



## DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY

# VOICE OF INDUSTRY

## DCSA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Facility Security Officer (FSO) (sent on behalf of your Industrial Security Representative (ISR)),

DCSA Industrial Security (IS) publishes the monthly Voice of Industry (VOI) newsletter to provide recent information, policy guidance, and security education and training updates for facilities in the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). Please let us know if you have questions or comments. VOIs are posted on DCSA's website on the [NISP Tools & Resources](#) page, as well as in the National Industrial Security System (NISS) Knowledge Base. For more information on all things DCSA, visit [www.dcsa.mil](http://www.dcsa.mil).

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## NBIS STATUS UPDATE

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The National Background Investigation Services (NBIS) is undergoing a significant digital transformation, modernizing the personnel vetting process in alignment with the Trusted Workforce 2.0 strategy. This transformation aims to:

- Streamline onboarding
- Improve workforce mobility
- Provide better insights into workforce behavior

### Eliminating Inefficiency:

A major goal is to eliminate the inefficient "swivel chair" process, where users have to switch between multiple systems. The future state will allow all personnel vetting management activities to occur in a single, unified location. DCSA is undergoing analysis now to determine the optimal platform for the customer interface.

### Personnel Vetting Questionnaire:

A significant milestone in the NBIS transformation was the limited release of the Personnel Vetting Questionnaire (PVQ) Minimum Viable Product (MVP) on March 31. This new questionnaire, mandated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), consolidates four existing Standard Forms into a single, streamlined four-part Common Form.

The PVQ includes updated questions, particularly in sensitive areas like:

- Substance abuse
- Mental health
- Extremist affiliations

It's important to note that this initial MVP release is specifically for early adopter Investigative Service Provider (ISP) agencies and does *not* yet apply to DCSA customers (including our Industry partners). DCSA will eventually transition all customers to the PVQ to initiate background investigations and Continuous Vetting 5-year updates.

### Collaboration and Support:

Until the official transition, DCSA customers should continue using the current Standard Forms. DCSA is working collaboratively with the Executive Agents to develop a PVQ fact sheet to provide additional information with a forthcoming release date and location. The DCSA Service Level Management team will be developing training materials and guides to support the eventual transition. DCSA remains committed to transparent communication and will continue to provide updates and demonstrations through various forums like virtual conferences and the NCMS.



## DCSA SECTION 847 WEBPAGE IS NOW LIVE!

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Do you have questions or would like to learn more about Section 847 Implementation from DCSA? Please check out the new webpage [here](#) and learn more from a program overview, impacts to industry, DCSA's role, and the Section 847 Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) lifecycle. This webpage will be updated with Q&A as the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) clause is published and implementation begins.

Section 847 of the FY20 National Defense Authorization Act requires the Department of Defense (DoD) to improve its risk assessment and mitigation of the FOCI of its contractors and subcontractors. Section 847 includes assessing whether contractors and subcontractors disclose their beneficial ownership and if they are under any FOCI to DCSA. Beneficial ownership identifies the true individuals or entities who ultimately own or control a business, even if through indirect means, to assess potential foreign influence. This transparency helps the DoD mitigate security risks and ensure foreign entities cannot compromise sensitive defense operations or classified information.

Section 847 also requires covered contractors and subcontractors to periodically have their compliance with the FOCI disclosure requirements assessed and to re-assess contractors and subcontractors when a changed condition is submitted. Section 847 applies to any DoD contractor or subcontractor that has a contract worth \$5 million or more.

This requirement is an expansion of existing FOCI vetting requirements to pre-award contract activities and unclassified contracts. DCSA is currently preparing and setting the foundation for the publication of the DFARS clause and execution of this mission, which is anticipated in the next 12-18 months. DFARS is a set of regulations that supplements the Federal Acquisition Regulation and provides specific guidance and rules for the DoD acquisition process. It governs the procurement of goods and services for defense purposes and ensures that these processes align with national security requirements, defense policies, and statutory obligations.

