

Government Certifications You Didn't Know You Needed



As you get further and further into your career, it is easy to fall behind on continuing education. Fortunately, there are certification programs that help people across government continue their education and advance their career. Whether you're in HR, project management, IT or public affairs, there is a certification program waiting for you!

IT and Cyber



[Certified Information Systems Security Professional \(CISSP\):](#)

The International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. (ISC²) offers this certification that's perfect for anyone with the technical experience to protect their organization from attacks.

[Computing Technology Industry Association's A+ Certification:](#)

The CompTIA A+ certification is essential for any IT professional. It provides validation for skills such as troubleshooting, networking and security.

[CompTIA Network+ Certification:](#)

This certification is also offered by CompTIA, and it's geared towards individuals with the skills to manage and troubleshoot networks, both wired and wireless.

[CompTIA Security+ Certification:](#)

Another CompTIA certification, Security+ is all about information technology security know-how. If you're seeking a career in IT security, this certification is a must.

[Information Technology Infrastructure Library \(ITIL\) Certification:](#)

The ITIL certification offers five different levels of certification within the scheme, so candidates can tailor the qualification to fit their own experience and skill level. This is perfect for anyone in IT Service Management.

[Federal IT Security Professional Certification:](#)

As its name suggests, FITSI is geared towards the Federal IT workforce. FITSI focuses on certifying best-practice IT professionals with four specific roles: Designer, Operator, Auditor and Manager.

[Global Information Assurance Certification \(GIAC\):](#)

The GIAC tests candidates for skills such as software security, information security, and computer forensics. This certification is ideal for anyone in the IT industry seeking to work towards protecting the cyber environment.

[Microsoft's Certified Solutions Expert:](#)

There are many different ways to become an MCSE, ranging from Cloud and infrastructure to messaging and mobility. The MCSE certification makes it possible to validate a variety of IT skills and will stand out on a resume.

Auditing



[Certified Internal Auditor \(CIA\):](#)

The CIA is provided by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and strictly follows the IIA's International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The certification validates auditing skills, as well as theories about internal control, technology, risk management, and governance.

[Certified Information Systems Auditor \(CISA\):](#)

Becoming a CISA is a great way to certify that you have the proper knowledge needed to understand information systems audit control, as well as compliance and vulnerabilities.

[Certified Government Auditing Professional \(CGAP\):](#)

The CGAP certification program is geared towards auditors working in the public sector, at any level. The certification covers everything from risk control to governance to auditing best practices.

Project and Program Management



[Project Management Professional Certification \(PMP\):](#)

The PMP certification is a global acknowledgement of skills and techniques necessary to be a successful project manager. PMP's earn more, are more efficient workers, and are connected to a large community of other PMP's.

[Program Management Professional Certification \(PgMP\):](#)

The PgMP certification is aimed at senior-level program management workers with proven abilities in managing multiple projects, and garnering consistent results aligned with organizational goals.

[Federal Program Management Certification:](#)

TwentyEighty Strategy Execution offers an Associate's and Master's certification in Federal Program Management. These programs will teach you how advance mission outcomes through management excellence and certify you as an expert in federal project management.

Contracts and Acquisitions



[Certified Federal Contracts Manager:](#)

A CFCM certification makes your expertise regarding the Federal Acquisition Regulation known. This program is perfect for federal employees or military members who deal with federal contracts.

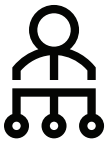
[Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Managers \(FAC-P/PM\):](#)

The FAC-P/PM program is for federal employees working as acquisitions professionals in program and project management functions and activities.

[Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting \(FAC-C\):](#)

The FAC-C program is also geared towards federal employees, but at a more basic level. The certification program provides general education and training for employees focused on contract vehicles, from low to high-risk acquisitions.

Human Resources



[International Public Management Association for Human Resources-HR Senior Certified Professional:](#)

The IMPA-SCP is for manager, director, senior management, or executive-level HR personnel. The public sector focused certificate offers competency-based credentials for HR professionals looking to add value to their career and show their commitment to the HR profession and the public sector.

[IMPA-HR Certified Professional:](#)

The IMPA-CP is targeted towards public sector human resources professionals in an entry- or mid-level career position.

[IHR Expert Certification Exam for HR in Government:](#)

Want to become an expert certified in HR in government? Consider taking IHR's Expert Certification Exam. After completing 40 learning hours of HR instruction, you will be eligible to take the exam and become a certified government HR expert.

[Society for Human Resource Management Senior Certified Professional:](#)

Based on the HSRM Body of Competency and Knowledge, SHRM-SCP focuses on eight key behavioral competencies and 15 HR functional areas that are critical to the success of any HR professional. Targeted towards senior-level HR professionals, the SHRM-SCP allows holders to demonstrate their competency in HR practices.

[SHRM Certified Professional:](#)

Similar to the SHRM-SCP, the SHRM-CP is geared to entry- and mid-level HR professionals and demonstrates to the global business community that the credential holder is has the competency and knowledge required for successful job performance.



[Certificate in Public Affairs Management:](#)

This certification is geared towards current and rising leaders in public affairs and is designed to strengthen knowledge of public affairs management best practices. Targeted towards senior-level public affairs professionals, the certificate enhances expertise in leading an integrated and collaborative strategic public affairs function.

[Certificate in PAC and Grassroots Management:](#)

If you are a mid-level public affairs professional looking to improve your PAC and Grassroots management skills, this certificate is for you. Political action committees and grassroots advocacy are two key components in any political program and becoming certifiably knowledgeable about them can help you push your public affairs career to the next level.

[State Government Affairs Professional Certificate \(SGAPC\):](#)

Sponsored by the State Government Affairs Council, the SGAPC exposes candidates to key competencies for state government affairs professionals. Open to new employees and seasoned professionals, the program includes elements like ethics and leadership, the legislative process, and procurement advocacy.



[American Board for Certification in Homeland Security Certifications \(ABCBS\):](#)

The ABCBS sponsors certification programs in various homeland security-related issue areas. Some of the programs include the Intelligence Analyst Certified IAC, Cyber Warfare Certification, and Certified in Disaster Preparedness.

[Center for Security and Emergency Management Academy Certifications \(CS4M\):](#)

The CS4M offers certification programs for law enforcement and homeland security professionals. Examples of certifications include: Certified Homeland Security Manager, Certified Evidence Collection Specialist, and Certified Counter Terrorism Specialist.

[Certified Homeland Protection Professional:](#)

This certification is designed to prepare people to help their organizations prevent, protect against, prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from all hazards. The program instills the ability to assess threats, risks and vulnerabilities, allowing holders to better serve their agency's mission.

[Certified in Survival Mindset Program:](#)

Often times, homeland security professionals must be prepared for in the field survival situations. The CSM credential educates participants on how to better understand and handle the various stresses of combat and field work.



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