

**1. Brief explanation of the CCSA<sup>SM</sup> Program.**

The Certified Cyber Security Architect<sup>SM</sup> (CCSA<sup>SM</sup>) is a unique program of its type in the compliance and security industry - indeed *the first of its type in the world*. This program validates knowledge and skill sets to examine, build a practical and applicable cyber security program for an organization.

**2. What are the major areas CCSA<sup>SM</sup> Program covers?**

- Step through core components of an actionable incident response plan.
- Identify policies that reflect an organization's priority for security in the areas of risk assessment, mobile devices, cloud computing, encryption and more.
- Walk thru incident management and other checklist documents to establish consistency in monitoring enterprise security capabilities.
- Learn about key reference sources vital for managing an enterprise cyber security program.

**3. What are the credentials of the CCSA<sup>SM</sup> Program?**

The CCSA<sup>SM</sup> credential is a job-role based designation. This program is designed to enable professionals to understand, prioritize and ultimately assist organizations achieve compliance with Information Security-based regulations.

**4. What is the prerequisite for the CCSA<sup>SM</sup> course?**

It is strongly recommended that the candidate pass a major security certification exam such as CISSP, CISA or CISM or CSCS<sup>TM</sup> or have equivalent knowledge and experience.

**5. Who is the target audience for the CCSA<sup>SM</sup> certification?**

The complete one-day CCSA<sup>SM</sup> program is of value to compliance professionals and managers, information security officers, security practitioners, privacy officers and senior IT professionals.

**6. How can I study for my CCSA<sup>SM</sup> certification?**

You can prepare for your CCSA<sup>SM</sup> certification through Instructor-led training for one-day, cost \$1,195\* or through online. Please visit the ecfirst [Online Store](#).

**7. My busy schedule does not allow me to attend instructor-led training for CCSA<sup>SM</sup>. How can I prepare for the CCSA<sup>SM</sup> exam?**

You can purchase the self-study CCSA<sup>SM</sup> certification kit or work through online training. To buy the study kit or the online training, please visit the ecfirst [Online Store](#).

**8. What is the cost of CCSA<sup>SM</sup> exam?**

\$495.

**9. What is a CCSA<sup>SM</sup> exam voucher?**

The CCSA<sup>SM</sup> exam is available to you online for up to 6 months. We call this a “voucher”; however, you must pre-pay for the exam.

**10. What is the exam retake policy for CCSA<sup>SM</sup>?**

If the candidate does not pass the CCSA<sup>SM</sup> certification examination, he or she may register to take the certification examination online for \$395. Please call **+1.515.987.4044 x17** to register for the re-take.

**11. How can I register for instructor-led training for CCSA<sup>SM</sup>?**

You can register by paying with a credit card online at our [Online Store](#). To pay through check you will need to call **+1.515.444.1221** and we will provide you with a registration form and invoice.

**12. How can I receive study material for instructor-led training before the class?**

All material is delivered on the day of class.

**13. After passing the exam when will I receive the certification after I pass the certification test?**

The certificate will be sent to you by ecfirst. If it is not received within 30 days of passing the exam, please contact: [Kristen.Laidley@ecfirst.com](mailto:Kristen.Laidley@ecfirst.com).

**14. Do I need to renew my CCSA<sup>SM</sup> certification?**

The CCSA<sup>SM</sup> certification is valid for three-years. If you pay a re-certification cost of \$495, you will get an updated copy of the CCSA<sup>SM</sup> manual and a new certificate. If you do not renew your certification within the three-year period, you will be required to retake the CCSA<sup>SM</sup> exam for \$495. To renew your CCSA<sup>SM</sup> certification, please visit the ecfirst [Online Store](#).

**15. How will this CCSA<sup>SM</sup> certification help me in finding a job?**

Certification in CCSA<sup>SM</sup> can provide a distinguishing factor for potential employer selection of employees in the Information Technology industry. The exam validates knowledge and skill sets in cyber security with particular focus and emphasis on the development of an applicable cyber security incident response and an enterprise cyber security program. The person can apply for jobs which require knowledge of key security standards and compliance mandates.

**16. How will this certification benefit my employer?**

Employers will realize fewer potential loss incidents from Information Security violations when employees are more thoroughly trained in the regulations.

**17. Is the training time invested recognized for Continuing Education Units/Credits?**

16 hours of Continuing Education Units/Credits will be applied. If warranted, ecfirst is available to confirm this via phone or email.