

2015 Program Changes

1. Recertification requirements: Amendments to the scope of CSSP Ongoing Requirements require current certificants to fulfill 90 credits over the three-year certification cycle. Credits are accumulated by completing educational activities and/or making professional contributions to the field. Complete information on recertification requirements can be found in the most recent Candidate Handbook, which can be found on the NCS4 website: www.ncs4.com/cssp.
2. To assist with Recertification credit tracking, each CSSP certificant will be assigned a ShareFile account. Each ShareFile account contains information on the scope of recertification, number of credits assigned to particular activities and documentation processes. More information of ShareFile accounts will be sent out via email, and announced in the CSSP e-newsletter in February 2015.
3. Renewal fee: Current certificants are required to pay an annual renewal fee to maintain their certification and support the development and ongoing management of the CSSP certification program.

2016 Program Changes

Changes to Eligibility Requirements

1. New applicants must demonstrate their experience in the field of sport safety and security through a minimum of 50 direct contact hours working at spectator sports or other special events.
2. Criminal convictions and pending criminal charges must be disclosed when applying for the CSSP certification.

Discounts

1. Membership discounts for certification have been eliminated. This includes application fees, renewal fees and review course costs. Membership discounts may still apply towards NCS4 events and other programs.

2017 Program Changes

1. The following language has been added to the Code of Professional Conduct:
“Upon suspension or withdrawal of certification, I agree to discontinue the use of all claims to certification that contain any reference to the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security or its certifications, and to return any certificates issued by NCS4 Certification Department.”
2. A new CSSP certificate design has been issued to meet the requirements of the ISO/IEC 17024. Example can be found in the Candidate Handbook on pg. 17.
3. The responsibilities of the NCS4 Certification Commission have been expanded to include, “Review the certification management system to ensure the policies are understood, implemented, and maintained at all levels of the certification body’s organization” (Policies and Procedures Manual, August 2016, p. 10).
4. At least annually, the NCS4 Certification Department shall review the work performed by current subcontractors. Subcontractor performance reviews shall be included with the Threat Analysis report, and may involve an evaluation of technical reports, quality and security assurance, contract conformance, user feedback, and other relevant data, including on-site evaluations. (Policies and Procedures Manual, August 2016, p. 23).
5. NCS4 agrees to maintain internal and external records that demonstrate conformity to the ISO/IEC 17024 standard put forth by ANSI. The NCS4 Certification Department shall maintain records (electronically or in print, if needed) in a consistent and effective manner to assure compliance with record retention and security policies. (Policies and Procedures Manual, August 2016, p. 24).
6. New requirements for Testing Facilities have been added. (Policies and Procedures Manual, August 2016, p. 38-39)
7. Procedures for paper and pencil-based exam administrations have been added. (Candidate Handbook, November 2016, p. 13; 16)
8. New standards for test security through NCS⁴ have been developed. (Policies and Procedures Manual, August 2016, p. 44-45).