## SECURITY REVIEW RATING RESULTS

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The following security review results are current as of April 23, 2025:

Overall Fiscal Year Goal:	4,000	
Rated Security Reviews Completed:	2,327	(58.2%)
Rated Security Reviews Remaining:	1,673	(41.8%)
Superior Ratings Issued:	329	(14.1%)
Commendable Ratings Issued:	848	(36.4%)
Satisfactory Ratings Issued:	1,126	(48.4%)
Marginal Ratings Issued:	12	(0.5%)
Unsatisfactory Ratings Issued:	12	(0.5%)

Note: These results include both initial security review ratings and compliance review ratings. DCSA conducts a compliance review when a contractor receives marginal or unsatisfactory rating during a security review. Access the informational [Compliance Reviews slick sheet](#) to learn more.



## SECURITY REVIEW RATING SCORECARD UPDATE

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DCSA fully implemented the Security Rating Scorecard on October 1, 2024, which was jointly developed in collaboration with the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC) Industry Working Group.

DCSA has monitored implementation closely since October 1. Initial analysis indicates:

- No major implementation challenges thus far.
- The Security Rating Scorecard successfully addresses industry requests for greater clarity, consistency, and transparency.
- There is an overall increase in superior and commendable ratings compared to Fiscal Year 2024 averages. This increase was expected and is due to the Security Rating Scorecard decoupling the final rating from the lowest category rating used under the previous model, resulting in fairer and more balanced whole-of-company ratings.

Feedback from our government stakeholders and industry partners has been overwhelmingly positive thus far. We attribute this to the unprecedented partnership between DCSA and industry when developing, piloting, and communicating this process.

DCSA will continue to monitor implementation throughout Fiscal Year 2025. Successes, challenges, and unattributed feedback will be shared with the NISPPAC Industry Working Group during monthly meetings to help guide informed decisions on potential improvements.

DCSA is seeking your feedback related to Scorecard implementation. If you have feedback to share, send an email to the DCSA NISP Mission Performance Division at [dcsa.quantico.dcsa.mbx.isd-nmp-div@mail.mil](mailto:dcsa.quantico.dcsa.mbx.isd-nmp-div@mail.mil).

Visit the DCSA [Security Review & Rating Process webpage](#) to learn more about the Scorecard, download copies of important job aids, and access recorded training webinars.

## REPORT INFORMATION IN DISS PRIOR TO OUT-PROCESSING

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Contractors are required to submit Security Executive Agent Directive 3 (SEAD 3) and adverse information reports for subjects who are maintained within their DISS Security Management Office (SMO). If a subject has current eligibility but the contractor has not taken an affiliation with the individual due to having no reasonable expectation of granting the employee access in the future, the individual is not subject to SEAD 3 or adverse information reporting to that contractor. Refer to the [DISS Management Job Aid](#) for additional information.

Contractors must submit any known reportable information prior to out-processing a subject from the DISS SMO due to termination or deciding they no longer have a reasonable expectation to access classified information again during their employment.



If a contractor fails to submit known reportable information prior to out-processing a subject from the DISS SMO, the contractor must re-establish an affiliation with the subject, submit the report, then out-process the subject once again.

If a contractor discovers newly reportable information after out-processing a subject from the DISS SMO, the contractor should contact DCSA for additional guidance at the [Adjudication & Vetting Services webpage](#).

## OMB COLLECTIONS AND FORMS CONTINUED USE

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DCSA has received questions regarding OMB expiration dates on NISS collections which includes DCSA Form 147, Open Storage Approval Checklist, dated April 2022. The continued collection of information beyond the indicated expiration date has been coordinated with and approved by OMB which has jurisdiction over government information collections. The current delays are due to a government-wide publication freeze which is impacting numerous collections. The following DCSA forms are currently in-process with OMB pending final approval actions and the issuance of updated expiration dates for their respective collections:

- DD 2962, Personnel Security System Access Request Form [collection expired January 31, 2025]
- SF 328, Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests [collection expired March 31, 2025]
- DCSA Form 147, Open Storage Approval Checklist [NISS collection expired March 31, 2025]
- DD 254, DoD Contract Security Classification Specification [collection expires June 30, 2025]
- DD 441, DoD Security Agreement [collection expires December 31, 2025]

The collections and the use of these forms remain valid. New expiration dates will be issued when normal OMB processing resumes after the freeze is lifted. Additional questions may be directed to the NISP Mission Performance Division at [dcsa.quantico.dcsa.mbx.isd-operations@mail.mil](mailto:dcsa.quantico.dcsa.mbx.isd-operations@mail.mil).

