SPēD Testing Events

Center for Development of Security Excellence Linthicum, Md.

SFPC Mondays and Wednesdays at 0900 and 1300

SAPPC Mondays and Wednesdays at 0900 and 1300

ACP weekdays at 0900

Please refer to the CDSE website for offsite testing events.

To schedule a test at one of these events, go to http://go.usa.gov/0Ep for contact information.

Milestone Achieved!

In just under one year, the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence has conferred the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) to more than 1,000 security professionals! The SFPC demonstrates your understanding of the concepts and principles deemed critical to protect DoD assets and promotes your professional development. It also provides benefits to security professionals by defining standards, driving professional accountability, and assuring continuing competency of certificants. Congratulations to the certificants!

First Quarter SPēD Newsletter Top Ten Most Popular Links

The CDSE first quarter SPēD newsletter, posted on Go.USA.Gov on January 3, was one of the top 10 most clicked links. The newsletter has been accessed over 42,000 times. We want to see this number continue to grow! Spread the word about SPēD with your colleagues.

Security Asset Protection Professional Certification Now Available!

CDSE is pleased to announce that the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC) assessment was launched February 27 and is now being administered. The SAPPC is the second of four professional certifications. Please note that the SFPC is a prerequisite for the SAPPC. Both the SFPC and the SAPPC assessments are offered at Linthicum, MD, on Mondays and Wednesdays.

SPēD assessments are offered after instructor-led courses.

Thanks to SAPPC Beta Testers!

Between August 2011 and November 10, 2011, over 300 security professionals took the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC) beta test. Defense Security Service (DSS) appreciates the efforts of all volunteer beta testers and personnel involved in conducting the testing. The purpose of the SAPPC Beta Assessment is to support the final SAPPC assessment development phase and to develop a DoD baseline for setting the cut score of the assessment instrument. Our thanks to all of the volunteers!

Do you have a question about SPēD? Contact SPED@dss.mil

For updates, follow us on Twitter @ProfDivCDSE.

Find us on Facebook at http://on.fb.me/hIFFNM

Check out our SPēD video on at DSS-CDSE

STEPP Up for Certification!

To register for an assessment or update your account:
1. Go to https://stepp.dss.mil to update/complete your STEPP account. Please note that you should enter your name as you want it to appear on your certificate. If your account is current, proceed to Step 2.
2. Select a date and location from the SPēD Test Sites and Schedule. If registering for a remote test site, email the appropriate assessment center contact with your preferred date, time, and location. Please select a date at least 10 days from the date of your email.
3. If registering for an assessment following an instructor-led course, register for the Certification Assessment through STEPP at https://stepp.dss.mil/selfregistration. At the catalog under "Certification Programs," click on "Security Professional Education Development." Click on "Security Fundamentals Professional Certification Assessment Placeholder (SPED030.SP)" and click on the date, time, and location you wish to register for.

Reminder: If you are a DoD contractor, please indicate "industry" as your organization in STEPP. For example, Jane.Doe.ctr@any.af.mil would select "industry" rather than "Air Force."

All SPēD certification results will be available 15 days after the event via your STEPP account. You can access your results by logging into your STEPP account. On the STEPP home page, select "Learn," select "Training Schedule," and select "View Completed Registrations." The last column to the right of your Certification assessment, "Status," will indicate the results of your assessment. Candidate questions can be directed to the DSS SPēD Program Management Office at SPeD@dss.mil.

Adjudicator Certification Program (ACP) Testing

DoD Personnel Security ACP testing is offered at CDSE in Linthicum, Md., weekdays throughout FY12. Contact Adjudicator.Certification@dss.mil to sign up for a test date.

Show Off Your Status!

Have you been conferred the SFPC or SAPPC? Use your SFPC or SAPPC designation on business cards, resumes, and signature lines for as long as you maintain active status. The designation "SFPC" or "SAPPC" should appear in all capital letters after a comma following your name. For example, John Dough, SFPC or John Dough, SAPPC. If you have also been conferred the SAPPC, using both designations is optional. For example, John Dough, SFPC, SAPPC.

DSS Conferral Ceremony

The Defense Security Service Director Stan Sims will confer SFPC and SAPPC certificates to SFPC certificants and SAPPC beta testers at a ceremony in April.

Assessment Schedule

In conjunction with CDSE instructor-led training events, we will offer these events in FY12:

April 20: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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April 26-27: Fort Benning, Ga.

May 16, Pentagon, Washington DC

May 18: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

June 1: Buckley AFB, Colo.

June 6-7: Fort Belvoir, Va.

June 15: Fort Leonardwood, Mo.

June 21-22: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please refer to the CDSE assessment schedule at:
http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/test-sites.html

SPēD News

- The SFPC Candidate Handbook has been updated and will soon be available on the website!

- Look for the SAPPC Candidate Handbook coming soon to the website!

- DSS has submitted a letter of intent to National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) to seek accreditation for the SFPC examination. Created in 1987, the NCCA awards accreditation to professionally competent organizations. Accreditation is awarded based on the certification's processes and products rather than subject matter, and thus NCCA certification is applicable to a variety of professions. The NCCA has accredited over 200 programs for more than 100 organizations.

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SPēD Specialty Certification

Special Program Security Certification (SPSC) Pentagon_SPSC@navy.mil

If your organization is not listed above, check the SPēD website at
http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped_contact.html or send an email to SPED@dss.mil
and DSS will provide your organization's POC.

Did You Know…

SFPC and SAPPC certifications are training agnostic.

We're looking for your contributions! Do you have any stories/testimonials related to SPēD certification that will benefit the security community? Have you heard people talking about SPēD? Any good quotes? Whether it's a full-length story or a short quote, we'd like to have your input. We encourage your feedback!