



INTERNAL SECURITY ASSESSOR (ISA) TRAINING

Description

Internal Security Assessor training provides an opportunity for individuals to learn how to perform internal assessments for their company and recommend solutions to remediate any Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliance issues. Sponsored by their employer to attend this training, an ISA is able to act as liaison with external PCI auditing personnel and manage interactions with a QSA during the assessment process.

The ISA training course outlines best practices and provides tools for implementing controls to protect systems and data and to minimize compliance risk. Through this curriculum, you will become an expert in the requirements for PCI compliance as well as assessment and remediation techniques.

Audience

The ISA course is targeted to internal auditors as well as internal security and risk assessment staff at large merchants, institutions, acquiring banks and processors.

Typical job titles

Internal Auditor, IT Audit Director, Corporate Security Officer, Internal Security Chief, Internal Security Auditor, Director of Security

Necessary skills/abilities

To take the ISA training curriculum you should have security and assessment experience including but not limited to network security, application security and consultancy, system integration and auditing.

(ISA candidates must be validated and approved by their Sponsor Organization.)

Purpose

To address concerns about PCI compliance and payment card data security, the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) operates the Internal Security Assessor Program to assist firms seeking to educate their employees on PCI compliance regulations. The program trains, tests, and qualifies organizations and individuals to assess and validate the company's adherence to PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS).

Benefits

- Improve your understanding of PCI DSS and how it can help protect your customer data and your business
- Help your organization build internal expertise and assess their compliance with PCI Standards
- Facilitate interaction with a QSA for your organization
- Enhance payment card data security and manage compliance costs
- Opportunity to opt-in to PCI Professional (PCIP) program

Snapshot of course content

The two-part ISA training is comprised of a five-hour online pre-requisite course (PCI Fundamentals), followed by an exam. Then you'll move on to take either the instructor-led course or eLearning course and exam.

This training covers:

- Overview of PCI DSS and testing procedures
- The relationships between various organizations in the payments industry
- Brand validation requirements
- PCI hardware and communications infrastructure
- PCI reporting
- And more

Plus, the instructor-led course includes case studies that provide you with a simulation of assessment scenarios that may aid you in solving common problems found in your own environment.

Upon completion of the course, you'll be able to:

- Understand the PCI roles and responsibilities
- Define the processes involved in card processing
- Define network segmentation
- Conduct PCI DSS assessments and generate reports (if permitted by the acquiring bank)

Pre-requisites

Prior to completing the PCI Fundamentals training session it is recommended that you familiarize yourself with the following publications:

- *PCI Glossary*
- *PCI DSS*
- *PCI Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)*

Format

Complete five-hour "PCI Fundamentals" eLearning course and pass the exam.

Then, choose one of the following:

- Two-day instructor-led training class (See schedule on PCI website for training locations)
- Self-paced, eight-hour eLearning course
- Host a two-day on-site instructor-led training for an organization's employees or clients

Please see PCI SSC website for special pricing for Participating Organizations.

Exam

Students are required to complete the coursework and take and pass a final exam.

For instructor-led classes, the qualification exam is administered onsite immediately following the completion of coursework.

For attendees of the eLearning course, the qualification exam is administered through local Pearson VUE Testing Center.

Qualification

Individual qualification, not transferrable between employers, is tied to the ISA employee remaining at the Sponsor Organization.

Re-qualification is required annually via eLearning training and exam.

For more information on PCI training courses, please visit our website: www.pcisecuritystandards.org, call us at: +1-781-876-6231, or email us at: ISA@pcisecuritystandards.org.