer remedial training if testing is unsuccessful and ensures that the Army retraining requirements are adhered to?
- Does the supervisor mentor throughout the certification process?
- Does the supervisor counsel the individual as appropriate?

DoD 8570.01-M requires that all Department of the Army Civilians and Military personnel working IA functions obtain a baseline and computing environment certification/certificate of training within six months of their IA appointment date.

**INFORMATION ASSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Information Assurance Scholarship Program for Calendar Year 2013-2014 opened on 1 October 2012. Packages are currently being reviewed by Army CIO/G6, Cybersecurity Directorate for final disposition to DoD. Packages will be prioritized based on the material in the packaged. All packages will be mailed to DoD on 3 Feb 13. The DoD board review all packages for potential nominees in March 2013.

**Colleges:**

- Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT): Is Full time and offers Master of Science degrees in Cyber Operations, Information Resources Management , Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering and Computer Science and PhD in Computer Science. This program is opened to Civilian and military personnel of any grade
- Information Resources Management College (NDU): Focuses on DoD civilian employees and military officers who wish to pursue a full-time or part-time master’s degree or a full-time doctorate in an Cybersecurity discipline. Selectees will complete the first part of their degree through IRMC and then enter a Partner University to complete the remaining degree requirements. Open to civilians GS12 or above and active duty military 0-4 and above.
- Naval Postgraduate School (NPS): Applicants may apply for either the Master of Science or PhD in Computer Science. Enlisted service members may apply for the MS program only. Full-time residence only. Open to GS-9 or higher; E-4 through E-9; W0-1 through W0-4 and 01 or higher (typical student is an 0-3).