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SECURITY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSM / ISSO / IAM / IAO

Information Systems Security Program Requirements For The US Government Agencies

- Information Systems Security for U.S. Federal Government agencies, including DOD and IC agencies (Referred Throughout As: USG Agencies) is built on a solid foundation of FISMA, NIST Information Security Standards and Guidelines, DNI ICD's, CNSS Instructions and OMB Policies. (Specific Agency Regulations May Also Apply). A solid and secure foundation for Information Systems Security Programs cannot be developed, implemented and managed, without adequately training and certifying your workforce.
- Information Systems Security at most USG Agencies is the responsibility of the one of the following: Designated Approving Authority (DAA), Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Senior Agency Information Security Officer (SAISO), etc. Working for these Senior Level Security Officers are; Information Systems Security Managers/Officers (ISSM's / ISSO's) and Information Assurance Managers/Officers (IAM's / IAO's). Regardless of these Security Job Titles, these Security Officers have the responsibility for the development, implementation and management of a FISMA compliant Information Systems Security Program.

U.S. Government Security Workforce Certification Requirements

- **For Federal Agencies:** (Non DOD/IC), TopSecretProtection.Com (TSP) is not aware of any Federal Government requirement or mandate that requires that any Security Officer be certified, as to an individual's knowledge of FISMA, NIST Information Security Standards and Guidelines, and OMB Policies. (Specific Agency Requirements May Apply)
- **For DOD and IC Agencies:** The DOD 8570.01-M* Information Assurance Workforce Improvement Program Manual requires that a DOD Information Assurance Manager (IAM) must be certified.

The Problem With Current Security Certifications

The DOD 8570.01-M defines three job responsibility levels for a DOD IAM Manager; Level 1, 2 or 3. DOD IAM Managers at Levels 1, 2 or 3 are required to have one of the following Security Certifications: Sans GISF, Sans GSLC, CompTIA Security +, ISC2 CISSP, ISACA CISM. These Security Certifications **will not certify** that an IAM will have a basic understanding of FISMA, NIST Information Security Standards and Guidelines, DNI ICD's, CNSS Instructions and OMB Policies. These Security Certifications **do have added value** to your career in ISSPM and should be pursued as Advanced Security Certifications.

To train and certify Security Officers in ISSPM for USG Agencies requires a comprehensive and specialized ISSPM Training Course and Certification Program. This unique ISSPM Training Course and Certification Program was developed by TSP, and is currently being used by USG Agencies.

ISSPM Training Course / ISSPMP Certification Overview

- The ISSPM Training Course will educate Security Professionals on how to successfully develop, implement and manage an Information Systems Security Program that is FISMA compliant, and built on the **Core Security Requirements** for the Federal Government, DOD and IC Agencies.
- The ISSPM Training Course will provide a structured and comprehensive security program framework for Security Professionals to protect their agencies Data and Information Technology (IT) Systems.
- The Information Systems Security Program Management Professional (ISSPMP) Certification was designed exclusively to validate and certify an individual's knowledge of FISMA, NIST Information Security Standards and Guidelines, DNI ICD's, CNSS Instructions and OMB Policies.

* **DOD 8570.01-M:**
<http://iase.disa.mil/eta/iawip/pol-ref>