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# SECURE YOUR ENTERPRISE AND YOUR CAREER—OBTAIN A CISM

In a world where enterprise success is increasingly dependent on information systems and information technology, the trust customers, clients, employees and other stakeholders have for an enterprise can quickly dissipate in the face of a data security breach. As the growing number of high-profile breaches demonstrates, information security failures can result in significant damage to an enterprise's bottom line as well as its reputation. To ensure greater alignment between organizations' information security programs and their broader goals and objectives, more and more enterprises and government agencies expect, and even require, their information security professionals to hold the Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) certification.

## PREPARE FOR SUCCESS IN AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AND IN-DEMAND FIELD

Around the world, demand for skilled information security management professionals is on the rise, and the CISM certification is the globally accepted standard of achievement in this area. The uniquely management-focused CISM certification ensures holders understand business, and know how to manage and adapt technology to their enterprise and industry. Since its inception in 2002, thousands of professionals worldwide have earned the industry-leading CISM to affirm both their high level of technical competence and qualifications for top-caliber leadership and management roles.

- In addition to technical competence, CISM demonstrates a deep understanding of the relationship between information security programs and broader business goals and objectives.
- Earning a CISM is considered a great way to pave the path from security technologist to security manager, and helps you rise to the top of hiring managers' resume/CV stacks.
- CISM holders are consistently recognized among the most-qualified professionals in the information security and risk management fields.
- CISM promotes international security practices and CISM-certified employees provide enterprises with an information security management certification recognized by organizations and clients around the globe. So having a CISM certification adds directly to the value you offer the enterprise you serve.
- The credibility CISM offers is strengthened by its real-world experience requirement. Unlike some security certifications, CISM verifies that holders have a minimum of five years of information security work experience, in addition to having passed an exam.

## CISM AFFIRMS YOU UNDERSTAND INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS

Information security professionals are in high demand, but competition for positions is also high. A CISM certification enables you to be recognized for your technical competence, experience and appreciation of business objectives—all of which add to your desirability for roles that include:



### Information Security Managers

- CISM is considered essential to career progression in the field of enterprise security management.
- The idea of approaching IT security from more of a business perspective than an IT one is increasingly thought of as a vital business driver; CISM stands out in this regard for its emphasis on business understanding and leadership.



### Chief Information Officer/ Enterprise Leadership

- In an environment with new business demands, stringent industry-specific regulations, and risks emerging every day, the ability to manage risk and security has emerged as a mission critical issue for small and large business enterprises worldwide.
- CISM provides business leaders with the ability to understand and articulate a host of complex and challenging security management issues that can significantly impact enterprise success.



### Risk Management Professionals

- Information security is becoming more and more integrated into business operations and companies are challenged to manage the associated risk.
- In addition to recognizing individuals who design and manage information security programs, CISM recognizes and adds credibility to those who oversee and assess them.

## WHO SHOULD OBTAIN A CISM?

The CISM certification was developed specifically for experienced information security managers and those with information security management responsibilities who include:

- Information Security Managers
- Aspiring Information Security Managers
- IS/IT Consultants
- Chief Information Officers

## CISM IS THE GLOBALLY ACCEPTED STANDARD OF ACHIEVEMENT

—for experienced information security managers and those who have information security management responsibilities

CISM is regarded as a distinguished symbol of knowledge, expertise and commitment to the information security profession.

- The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has accredited the CISM certification program under ISO/IEC 17024:2003.
- CISM is a 2014 *SC Magazine* Award Finalist for Best Professional Certification Program.
- The Quarterly *IT Skills and Certifications Pay Index* (ITSCPI) from Foote Partners consistently ranks CISM among the most sought-after IT certifications and confirms that CISM holders are among the most highly rewarded by employers.
- In mid-2014, *Certification Magazine* named CISM among the seven security certifications aspiring security professionals should set their sights on attaining.

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