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CompTIA Security+

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Your gateway certification into cybersecurity.

As the cybersecurity workforce gap widens, the prospect of a career in cybersecurity becomes even more appealing. Given the tremendous growth of the cybersecurity industry, the field continues to see newcomers, including those from other areas looking to join and advance within the cybersecurity workforce. Companies are and will continue investing in these newcomers; accepting them with open arms and checkbooks. If you are one of the forward-thinking cybersecurity job seekers, then consider earning the **CompTIA Security+ Certification**.

The recommended experience for the CompTIA Security+ certification is a minimum of 2 years of experience in IT administration with a focus on security, hands-on experience with technical information security, and broad knowledge of security concepts. In addition to the experience recommendations above, you will need to know the material across the five domains covered throughout the CompTIA Security+ exam.

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The exam itself is relatively short, with up to 90 questions in 90 minutes. When you have achieved a passing score, you will have created an access point to one of the most lucrative, fastest-growing, and in-demand industries on the market.

Use this CompTIA Security+ certification guide to learn everything you need to know about the CompTIA Security+ exam, the process to earn the CompTIA Security+, how best to prepare, the benefits to your career, and ultimately, how N2K can help you on your way.

LET'S START WITH

CompTIA Security+ Exam Quick Facts

CERTIFICATION BODY	CREDENTIAL LEVEL	DODD 8140/8570 APPROVED	CREDENTIAL LAUNCH
CompTIA®	Entry	Yes	2008

VERSION	LENGTH	FORMAT	CONTENT	PRICE
SY0-701 *(Launched 11/07/23)*	90 Minutes, Max. of 90 Questions	Multiple Choice & Peformance-Based Questions (PBQs)	Tests Foundational Cybersecurity Skills and Knowledge	$404 (USD)* for Exam Voucher

*This cost reflects the exam voucher price when not purchased in conjunction with a training course.

Passing Score

750 OUT OF **900** POINTS

(Based on a Scale of 100 - 900 Points)

TESTING CENTERS & ONLINE TESTING

Pearson VUE

Exam Availability:

Pearson VUE testing center or via online proctoring.

Exam Language Availability:

Currently English only. Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish are under development.

Exam Content Breakdown

5 Domains

Domain 1: General Security Concepts - **12%**

Domain 2: Threats, Vulnerabilties, and Mitigations - **22%**

Domain 3: Security Architecture - **18%**

Domain 4: Security Operations - **28%**

Domain 5: Security Program Management and Oversight - **20%**

Aspiring for CompTIA Security+

Given that the CompTIA Security+ is an entry level exam, practitioners or aspiring practitioners can pursue this certification at anytime. Practitioners or individuals interested in building their suite of certifications can study and prepare for CompTIA's other entry level exams that are precendent of the CompTIA Security+ exam, such as CompTIA IT Fundamentals, CompTIA A+, and CompTIA Network+.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW

Setting Yourself Up For CompTIA Security+ Success

Steps to Certification

Since the CompTIA Security+ is an entry level exam, formal training is not required, but highly recommended. Once you feel prepared you can schedule a date, sit for the exam, and you will receive a certificate from CompTIA in the mail. With your certification in hand, you're joining a community of more than 2 million IT professionals who are CompTIA certified.

MAINTENANCE FEES

$50 / year

You may bypass the CE fees by earning a higher-level CompTIA certification, passing an updated release of the exam, or completing a CompTIA Certmaster CE course.

THREE-YEAR REQUIREMENT

50 CEUs

CompTIA Security+ certification holders must complete 50 Continuing Eduation Unit (CEU) credits within a three-year period in order to maintain the certification.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

2 years

of experience in IT administration with a focus on information security recommended.

EXPERIENCE SUBSTITUTION

No experience is required.

RETAKE AVAILABILITY

In the event you do not pass on your first attempt, there is no waiting period between the 1st and 2nd attempts. After your failed second attempt you must wait 14 calendar days to retake the exam.

