

Free Guide

CSP: Certified Safety Professional



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What is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP)?

A CSP certification is offered by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP). Individuals who earn the certification will have proven their expertise in identifying and addressing workplace safety risks and hazards.

The BCSP outlines the typical duties or day-to-day activities of a CSP including the following:

- Determining safety risks
- Assessing potential hazards and controls
- Evaluating risks and hazard control measures
- Investigating incidents
- Maintaining and evaluating incident and loss records
- Preparing emergency response plans
- Managing environmental management systems

Who needs a Certified Safety Professional certification?

Certified Safety Professionals (CSP) are usually employed in organizations operating in, particularly in industries where safety regulations are stringent or otherwise important. These industries include:

- Oil and Gas Manufacturing
- Construction
- Healthcare
- Transportation
- Insurance

The certification is not mandatory but does signify an individual's and organization's commitment to maintaining workplace safety.

How to become a Certified Safety Professional

To earn a CSP certification, applicants must have a bachelor's degree, as well as four years of preventative, professional-level safety experience. They must also possess a BCSP-qualified credential* and pass the CSP exam.

The CSP exam covers nine domains. They include:

- Advanced sciences and math
- Management systems
- Risk management
- Advanced application of key safety concepts
- Emergency preparedness, fire prevention, and security
- Occupational health and ergonomics
- Environmental management systems
- Training and education
- Law and ethics

**For the full list of BCSP qualified credentials, visit the BCSP's website, which is linked below.*

Costs of Certified Safety Professional certification

Application fees for CSP certification are USD \$160. Once approved, candidates can purchase and take the CSP exam, which costs \$350.

Renewal requirements for CSP certifications

CSP certifications are valid for five years. To maintain its validity, certification holders must pay an annual fee and earn recertification points through professional development activities.

The benefits of CSP certification

A CSP certification offers several benefits to individuals and organizations. Some key advantages include the following.



Improved risk management

CSP-certified individuals can identify potential safety hazards and develop comprehensive, industry-specific risk mitigation strategies. This can help prevent accidents, as well as protect equipment, infrastructure, and other valuable assets.



Regulatory compliance

Because they possess an in-depth understanding of local, state, and federal safety regulations, CSP-certified individuals can help their organization's industrial organizations maintain compliance with strict laws and standards. This minimizes legal risks and potential fines, as well as ensures that business operations adhere to safety protocol.



Enhanced safety leadership

CSP-certified professionals have advanced knowledge and skills in safety management, risk assessment, and hazard control. This allows them to effectively lead safety initiatives, fostering a culture of safety within their organizations.

Challenges in earning a CSP certification

Earning a CSP certification may pose several challenges to individuals and organizations. They include the following.



Rigorous requirements

Meeting the educational and professional prerequisites for CSP certification can be challenging, requiring candidates to have a combination of relevant academic qualifications and several years of work-related experience.



Intensive examination

The CSP examination is comprehensive and demanding, covering a wide range of topics, which are outlined above. Candidates must dedicate significant time and effort to adequately prepare.



Continuing education

Maintaining CSP certification requires ongoing professional development to stay current with evolving safety standards, regulations, and best practices. Certified individuals must balance their professional development with their day-to-day roles.

Tips and strategies for CSP certification

Here are a few tips for preparing for a CSP certification:

- Leverage the [BCSP Complete Guide](#), which covers eligibility requirements, exam preparation, and more
- Familiarize yourself with the [CSP Exam Blueprint](#)
- Consider a [CSP examCORE](#) self-learning course, which is specifically targeted to those seeking CSP certification

Resources for Certified Safety Professional certification

For more information and guidance on CSP certification, you can refer to the following resources.

Board of Certified Safety Professionals. The [BCSP offers a wealth of resources for CSP certification](#), including study guides, exam blueprints, eligibility requirements, and more. Its website should be the first stop for those considering CSP certification.

Free industry skills matrices. [AG5's free skills matrices are pre-populated with skills and certifications](#) that employees working in specific industries may need, including NDT certifications. Visit our website to download and use them for free.

Skills management for Certified Safety Professionals

AG5 stores all certifications in the cloud, providing all authorized personnel with access to the right version of approved certifications. This helps you easily keep track of all data and documentation related to CSP certifications across your organization.

Using [AG5's skills management software](#), you can monitor the status of any type of certification that is relevant to your workforce, leveraging intuitive dashboards that provide you with a clear understanding of exactly what is needed to keep your employees skilled and safe.

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FAQs for Certified Safety Professionals

What is the scope of a CSP certification?

A CSP certification enables employees to work in industries such as manufacturing, construction, healthcare, and energy, in roles such as safety managers, consultants, auditors, and trainers.

Is a CSP certification mandatory?

A CSP certification is not mandatory, but is valuable for individuals and organizations working and operating in industrial settings.

How long does it take to obtain CSP certification?

The time it takes to obtain a CSP certification will vary depending on the candidate and his or her preparedness. Typically this is between several months to a year.

What are the cost considerations for CSP certification?

Cost considerations include application fees (\$160), exam fees (\$350), annual certification maintenance fees, as well as the cost of exam preparation-related material.

What is the validity period of a CSP certification?

CSP certifications are valid for five years.

Can a CSP certification be integrated with management systems?

Yes, a CSP certification can be integrated with management systems such as ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems), ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Systems), and ISO 9001 (Quality Management Systems) to create comprehensive frameworks for organizational safety.

How can you learn more about CSP certification?

Visit the [Board of Certified Safety Professionals](#)' website.

Sources

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