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(Sent on behalf of your ISR)

Dear FSO,

This monthly newsletter contains recent information, policy guidance, security education, and training updates. Please let us know if you have any questions or recommendations for information to be included.

WHERE TO FIND THE “VOICE OF INDUSTRY” (VOI) NEWSLETTER

VOI Newsletters are posted for Facility Security Officers (FSOs) in the National Industrial Security System (NISS) Knowledge Base. Look for a monthly announcement on your NISS dashboard for each new VOI. VOI Newsletters are also found with important forms and guides on the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) website [Industry Tools Page](#) (VOIs are at the bottom). For more information on personnel vetting, industrial security, and other topics in the VOI, visit www.dcsa.mil.

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NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROGRAM (NISP) AUTHORIZATION OFFICE (NAO)

REMINDER: FEDERAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Federal Information Systems (FISs) are owned and authorized by U.S. Federal Agencies providing the system and are not under the cognizance of DCSA. If a Component or Government Contracting Activity (GCA) needs to locate an FIS at a cleared contractor facility, the GCA must follow the provisions of DoD Manual 5220.22, Volume 2.

The GCA and DCSA personnel will work jointly to explore options and the process for an exception. Cleared contractors do not request exceptions to policy for an FIS or deviate from DoD Manual 5220.22, Volume 2. Should an exception be granted, it is only a temporary measure to get the system to full compliance.

Recently, cleared contractors have been inquiring about personnel being requested to take classified FIS assets home due to COVID. The use of these assets falls under the direction and security cognizance of the Government customer that provided them and not under DCSA. Questions about their use should be directed to the Government customer.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (NISS)

EMAIL REMINDERS

As a reminder, DO NOT send emails to the DCSA Quantico NISS mailbox for issues or requirements. Issues need to be addressed through the Knowledge Center at 888-282-7682, select Option 2 for system assistance, and Option 2 again for NISS. Email system enhancement requests (Requirements) to [DCSA NISS Requirements](#).

NATIONAL CONTRACTS CLASSIFICATION SECURITY SYSTEM (NCCS)

The NCCS program is currently operational, supporting the effective management of the DD Form 254 for NISP Signatories and cleared industry. NCCS operates on the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE) platform, which will be familiar to Industry from its use in acquisition. Information on the benefits of NCCS, its use, training, or best practices are found on DCSA's [NCCS Web Page](#).

NATIONAL ACCESS ELSEWHERE SECURITY OVERSIGHT CENTER (NAESOC)

IMPORTANCE OF CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESSES

Our lifeline to you is through accurate contact information. Please ensure your email addresses are current and accurate at all times in NISS.



NAESOC FACILITY UPDATES AND INFORMATION

NAESOC provides NISP oversight for assigned "Access Elsewhere" facilities. Our mission is to provide optimal security services tailored to your specific requirements. Be sure to check out our [NAESOC Web Page](#) for "NAESOC Latest" information and "News You Can Use" for helpful tips to ensure your security program is at its best.

There are multiple methods to contact the NAESOC. Please refer to the [Contact NAESOC section](#) of the NAESOC web site.

THE "NAESOC, NOW WHAT?" WEBINAR EVENT

The October CDSE webinar on the NAESOC is now [available](#).

BOOK A SPEAKING EVENT

We are actively participating in industry information sharing events and accepting invitations to virtual meetings. If you'd like a NAESOC team member to speak at one of your events, please send an email to our [NAESOC Mailbox](#) to connect with our outreach and communications specialist.

VETTING RISK OPERATIONS CENTER (VROC)

SF 312 SUBMISSIONS IN DISS

Per NISP Operating Manual (NISPOM) Paragraph 3-106, an individual issued an initial PCL is required to execute a Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement (SF 312) prior to being granted access to classified information and that the completed form is forwarded to the Cognizant Security Agency for retention. The FSO is responsible for annotating JPAS with the date the SF 312 was executed and submitting the completed SF 312 to VROC for retention. The new, preferred method of transmission is via upload into the Defense Information System for Security (DISS) application.

For instructions on how to complete NDA actions, please reference the user manual, under the Help link on the DISS Joint Verification System (JVS) application or review the VROC Customer Service Request DISS Tips and Tricks. To avoid any disruption of service, it is imperative to obtain a DISS account to ensure a seamless transition from JPAS to DISS. For additional questions or concerns, please email [VROC](#).

PCL KNOWLEDGE CENTER INQUIRIES

In an effort to continue to protect our workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic, Personnel Security Inquiries (Option 1/Option 2) of the DCSA Knowledge Center have been suspended until further notice. We will continue to provide status updates via DISS Customer Service Requests and [VROC email](#).

