



## DSS Monthly Newsletter

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(Sent on behalf of IS Rep)

Dear FSO,

This is the monthly email containing recent information, policy guidance, security education and training updates. If you have any questions or recommendations for information to be included, please feel free to let me know.

### Information

#### **Transition of the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO) To the Department of Defense Central Adjudicative Facility (CAF)**

On May 3, 2012, the Deputy Secretary of Defense directed a complete consolidation of the functions, resources, and assets of the Army Central Clearance Facility, Department of the Navy CAF, Air Force CAF, Joint Staff CAF, Washington Headquarters (WHS) CAF, Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO), and the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) into a single organization under the authority, direction and control of the Director of Administration and Management.

The Deputy further stated that initial operational capability would occur by the beginning of fiscal year 2013; with full operational capability by the start of fiscal year 2014. Fiscal year 2013 is considered a year of execution and components are expected to fund civilian pay and support costs during the transition.

#### **Key Points:**

1. The Deputy Secretary of Defense directed the consolidation of all personnel security adjudicative functions for greater efficiency.
2. WHS, Joint Staff and Facility Management Office officially became the DoD CAF on Aug. 26, 2012.
3. DISCO and DOHA will migrate to the DoD CAF on Oct. 21, 2012.
4. The military services will migrate to the DoD CAF during the November to January timeframe.
5. Full Operational Capability of the DoD CAF is expected on Sept. 30, 2013.
6. DoD CAF Consolidation does not include National Security Agency (NSA), National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA), Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) or National Reconnaissance Office (NRO).

#### **Projected Major Milestones:**

Oct. 21, 2012: DISCO migrates to the CAF

DISCO employees become WHS employees

Enterprise e-mail will reflect "mail.mil" vice "dss.mil"

Oct. 28, 2012: DISCO adjudicative actions will reflect DoD CAF, vice DISCO in JPAS

Jan. 27, 2013: Customers will only see DoD CAF, DIA, NSA, NGA, NRO and DOHA in JPAS

**Questions and Answers:**

Q: Who made the decision to consolidate the Department's adjudicative functions?

A: Ashton Carter, Deputy Secretary of Defense, directed the consolidation in a memorandum signed May 3, 2012.

Q: Why is the transfer being done?

A: This consolidation is being done to provide for greater efficiency.

Q: FY13 is cited as a "year of execution." What does that mean?

A: A year of execution refers to the time period recognized to complete the transfer of manpower, facility space and other associated assets from the components to the DoD CAF.

Q: Why is the transition period so long?

A: The consolidation draws personnel from the military services and DSS. Each must transition personnel and property and account for separate email and IT requirements.

Q: What will happen during the transition period?

A: During the transition period, the military services, DISCO and DOHA adjudicators will incrementally migrate into the DoD CAF. Requirements will be identified to develop a common IT infrastructure and case management system since those are currently different for each agency.

Q: What happens after the transition is completed?

A: It is expected that on Oct. 1, 2013, the DoD CAF will be fully operational, including adjudications for HSPD-12 and employment suitability.

Q: How will the consolidation affect industry personnel security adjudications?

A: PSI-Is will continue to be adjudicated as before, except the JPAS eligibility line will show eligibility granted by the DoD CAF vice DISCO. There should not be any degradation of service. Adjudicative timelines should continue to meet or exceed the 2004 Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTPA) Congressionally mandated timelines.

Q: Will DSS continue to conduct the annual Personnel Security Investigations (PSI) survey?

A: Yes. This will not change and authority for the PSI survey will remain at DSS.

Q: What will industry notice when the DoD CAF stands up?

A: Effective Oct. 27, DISCO will no longer be referenced in the Joint Personnel Adjudicative System (JPAS). The drop down menus and adjudicative decisions will all reflect DoD CAF.

Q: Are there any changes to how industry submits their e-QIP?

A: No. Industry will continue to submit their e-QIP as they do today.

Q: Will there be any changes to the DoD Security Services Call Center?

A: No. The Call Center will remain the customer call center for industry.

