



DSS Monthly Newsletter

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Dear FSO,

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

Information

Periodic Reinvestigations

Depending upon the level of access required, individuals holding security clearances are subject to periodic reinvestigations (PR) at a minimum of every five years for Top Secret, ten years for Secret, and fifteen years for Confidential. For more information on the PR requirement, click here <http://www2.dss.mil/disco/pss-reinvestigate.html>. The FSO is responsible for reviewing access records to ensure employees are submitted for PRs as required in the Personnel Security Program regulation.

NISPOM paragraph 2-201d states that contractors may be subject to a Periodic Reinvestigation (PR) program as specified by the Cognizant Security Authority (CSA). Personnel security policy requires that contractors with access at the Top Secret and Secret levels be reinvestigated at 5 and 10 year intervals from the closing date of the previous investigation. Given that these dates are reflected in Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS), and NISPOM paragraph 2-200b requires that contractors maintain the accuracy of their employees' access records, contractors are responsible for submitting the e-QIP for an employee's PR no later than the applicable due date.

To facilitate meeting this suspense, an employee's e-QIP for PR may be initiated up to 3 months in advance of the due date. DISCO will no longer accept investigations outside of the 90 day window and will start rejecting e-QIP submissions outside of 90 days starting August 1, 2012.

To monitor compliance with PR submission requirements, DISCO will run monthly reports of overdue PRs and request e-QIPs for the PRs. If the employee's e-QIP for a PR is not submitted within 30 days from issuance of the overdue notification, DISCO will administratively withdraw the eligibility without prejudice from JPAS and issue a No Determination Made (NDM). For individuals with no owning Security Management Office (SMO) identified in JPAS, DISCO may enter an LOJ. The previous valid eligibility will be reinstated when the e-QIP is received by DISCO. Contractors are reminded to access JPAS accounts weekly and check notifications.

DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE (DSS) RELEASES GUIDANCE ON NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD

DSS has noted that there are cleared contractor employees using a foreign-issued National Identity Card (NIC) instead of a U.S. passport when traveling abroad.

Contractors who become aware of cleared employees traveling outside of the United States using documentation that is other than a U.S. passport should make a report to DISCO in accordance with NISPOM 1-302a when they become aware of the fact that such travel occurred, or when a cleared employee exercises any right, privilege or obligation of foreign citizenship regardless of the circumstances.

DSS recognizes that possession of a NIC by a cleared employee may not mean the employee is exercising the rights, privileges or obligations of foreign citizenship, but may be a requirement to reside in a foreign country.

Reports involving cleared employees using a NIC instead of a U.S. passport when traveling abroad should be submitted as an incident report in the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS). DISCO will make a determination regarding the cleared employee's continued eligibility for access to classified information based upon the facts and circumstances reported.

For questions or inquiries regarding this guidance, please send them to: call.center@dsshhelp.org.

DSS ANSWERS FAQ REGARDING INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEMS FOR CONTAINERS REQUIRING SUPPLEMENTAL PROTECTION

DSS recently provided a response concerning the intrusion detection requirements to support the supplemental protections of NISPOM 5-302 and 5-307a for GSA approved security containers storing Top Secret material that are not located in an approved closed area. This response is located on the DSS website. For more information, please click the below link:

http://www.dss.mil/isp/policy_faqs.html

DSS ANNOUNCES THE 2012 COGSWELL AWARD WINNERS

On June 13, 2012, DSS presented the 2012 James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Award to 26 facilities at the annual National Classification Management Society training seminar in Orlando, FL. For a full list of this year's recipients, please click on the link below:

http://www.dss.mil/about_dss/press_room/12cogswell.html

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 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!

e-QIP UPDATE - NEW LOG-IN PROCEDURES

OPM's deployment of e-QIP 3.02 on 24 Jun 12 introduced username/password log-in functionality to the system. Please see <http://www.dss.mil/diss/eqip-fags.html> for links to OPM's e-QIP welcome page and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) related to the e-QIP system and e-QIP 3.02. Thank you!

DSS ACCESS MAGAZINE

The June issue of the DSS ACCESS Magazine can be found at the below link:
http://www.dss.mil/documents/about/DSS_ACCESS_Vol_1_Issue_2.pdf

Thank you,

Defense Security Service