## INSIDER THREAT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

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Contractors must ensure that personnel assigned insider threat program responsibilities, including the Insider Threat Program Senior Official (ITPSO) and all other cleared employees, complete training consistent with guidance provided by the applicable cognizant security agency (CSA). Contractors can either develop their own training that includes the required topics outlined in National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM) 117.12(g) or may use existing DCSA designated courses to achieve minimum requirements.

In May 2016, DCSA designated the following training courses to achieve minimum requirements:

- Insider Threat Program Personnel: *Establishing an Insider Threat Program for Your Organization Course INT122.16*
- Cleared Employees: *Insider Threat Awareness Course INT101.16, or Counterintelligence and Security Briefing Course CI112.16*





DCSA recently conducted a review to determine if this guidance is aligned to current policy standards. This review revealed that adjustments are required to ensure insider threat program personnel and cleared employees are sufficiently trained on all required topics outlined in NISPOM 117.12(g).

DCSA is working to update guidance in coordination with NISPPAC Industry and will publish this guidance as soon as possible. In the interim, DCSA will continue to accept the previously designated courses.

## OFFICE OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SVTC AND WEBINAR

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### CLASSIFIED MAY SVTC

DCSA's Office of Counterintelligence invites cleared industry and academia personnel to participate in a Secure Video Teleconference (SVTC) for the Defense Industrial Base entitled, "Shielding Our Secrets: Case Studies of Foreign Intelligence Threats to Defense Contractors." DCSA agents and industry analysts will provide a classified presentation on threats from foreign intelligence entities with real-world examples experienced by a large defense contractor.

The SVTC is an in-person event at most DCSA field offices on May 8, 2025, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. ET. Please use [this link](#) to register by May 1, 2025 for the SVTC.

### UNCLASSIFIED MAY WEBINAR

DCSA invites cleared industry and academia personnel to participate in an unclassified webinar entitled, "Psychology and Counterintelligence: A Mission Critical Intersection." While counterintelligence is as old as mankind, it's only within the last several decades that the discipline has incorporated psychology-based research and consultation to understand why trusted insiders are vulnerable to recruitment by foreign intelligence entities. Whether someone is a leaker or a recruited agent, psychology helps inform intelligence services why insiders go bad.

Please join this panel of highly regarded subject matter experts for a dynamic discussion of the psychology of the why. This event is intended for all personnel including, but not limited to FSOs, executive officers, key management personnel, engineers, business development personnel, industrial security personnel, and cyber security professionals. The webinar will be held May 22, 2025, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. ET.

Please register [here](#) by May 21, 2025 for the unclassified webinar.

## NAESOC UPDATES

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### UPCOMING WEBINARS

The National Access Elsewhere Security Oversight Center (NAESOC) will soon publish its fourth Webex for 2025 entitled "We are the NAESOC," which will be posted to the CDSE website. This Webex will provide DoD with insights as to how we function and provide support. Our core audience are all cleared facilities and agencies.



## ITEMS OF NOTE

Also please visit the [NAESOC web page](#) to find updates under [NAESOC Resources](#). There you will find a current list of FAQs inspired by FSO requests.

Do you have an idea for a future training topic or need a speaker at your event? Please click [here](#) to request a speaker or suggest a training topic.

## REQUESTS SENT TO THE NAESOC

The NAESOC assigns priority to industry requests and actions based on identified risk. If you identify that an already-submitted issue or request requires a higher priority than it has been assigned, or if you have issues that require the immediate attention of NAESOC leadership, please access the [NAESOC web page](#) and activate the "Blue Button" (Escalate an Existing Inquiry) which will generate an email you can send directly to NAESOC leadership.

