



Certified Cyber Professional

Demonstrate your Cyber Security
skills and competence

National Cyber
Security Centre

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HMG's standard for Cyber Security professionals.



What is a Certified Cyber Professional (CCP)?

CCP is a certification framework for competent Cyber Security and Information Assurance (IA) professionals. Individuals can choose to be certified in one or more specified roles, at several levels of competency.

CCP certification will enable you to demonstrate to an employer that you possess the competencies, knowledge and skills needed to be a Cyber Security professional.

Why was CCP introduced?

The information security arm of GCHQ, NCSC (formerly CESG), is working with other government departments to address the UK's shortage of skilled Cyber Security professionals – CCP was developed as part of this initiative. APMG works with NCSC to deliver this scheme.

“The Certified Cyber Professional (CCP) certification is increasingly seen as a de-facto standard for Cyber Security and Information Assurance practitioners in UK industry and public services. As the Office for Nuclear Regulation’s (ONR) lead for auditing and regulating Cyber Security and Information Assurance across the whole of the UK’s civil nuclear sector, I need to be assured that the sector is staffed by competent professionals who have been rigorously and independently assessed for their knowledge, skills and experience. CCP provides that verification.

CCP is the UK Government’s approved standard for Cyber Security professionals. Appropriate CCP recognition also meets ONR’s regulatory expectations for Suitably Qualified and Experienced Cyber Security and Information Assurance Professionals (SQEP) who are working in, or providing support to, the UK civil nuclear industry.”

Robert Orr, Head of Cyber Security & Information Assurance Regulation, Office for Nuclear Regulation

Who is the scheme for?

CCP is aimed at Cyber Security professionals working in both the private and public sectors. CCP can help organizations when selecting Cyber Security professionals for assignments and it can be used to guide professional development of employees.

It allows for knowledge, experience and skills to be independently assessed at three levels of competence, Practitioner, Senior Practitioner and Lead Practitioner, for six roles:

- Accreditor
- IA Auditor
- Communications Security Officer/Crypto Custodian
- IT Security Officer/Information Security System Manager/Information Security System Officer
- Security and Information Risk Advisor
- IA Architect.

The benefits of CCP:

- Independent verification and formal recognition of your Cyber Security skills and competence - providing employers and clients with proof of capability
- Enables employers and clients to easily identify competent professionals to satisfy their cyber security requirements
- Clearer general and specialist career path development
- Becoming part of a recognized and growing professional body from which employers can recruit
- Senior or Lead Practitioner level is a prerequisite for Head Consultants of a service offering in the Certified Cyber Security Consultancy scheme established by the NCSC.

Certification Process

This process involves completing an application, undergoing evaluations, and a telephone interview. Feedback from referees is also incorporated. This rigorous assessment process ensures applicants meet the competencies expected of the role they are applying for and requires preparation.

The entire process is online and the application system is hosted on a secure, standalone server which has been accredited by NCSC for the purpose of this scheme.

Straightforward process completed in a mere six days

“I found APMG very easy and helpful to deal with. I had two queries during the course of my application; both were resolved quickly and effectively. The efficiency of APMG’s application process and quick resolution of queries were the prime reasons for being able to achieve certification in just six days.”

Laure Lydon, CCP Lead SIRA, Senior Consultant at Ultima Risk Management

Fees

The application fee payable for certification will depend on the number and level of the roles for which you apply.

Level	Application fee	Additional role (at application)	Re-validation
Practitioner	£400	£200	£150
Senior Practitioner	£600	£300	£150
Lead Practitioner	£700	£300	£150

An applicant can apply for more than one role and for each role added, the additional role fee is payable. For example, if a candidate applies for the IA Architect role at Senior Practitioner level and the IA Auditor role at Practitioner level, the fee payable will be £600 + £200 = £800.

The certification lasts for 3 years. At the 18 month mark a review of certification, re-validation, is carried out to ensure the code of conduct and professional development requirements are being met. One fee covers re-validation for all of your certified roles.



Prove your Cyber Security skills are of a high standard
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