



CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Society for Industrial Security Inc. (the Society) is offering a Certification Program for qualified persons. The Program recognizes and supports the professional development of security professionals at entry level and during the early and middle years in their security career.

The Program is based on an independent assessment by the Society of security education, and accumulated knowledge and experience. This assessment of personal professional development is then compared to Society-established Learning Outcomes established for the Certification Program categories. When acceptable compatibility exists, the Society may issue a formal and independent level of Certification to an applicant to the Program. A fee is charged for this process.

PROGRAM GOALS

The certification Program provides:

- professional Canadian association standards for the security industry;
- reliable Society-endorsed credentials for individuals employed in the security industry;
- additional learning outcomes standards for educational institutions and security trainers to support continuous improvement of their programs; and
- standards for the selection, training, employment and upgrading of security personnel in government and the private security sector.

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Certification Categories

The Certification Program is defined in three non-progressive categories:

Certified Security Officer (CSO)

This certification recognizes security practitioners who have successfully completed a nationally recognized training program encompassing the fundamental elements of security. CSO for example, may be granted upon successful completion of the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) Uniform Security Guard training or its equivalent.

Certified Security Supervisors (CSS)

This certification recognizes security practitioners who have completed security education competencies or their approved equivalents that meet Society Learning Outcomes and their supporting Elements of Performance established as requirements for the program. CSS designation may be granted for example to an applicant upon successful completion of a two year community college diploma in a security discipline subject to CSCA approval.

Certified Security Professional (CSP)

This Certification recognizes practitioners who have completed security educational competencies or their approved equivalents that meet or exceed the Society Learning Outcomes and their supporting elements of performance. For example, CSP may be granted to individuals whose training and education at college and university meet the advanced learning outcomes for this designation.

Prior Learning Assessment and Workplace Training

The Society recognizes the existence of the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process. Under this approach selected academic institutions may, on application, evaluate the accumulated knowledge and skills obtained from education and life experience. PLA subsequently grants certain credits to assist a person in pursuing further education. PLA is accepted by the Society in support of an application for Certification.

Renewal of Certification Status

Each category in the Certification Program requires renewal every five years. A renewal fee is charged and a specific number of credits relating to security must be obtained for renewal purposes. The number of credits required for renewal is directly related to the category of certification.

Records

The Canadian Security Certification Authority (CSCA) has been formed by the Society to administer the Program. The CSCA will maintain records on all persons who are certified and will, with the permission of the person, advise others of, or publish, Certification status as appropriate. A Certified security professional will receive a certificate endorsed by the Society attesting to the validity of the certification.

Certification Advisory Board

A Certification Advisory Board (CAB) will advise the Society in the management of the Certification Program. The CAB members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Society.

Information

You can reach the Canadian Certification Authority (CSCA) at the following coordinates:

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