For routine requests:

- (878) 274-1800 for your Live Queries  
Monday through Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET  
Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET
- E-mail [dcsa.naesoc.generalmailbox@mail.mil](mailto:dcsa.naesoc.generalmailbox@mail.mil)
- NISS message

## NCCS TEAM PRESENTS TO INDUSTRY

The NISP Contracts Classification System (NCCS) Team presented at the DCSA Conference, The Power of Partnership: Trust in People, Facilities, Systems, and Data. The recording will be posted [here](#) on the CDSE website. A Q&A session was conducted at the close of the conference and the Q & A document from the conference will be available for review on the CDSE website at a later date.

Please direct all questions and correspondence to our support inbox: [dcsa.quantico.is.mbx.nccs-support@mail.mil](mailto:dcsa.quantico.is.mbx.nccs-support@mail.mil).

## ADJUDICATION AND VETTING SERVICES

### MENTAL HEALTH FIRESIDE CHAT

On January 30, AVS personnel delivered a briefing at the recent Mental Health Fireside Chat hosted by the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) in Alexandria, VA. The event provided the audience of NISP contractors and DCSA personnel with valuable insights into mental health, security clearances, and the importance of seeking mental health support. Additionally, AVS offered assistance to the attendees through the PCL help desk. AVS plans to conduct this briefing at future outreach events. More information on Mental Health is available [here](#) on the DCSA Website.



## AVS CALL CENTER NUMBER

The AVS Call Center can now be reached at 667-424-3850. The legacy CAS Call center number is still active but will be deactivated in the near future.

As a reminder, the AVS Call Center will continue to provide direct support and timely adjudicative updates to Senior Management Officials (SMOs) and FSOs worldwide. The AVS Call Center is available to answer phone and email inquiries from SMOs/FSOs, provide instant resolution on issues identified by Security Offices whenever possible, and serves as the POC for HSPD12/Suitability Inquiries.

The AVS Call Center is available from Monday through Friday between 6:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET to answer phone and email inquiries from FSOs only. Contact the AVS Call Center by phone at 667-424-3850 (SMOs and FSOs ONLY; no subject callers), or via email at [dcsa.meade.cas.mbx.call-center@mail.mil](mailto:dcsa.meade.cas.mbx.call-center@mail.mil).

For Industry PIN Resets, contact the Applicant Knowledge Center at 878-274-5091 or via email at [DCSAKAC@mail.mil](mailto:DCSAKAC@mail.mil).

## CONDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

In February 2024, DCSA AVS began granting Conditional National Security Eligibility Determinations for NISP contractors. "Conditionals" provide increased mission resiliency to our customers by diverting national security cases from due process to monitoring provided by the DCSA Continuous Vetting Program. An update on the process and fact sheet can be seen [here](#).

## CONTINUOUS VETTING ENROLLMENT BEGINS FOR NSPT

DCSA announced the beginning of phased implementation of Continuous Vetting (CV) services for the Non-sensitive Public Trust (NSPT) population in August 2024. This milestone achievement marks the start of a process that will eventually see more than one million additional personnel enrolled in CV services - ensuring a trusted workforce in near real time through automated records, time and event based investigative activity, and agency-specific information sharing. To prepare for this new capability, agencies are encouraged to start working on the process now. DCSA will coordinate with customers during the phased implementation period to ensure agencies are ready to begin enrollment.

Please refer to [DCSA News: CV Enrollment Begins for NSPT Federal Workforce](#) for more information.

## SF 312 JOB AID

NISP contractor personnel may now sign SF 312s using a DoD Sponsored/Approved External Certificate Authority (ECA) Public Key Infrastructure (PKI):

- The use of digital signatures on the SF 312 is optional. Manual or wet signatures will still be accepted by AVS.
- If the Subject digitally signs the SF 312, the witness block does not require a signature.





- Digital signatures must be from the list of DoD Sponsored/Approved ECA PKI located [here](#).
- The public list of DoD approved external PKIs that are authorized to digitally sign the SF 312 can be located [here](#).

The [Job Aid](#) and [OUSD I&S Memorandum](#) are available on the DCSA Website.

