Study Guide

Exam Review and Tips for CCSP®

# Checklist of Exam Objectives: Areas to Study

If you are taking the exam before August 2022, you should utilize the CCSP exam outline dated August 2019 in preparing to take the exam.

<https://www.isc2.org/Certifications/CCSP/Certification-Exam-Outline>

If you are taking the exam after August 2022, you should utilize the CCSP exam outline dated August 2022 in preparing to take the exam.

<https://www.isc2.org/-/media/ISC2/Certifications/Exam-Outlines/CCSP-Exam-Outline-2022.ashx>

Use the free flashcards to help assess your understanding and the assessment questions found in the Study Guides that accompany the courses found in the CCSP certification path.

<https://cloud.connect.isc2.org/ccsp-flashcards>

# What you need to know

CCSP Examination Information

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| **Length of exam** | 3 hours |
| **Number of items** | 125 |
| **Item format** | Multiple choice |
| **Passing grade** | 700 out of 1000 points |
| **Exam language availability** | English and Japanese |
| **Testing center** | Pearson VUE Testing Center |

# How to prepare

Be sure to prepare by knowing the exam outline in the following ways:  
1.) Definitions  
2.) Characteristics  
3.) Integrating concepts across domains  
  
Guidelines for approaching questions on the exam:

A big answer encompasses a smaller answer and is correct if it is a general question. Specific questions need specific answers and not general ones.  
Don't choose variables or exceptions that are correct answers with the word “if.” Choose the standard. Don't supply a definition for the request of characteristic and vice versa.  
Don’t the specific implementation unless you are asked for such. Take a manager’s perspective before that of a technician. Training is key to resolving what may appear as a technical problem. Always apply administrative (non-technical) controls before technical. Examples of administrative controls are awareness, training, directives, and policy. Sr management is ultimately accountable for security, but security is everyone’s responsibility.