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ASIS CPP – Frequently Asked Questions

What is CPP?

Certified Protection Professional. It's a Board-certified designation, given to those who have demonstrated their knowledge and competency in seven key domains of security, by passing an exam. Holders have met the eligibility criteria as outlined below, and have agreed to the ASIS International Code of Practice.

Holders of CPP can use the designation as post-nominals, i.e Laura Smith CPP.

Why Apply for the CPP?

The Certified Protection Professional (CPP[®]) is considered the “gold standard” certification for security management professionals.

ASIS International is a global network of 34,000 passionate members who together are driving industry standards and guidelines and certifications to advance security worldwide. CPP is one of those certifications, and is globally recognized as the standard of excellence for security management professionals.

What books do I need?

Protection of Assets (POA)

POA is a comprehensive reference covering a range of technical and managerial subjects providing the solutions necessary to meet the security demands of the 21st century.

- [Online](#)
- [Print](#) (bundle)

ASIS Standards & Guidelines

ASIS Standards set forth industry-recommended best practices on specific concerns inherent to the security industry and provide tools and processes for implementation. Along with POA, these seven standards and guidelines make up the CPP reference set. Standards: CSO, ORM.1, WVPI.1; Guidelines: FPSM, GSRA, IAP, PBS.

- [Free download for ASIS members](#)
- [Standards & Guidelines CPP softcover bundle](#)



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What do the books cost?

The full set of the CPP POA costs \$359 for members and \$559 for non members. Please also note the shipping costs are relatively high due to weight and volume of the package.

How long does the CPP online course take?

Our online CPP exam preparation course is designed to give you the best possible chance of success in your CPP exam. It is supported by expert CPP-certified trainers, giving feedback on your assessments as you work through the course.

You learn at your own pace. There are 5 modules, and we recommend working through a one module per month, although this can be completed much quicker depending on individual circumstances.

What's on the Exam?

The CPP exam consists of 200 scored multiple-choice questions and may contain 25 randomly distributed pre-test (unscored) questions for a total of up to 225 questions. The four hours allowed takes into consideration the review of pre-test items.

The exam covers tasks, knowledge, and skills in [seven broad domains](#) (as outlined in the CPP Protection of Assets books, and the Standards and Guidelines materials) that have been identified by CPPs as the major areas involved in security management.

What does CPP cost?

The CPP Board Certification fees involve the costs of the **materials** that are tested on the exam, the **exam fee** itself, and any **delivery charges** to get the reading material to you.

As you can see below, the fees are more cost-effective if you are an ASIS member, which costs \$215 per year.

The exam fees are:

- \$335 ASIS members
- \$485 non-members
- Retake fee: \$225

The CPP books cost:

- \$359 ASIS members



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- \$559 non-members

Am I eligible for the exam?

Nine (9) years of security experience*, at least three (3) years of which shall have been in responsible charge* of a security function

OR

Earned a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education and have seven (7) years of security experience*, at least three (3) years of which shall have been in responsible charge* of a security function.

AND

- Be employed full-time in a security-related role
- Not have been convicted of any criminal offense that would reflect negatively on the security profession, ASIS, or the certification program
- Sign and agree to abide by the **ASIS Certification Code of Conduct**
- Agree to abide by the policies of the ASIS Certification programs as outlined in the **Certification Handbook**.

*Definitions for these terms can be found in the [Certification Handbook](#).

How do I book the exam?

ASIS exams are offered year-round at Prometric test centers. To book your exam, first you must apply to ASIS for them to approve your application for CPP.

Once ASIS approves your application, you will receive an email with instructions to schedule your exam, which is done online at www.prometric.com

To schedule your exam, you will need:

- Your preferred test center (Go to www.prometric.com/asis to locate the nearest testing facility)
- Your Eligibility ID, which can be found on your Authorization to Test letter (your ASIS Contact Number or Member ID)
- The first four letters of your last (sur) name

Once your exam appointment is confirmed, Prometric will send you an email with your exam time and confirmation number. **Make sure to print out this letter and bring with you to the test center along with two government-issued photo identifications with signatures** (e.g., driver's license, passport).



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Social Security cards are not accepted. The name on your identification **MUST** exactly match the name of your confirmation email. You will not be allowed to test if the names don't match.

How long does CPP last?

When you carry the CPP, PCI, PSP, or APP designation, you are telling the world that you have mastered the knowledge and skills needed to be a successful security management professional. To continue to hold your designation, you also promise to stay current in this field.

To stay current, you must recertify your designation every three years by completing 60 continuing professional education credits. These are known as **CPE points/credits**.

How do I earn CPE points after certifying?

You earn CPE points in several ways. These can include attending training courses, webinars, conference sessions, delivering training, and volunteering.

You can gain many CPE credits by attending training with an ASIS-approved training centre, which ARC Training is. You will earn one CPE point for every hour of learning, so a typical online training course will earn you 30 CPE points.

The ASIS Preferred CPE Provider Program offers organizations the opportunity to award pre-approved continuing professional education (CPE) credits for their security or business management-related continuing education offerings – and helps ASIS-certified security professionals easily identify non-ASIS activities that qualify toward their recertification CPEs.

Do I need to be an ASIS member?

ASIS membership is not mandatory. However, aside from the heavily discounted costs involved in CPP certification, we strongly recommend ASIS membership for the following reasons:

- Networking opportunities with other security professionals, consultants, end users
- A huge global network who can support, advise, and provide local input
- A wealth of opportunities to learn, develop and upskill through ASIS programs
- A trusted source of latest information