### DISS RELEASE FIXES AUTOMATIC CV UNENROLLMENT ISSUE

On February 13, 2025, DISS Release 13.28.0 implemented a change to update the Continuous Evaluation (CE) Enrollment Status interface when a subject "separates" or "reinstates." As a result of this loss of affiliation, the subject was automatically unenrolled in DISS. Subsequently, the subject would have to be re-enrolled upon re-establishment of affiliation with a new Security Management Office and this re-enrollment would effectively reset the "CE Enrollment Date."

To address this issue, DCSA coordinated with OUSD I&S and deployed DISS Release 13.28.2 on March 13, 2025 to remove the CE status updates to the DISS user interface introduced in DISS Release 13.28 to correct this problem.

For questions, please contact the Customer Engagements Team (CET) for assistance with the use of DISS via phone at 878-274-1765 or email at [dcsa.ncr.nbis.mbx.contact-center@mail.mil](mailto:dcsa.ncr.nbis.mbx.contact-center@mail.mil).

Please contact AVS - Vetting for questions on DoD CV Statuses via email at [dcsa.ncr.dcsa-dvd.mbx.askvroc@mail.mil](mailto:dcsa.ncr.dcsa-dvd.mbx.askvroc@mail.mil).

### REMINDER ON TIMING OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINT TRANSMISSION

As we move closer to full implementation of Trusted Workforce 2.0, AVS continues to work diligently to partner with Industry to get cleared people to work faster and more efficiently all while effectively managing risk. To maintain our interim determination timeliness goals, we ask that electronic fingerprints be submitted at the same time or just before an investigation request is released to DCSA in DISS.

Fingerprint results are valid for 120 days, the same amount of time for which eApp signature pages are valid. Therefore, submitting electronic fingerprint at the same time or just before you complete your review for adequacy and completeness, should prevent an investigation request from being rejected for missing fingerprints.

## CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY EXCELLENCE

### APRIL PULSE NOW AVAILABLE

We recently released the CDSE Pulse, a monthly security awareness newsletter that features topics of interest to the security community. In addition, we share upcoming courses, webinars, and conferences. The [April newsletter](#) focused on "Grand Theft Cargo: Analyzing the Supply Chain's Top Threat." Check out all the newsletters in [CDSE's Electronic Library](#) or subscribe/update your current subscription to get the newsletter sent directly to your inbox by submitting your email address from [CDSE News](#).



## 2025 VIRTUAL DCSA SECURITY CONFERENCE FOR INDUSTRY RECORDINGS

The 2025 Virtual DCSA Security Conference for Industry was held on April 23-24. The conference was a great success and 3,300 participants had the distinct pleasure to hear from panelists discussing policy and operational updates, personnel security updates, and industrial security integration updates from the U.S. military. This year's theme – "The Power of Partnership: Trust in People, Facilities, Systems, and Data" emphasized the important role of trust and building strong partnership across the defense industrial base. We were honored to feature DCSA Deputy Director Daniel Lecce, who kicked off the conference with a special welcome session on April 23 and finished out the conference with closing remarks on day two. Conference recordings will be available in two weeks.

### INDUSTRIAL SECURITY

#### NCMS Getting Started Seminar

There's still time to sign up for the next Getting Started Seminar (GSS) for Facility Security Officers (FSOs) on June 9 at this year's NCMS Annual Training Seminar! This course is not only a great way to get started as a new FSO, but also a way for experienced FSOs to keep informed on industrial security guidance and emerging trends. Students will work in collaboration with other security professionals, exploring security topics through practical exercises. Topics include the DD 254, insider threat, reporting requirements, counterintelligence, security and contractor reviews, security training and briefings, and personnel security.

Please pre-register and complete the pre-requisites [here](#). Registration closes on May 16 and only registered participants will be allowed to attend. Proof of registration (emailed by CDSE) and a photo ID will be required for class entry. You must be registered for the NCMS Annual Training Seminar to attend this GSS. Please note that walk-ins will not be allowed.