### **Ask DISCO Webinar:**

Over the past two months, DISCO has successfully recorded 2 webinars discussing topics like SF-312s, Eligibility Pending, Reciprocity, RRU's and the OCONUS Project. DISCO will host its next live web events for facility security officers on October 25, 2012 at 1:30 pm EST/2:30pm CST to provide information on the DoD CAF Consolidation and e-Fingerprinting. DISCO has recently joined forces with CDSE to leverage training delivery tools to maximize participation and improve connectivity. We will continue to host our webinars on Defense Connect Online (DCO); however, FSOs that register for the teleconference will be able to dial in to a toll free number to listen to the audio in the event of connectivity issues within DCO. Please check our website for previously recorded webinars

([http://www.dss.mil/disco/indus\\_disco\\_webinars.html](http://www.dss.mil/disco/indus_disco_webinars.html))

Don't miss this opportunity to have DISCO answer your questions. The DCO link

(<https://connect.dco.dod.mil/askdisco>) will be posted on the DSS.mil website and NCMS websites.

### **SWFT Online Self-Registration:**

SWFT 3.3 has transitioned to online registration and management of scanning devices. Please visit the SWFT website for more information and instructions at

(<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/psawebdocs/docPage.jsp?p=SWFT>)

## ***CYBER TIPS AND MITIGATION TECHNIQUES***

Implement a defense-in-depth strategy: a layered defense strategy that includes technical, organizational and operational controls.

Consider limiting or prohibiting direct Internet access from servers that contain sensitive or proprietary information.

Disable scripting within the web browser, preventing content from executing from untrusted domains. While preventing scripts (e.g. Java) can cause usability issues, it's an effective technique to reduce web-based exploits.

Reduce the scope of domain administrator accounts to only necessary functions; Do your IT administrators have a non-privileged "user" account different from those they conduct network administration on?

A little scanning and remediation is better than a lot of scanning and less remediation; vulnerability scans without remediation have little value.

## **MOST COMMON JPAS SAR 'REJECT' REASONS**

The current rejection/disapproval rate for JPAS (JCAVS) System Access Requests (SAR) processed by the DoD Security Services (Call) Center continues to exceed 50 percent. Please see

[http://www.dss.mil/about\\_dss/news/20111207.html](http://www.dss.mil/about_dss/news/20111207.html) for the most common reasons for Call Center rejection/disapproval of JPAS SARs. Avoiding these pitfalls will enhance the processing/approval timeline of your JPAS SAR submission, if access eligibility requirements are met. Please contact the Call Center at 1-888-282-7682, if you have any questions. Thank you!

## Policy

DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE (DSS) RELEASES FAQs REGARDING MARKING REMOVABLE MEDIA  
DSS released FAQs concerning removable media. Please click the below link for additional information:

[http://www.dss.mil/isp/policy\\_faqs.html](http://www.dss.mil/isp/policy_faqs.html)

## SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### **CDSE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY WEBINAR'S**

Did you know that CDSE has an industrial security webinar series designed especially for Facility Security Officers (FSOs), other contractor security personnel, DSS IS Reps, DoD Industrial Security Specialists and other government personnel with industrial security responsibilities? This series is called Learn@Lunch and you can find out all about them on our CDSE webinar webpage:

<http://www.dss.mil/cdse/catalog/webinars/index.html> under Industrial Security, Learn@Lunch. While you are there, don't forget to check out our other webinars which are listed under the associated security discipline to see if they might be of interest to you.

The next Learn@Lunch webinar, "Safeguarding: Concepts, Methods, Applications and Introducing "Open Storage" is scheduled for Thursday, October 11 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. EST. This webinar will review the guidance contained in the latest Industrial Security Letter (ISL), ISL 2012-04, to include an update on the approved methods for safeguarding classified material, the process for incorporating security-in-depth into security programs, and an introduction to "Open Storage." To sign up, simply go to <http://www.dss.mil/cdse/catalog/webinars/safeguarding.html> and click on the sign up link (sign up will close at midnight on October 9, 2012). Don't miss this great opportunity to learn at lunch.

### **NEW INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SHORT**

The Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) has released a new Industrial Security short, "DD Form 254." This short provides a high-level overview of the DD Form 254, as well as a review of the CDSE job aids and resources available to assist you in successfully completing and maintaining the form. Access the short at <http://go.usa.gov/YaFz>.

Thank you,  
**Defense Security Service**