



Security Fundamentals Professional Certification

What is the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification?

The Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) serves as a valid and reliable indicator of a security practitioner's understanding of facts, concepts, and principles the Department of Defense (DoD) security community deems critical to successfully perform functions, implement programs, and pursue missions necessary to manage risks to and protect DoD assets.

The SFPC is the first of four certifications within the SPeD Certification Program.



What is required to obtain the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification?

To obtain the SFPC, you must hold a DoD position that requires certification or move to a position identified as a certified position, or be designated by your employing DoD Component as an eligible applicant for the certification.

The SFPC is open to all personnel affiliated with a federal agency and/or the National Security Program. Individuals willing to voluntarily submit to and subsequently meet the pre-defined SFPC program requirements can earn the SFPC.

How do I prepare for the SFPC Assessment?

Access the "Resources for SPeD" through STEPP. Use the diagnostics to help you gauge your level of knowledge in the various security topic areas. Based on your results, download and review the appropriate recommended resources to increase your proficiency.

How do I maintain the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification?

To maintain the SFPC, you must successfully meet approved continuing professional development units per year and continue to be an employee in good standing (per employing DoD Component or Agency). Candidates conferred the SFPC between 2010 through March 13, 2012, will have their renewal clock start on March 14, 2012, for the two-year period ending March 13, 2014.

I am a DoD contractor. Am I eligible for the SFPC?

Yes. Facility Security Officers and National Industrial Security Program affiliated security professionals are also eligible for SFPC. Please note: SPeD Certification Program is not based on the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual but is designed to measure the knowledge, skills, and abilities based on the definition of work performed by security practitioners on behalf of the DoD.

For more information:

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