### PERSONNEL VETTING

#### Personnel Security: Fundamentals of National Security Adjudications VILT PS101.10

In this 7-day [virtual instructor-led course](#) held from July 22-30, learners will evaluate information obtained through an investigation package, identifying any potential issues in the information for mitigation and resolution. Learners will also identify potential security concerns and risks based upon application of the National Security Adjudicative Guidelines. Through case review, learners will determine eligibility based upon practical application of adjudicative methodology for final national security adjudicative determinations.

In this course, students will be introduced to the whole person concept, different types of background investigations, designated sensitive positions, and personnel security policies and regulations. In addition, students will also learn how to evaluate a portion of a person's life to determine if future behavior would be consistent with national security.

This course is intended for DoD and Federal civilians (GS/GG 5-7 level) who adjudicate eligibility for assignment to sensitive positions and/or access to collateral and Sensitive Compartmented Information



(SCI) program information or DoD, DoD Intelligence Community (IC) Government civilian, or military personnel (non-adjudicators) who perform duties in support of national security adjudications. Nominations for attendance must be approved and made through a training coordinator or designee. Check <https://www.cdse.edu/> for more information on dates and location.

### Requirements:

- Clearance Requirements: Not Applicable.
- Attendance Requirement: Full-time attendance and participation in all sessions.
- Exam Requirements: Students must earn 162 points out of 215, a 75 percent grade average, on course exams and performance exercises.

### Credits Recommended/Earned:

- ACE Credit Recommendation ([What's this?](#)): 3 semester hours, upper division baccalaureate degree category.
- Professional Development Units (PDUs) per SPeD: PDUs are determined by length of course and in accordance with current Certification Maintenance Guidelines.

## NEW CSR AND IR MANAGEMENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE

On April 1, CDSE, in coordination with DCSA Adjudication and Vetting Services (AVS), posted an information resource on [cdse.edu](https://www.cdse.edu). The [Customer Service Request \(CSR\)](#) and [Incident Report \(IR\) Management](#) resource provides clarification and guidance on submissions of CSRs and IRs to DCSA AVS.

The materials are part of a larger effort across the DoD to improve the Personnel Vetting mission, or "Pathfinder Initiative." AVS has provided individual CSR and IR guidance on an ad hoc basis to customers. However, until now, the guidance has never been publicly available. The [new materials](#) will answer customer requests for specific information on CSR and IR submissions and incorporate customer feedback. As a result, this will enable customers to submit timely, quality-improved CSR and IR information for adjudication. View the [product](#) and receive more information.

## SECURITY AWARENESS GAMES

CDSE's Personnel Vetting has released new security awareness games! Encourage security awareness throughout your organization and broaden your knowledge with these games. [Download](#) and play the following new games today:

- National Security Adjudications Crossword
- Continuous Vetting Crossword
- Personnel Vetting Scenarios Crossword



## CDSE WEBINARS & TRAINING

### Personnel Vetting Seminar

CDSE is presenting the virtual instructor-led "Personnel Vetting Seminar" on May 6-7. This seminar addresses the requirements associated with the reform of the Federal Government's personnel vetting system, known as Trusted Workforce 2.0 (TW 2.0). This course helps personnel vetting practitioners in the DoD, Federal agencies, and private industry understand TW 2.0 requirements, identify gaps between current and future procedures, and support implementation. The seminar covers end-to-end personnel vetting operations, including the Federal Background Investigations Program, National Security Adjudications, and Continuous Vetting in a collaborative environment. The course consists of two half-days and targets U.S. Government security practitioners, military personnel, cleared industry FSOs, and other Federal personnel performing personnel vetting security-related duties and for personnel executing security programs for cleared industry. Visit the [course page](#) to learn more and register.

### New Personnel Vetting Process Webcast Series

Check out CDSE's highly anticipated and newly released Personnel Vetting (PV) Webcast Series! This three-episode series introduces the process that a newly hired federal civilian, military member, or contractor will experience as part of the PV process. This series targets all Federal and contractor employees who seek eligibility to access classified information or who are assigned to a sensitive position and need to understand their PV requirements and processes. Tune in [here](#) for episodes one, two, and three as we explore the Pre-investigation, Investigation, and Adjudication phase of the PV Process.