The Current CompTIA Security+ Landscape

Active Certification Holders:	Cyber-Related Employees Needed to Make US Demand:	Current Open Jobs that Require/Prefer the Cert.:	Average Annual Salary*:
265K+	469,930	69,900+	$92,091

**For a Security Administrator, the primary role for CompTIA Security+ holders, according to glassdoor.com*

REFERENCES:

www.comptia.org
www.cio.com
www.cyberseek.org/heatmap.html
www.glassdoor.com

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

Benefits of Achieving Your CompTIA Security+



Holding a CompTIA Security+ certification serves as a confirmation of foundational cybersecurity skills and knowledge, and is awarded by the global leader in vendor-neutral certification training, CompTIA. There are additional benefits that you should consider when pursuing this highly in-demand certification.

1. Validation of your skills and capabilities

At a minimum, earning the CompTIA Security+ validates your commitment to a career in cybersecurity. Achievement of a certification showcases a level of commitment, diligence, and aptitude giving you credibility as a cybersecurity practitioner.

2. Screening mechanism for HR

It is very common for job postings to indicate that certifications are a preferred credential, with many actually requiring a recognized certification. HR professionals often activate keyword screens to include those magic certification letters. Without a certification like the CompTIA Security+, you might not even make it through the first pass.

3. DoDD job requirement 8140/8570

DoDD 8140 was signed in 2015 and serves to establish policies and assign responsibilities for managing the U.S. Department of Defense's cybersecurity workforce. 8140 is an update to the original directive, DoDD 8570, which outlines the baseline qualification requirements for information security jobs. In short, if you want to work for the government or military, then certifications such as CompTIA Security+ are required for many ranks and roles.

4. More money

Bonuses. Salary increases. It is often that certification achievement comes with a significant bump in pay just for earning the certification. You will have become an even more valuable resource to your organization.

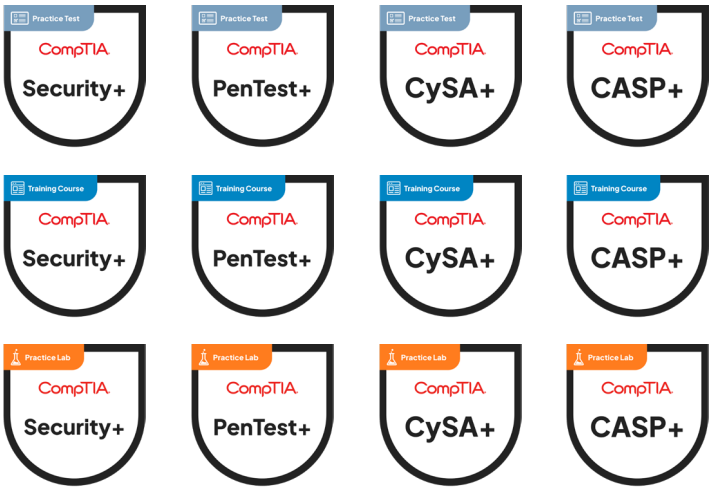
5. Career advancement

Not only do certifications potentially set you up for career advancement in your current cybersecurity position, but also could help qualify you for adjacent and more advanced cybersecurity roles within your company or organization. Career advancement is far more available with the right combination of letters next to your name. It's also important to remember the education that comes with preparing for certifications. The act of preparing for and passing certification exams speaks volumes to current and future employers.

Why Train with N2K?

We are proud to offer top-of-the-line practice tests and certification exam training that help individuals and teams achieve their professional development goals. With over 25 years of experience, our certification preparation solutions have been the go-to training resources since our days as SelfTest, Transcender, and then Kaplan IT Training.

N2K currently offers affordable and rigorous practice exams and training courses for the CompTIA Security+, as well other leading CompTIA certifications such as CompTIA CASP+, CompTIA PenTest+, and CompTIA CySA+ exams. Learn more at: www.certify.cybervista.net/vendor/comptia/





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