When calling (888) 282-7682, customers will have the following options for PCL inquiries to include e-QIP PIN Resets, Golden Questions and VROC:

- Industry Pin Resets: HANG UP and call the Applicant Knowledge Center at 724-738-5090 or email [DCSA Applicant Support](#)
- Assistance Requests: Submit an Assistance Request via JPAS or DISS
- All other PCL-related inquiries: Email the [PCL Questions Mailbox](#).



PRIME CONTRACT NUMBER REQUIREMENT

When submitting requests for Personnel Security Clearance (PCL) investigations in the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS), the prime contract number is a required field. DCSA may reject investigation submissions that don't include the prime contract number. This information is essential to validate contractor Personnel Security Investigation (PSI) submissions against their sponsoring Government Contracting Activities.

INDUSTRY FINGERPRINT SUBMISSION FOR PSIs

DCSA recommends submission of electronic fingerprints through the Fingerprint Transaction System (FTS) as it improves efficiency, timeliness of results, and quality of prints. When electronic submissions are not feasible, DCSA will accept a hard card submission using the December 2017 Standard Form 87 (SF 87 Fingerprint Card) for Federal employee/applicant, military, and volunteers as well as contractors. Until further notice, DCSA will continue to accept the FD-258 (Applicant Fingerprint Form); however, the December 2017 SF 87 may now be used for contractors since the FBI is retaining all prints regardless of which card (form) type is submitted.

DOD CONSOLIDATED ADJUDICATIONS FACILITY (DOD CAF)

CAMPAIGN TO DESTIGMATIZE SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH CARE

In FY20, the DoD CAF kicked off the Mental Health Campaign to destigmatize seeking care for cleared personnel. Our outreach efforts will continue throughout FY21 and beyond using virtual engagements, articles, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and downloadable documents for easy distribution.

The campaign's emphasis is to ensure cleared individuals have factual data at hand, which address the myth that an individual is likely to lose or fail to gain clearance eligibility after seeking mental health care or experiencing mental health symptoms.

Please check out our new FAQs at [DoD CAF FAQs](#) and our new documents at [DoD CAF Resources](#), which includes a downloadable [Fact Sheet](#) and a [One Pager](#) on Mental Health and Security Clearances.

CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY EXCELLENCE (CDSE)

UPCOMING SPEAKER SERIES

CDSE invites you to participate in our upcoming December and January Speaker Series:

- The Ins and Outs of the Foreign Travel Brief
Wednesday, January 20, 2020
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET

You may be thinking, "Wow, what a timely announcement with all the foreign travel we're doing during the pandemic!" However, this brief contains vital information for when we are able to travel again. Relax and join CDSE as we give a detailed overview of the Foreign Travel Brief (FTB).



- Insider Threat and Prevention, Assistance, and Response (PAR) Capabilities
Thursday, January 28, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET

PAR capabilities provide DoD leaders with options to care for their personnel who are at risk of potentially violent behavior and addresses their concerns. This webinar will discuss the importance of PAR capabilities to an effective Insider Threat Program and its practical applications.

Visit [CDSE Webinars](#) to sign up for both events and join the discussion!

NOVEMBER PULSE: CDSE SECURITY AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

We recently released the eleventh in a series of monthly security awareness newsletters called “CDSE Pulse.” November’s newsletter focused on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (CISR) Month. Check out all the newsletters in the [DCSA Electronic Reading Room](#) or subscribe/update your current subscription and get the newsletter sent directly to your inbox by submitting your email address at [CDSE News](#).

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2021 DVSCI

Mark your calendars for the 2021 DoD Virtual Security Conference for Industry (DVSCI) on February 10 and 11, 2021! This year’s conference theme is “Back to Basics.” The agenda will include updates on changes to the Industrial Security and Personnel Vetting policies and topics such as “How to Run an Effective Insider Threat Program,” “Controlled Unclassified Information,” and more. The conference is open to cleared industry under the NISP. Stay tuned for more details.

NEW INSIDER THREAT CASE STUDIES

CDSE has two new case studies: Stephen Kellog and Hongjin Tan. These case studies highlight Insider Threat incidents related to Espionage and Economic Espionage, respectively. Check them out along with our full library at the [CDSE Case Study Library](#).

TALES FROM THE INSIDE VOLUME 3 NOW AVAILABLE

CDSE recently made available “Tales from the Inside Volume 3,” the latest in our series of vignettes highlighting positive outcomes in Insider Threat Programs. Learn how positive interventions mitigated risk and allowed a trusted employee to retain his position and remain a productive member of the workforce by visiting [Tales from the Inside Volume 3](#).

NEWLY ARCHIVED SPEAKER SERIES

Did you miss any of our recent Speaker Series? No problem! Access these archived topics:

- [Know Your CDSE - Cybersecurity](#)
- [Know Your CDSE: Industrial Security](#)
- [Know Your CDSE: Personnel Security](#)

Check out all of our Speaker Series and webinars in the [On Demand Webinars](#) (includes CDSE Certificates of Training) and the [Previously Recorded Webinars](#) (does not include certificates).



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