## FISCAL YEAR 2025 UPCOMING COURSES

Interested in earning professional development units (PDUs) toward maintenance of Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Program certifications and credentials? CDSE's instructor-led training (ILT) or virtual instructor-led training (VILT) courses are the perfect opportunity for you to receive free training online. Select courses even have the American Council on Education (ACE) credit recommendations that can earn you transfer credits at participating universities.



## DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY

Classes fill quickly, so plan now for your Fiscal Year 2025 security training. Below is a list of available courses.

### CYBERSECURITY

#### [Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems \(CS301.01\)](#)

- September 22 - 26, 2025 (Linthicum, MD)

### INDUSTRIAL SECURITY

#### [Getting Started Seminar for New Facility Security Officers \(FSOs\) VILT \(IS121.10\)](#)

- August 5 - 8, 2025 (Virtual)

### INFORMATION SECURITY

#### [Activity Security Manager VILT \(IF203.10\)](#)

- April 21 - May 18, 2025 (Virtual)
- July 28 - August 24, 2025 (Virtual)

### INSIDER THREAT

#### [Insider Threat Detection Analysis VILT \(INT200.10\)](#)

- May 12 - 16, 2025 (Virtual)
- June 23 - 27, 2025 (Virtual)
- July 21 - 25, 2025 (Virtual)
- August 18 - 22, 2025 (Virtual)
- September 22 - 26, 2025 (Virtual)

### PERSONNEL SECURITY

#### [Personnel Vetting Seminar VILT \(PS200.10\)](#)

- May 6 - 7, 2025 (Virtual)
- August 5 - 6, 2025 (Virtual)

### PHYSICAL SECURITY

#### [Physical Security and Asset Protection \(PY201.01\)](#)

- August 18 - 22, 2025 (Linthicum, MD)

### SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAMS

#### [Introduction to Special Access Programs \(SA101.01\)](#)

- May 13 - 16, 2025 (Linthicum, MD)
- August 5 - 8, 2025 (Lexington, MA) (MIT)
- September 9 - 12, 2025 (Rolling Meadows, IL) (NGC)

#### [Introduction to Special Access Programs VILT \(SA101.10\)](#)

- June 2 - 10, 2025 (Virtual)

#### [Orientation to SAP Security Compliance Inspections \(SA210.0\)](#)

- August 11 - 12, 2025 (Lexington, MA)

#### [SAP Mid-Level Security Management \(SA201.01\)](#)

- July 14 - 18, 2025 (Linthicum, MD)

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## REMINDERS

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### DO NOT SEARCH FOR CLASSIFIED IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Per the principles the 2017 DCSA (then DSS) Notice to Contractors Cleared Under the NISP on Inadvertent Exposure to Classified in the Public Domain, NISP contractors are reminded to not search for classified in the public domain.

### FACILITIES MAY ADVERTISE EMPLOYEE POSITION PCLS

In accordance with 32 CFR Part 117.9(a)(9), a contractor is permitted to advertise employee positions that require a PCL in connection with the position. Separately, 32 CFR Part 117.9(a)(9) states "A contractor will not use its favorable entity eligibility determination [aka its Facility Clearance] for advertising or promotional purposes."

### NISP CHECKUP

The granting of an FCL is an important accomplishment and its anniversary marks a good time to do a NISP checkup for reporting requirements. During your FCL anniversary month, DCSA will send out the Annual Industry Check-Up Tool as a reminder to check completion of reporting requirements outlined in 32 CFR Part 117, NISPOM. The tool will help you recognize reporting that you need to do. DCSA recommends you keep the message as a reminder throughout the year in case things change and reminds cleared contractors that changes should be reported as soon as they occur. You will find information concerning the Tool in a link in NISS. If you have any questions on reporting, contact your assigned ISR. This tool does not replace for or count as your self-inspection, as it is only a tool to determine report status. An additional note regarding self-inspections, they will help identify and reduce the number of vulnerabilities found during your DCSA annual security review. Please ensure your SMO certifies the self-inspection and that it is annotated as complete in NISS.