Cybersecurity Nexus FAQs

1. **What is ISACA’s definition of cybersecurity?**
   Cybersecurity refers to protecting information assets by addressing threats to information processed, stored and transported by information systems that are internetworked.

2. **What is Cybersecurity Nexus?**
   Cybersecurity Nexus (CSX) from ISACA provides cybersecurity resources for professionals at every level of their careers. Cybersecurity Nexus represents the one central place where professionals can find the information they need related to cybersecurity training, certification, guidance, career development and community.

3. **Why did ISACA create Cybersecurity Nexus?**
   Worldwide, there is a significant shortage of skilled cybersecurity professionals. The Enterprise Strategy Group reports that 83 percent of enterprises lack the necessary skills to protect their IT assets. Through Cybersecurity Nexus, ISACA makes a firm commitment to address the skills crisis and do for cybersecurity professionals what we’ve done (and will continue to do) for audit, control and governance professionals over the past 45 years.

4. **What does the X in CSX stand for?**
   The X is a variable representing the many different cybersecurity elements of ISACA’s cybersecurity program, all contained in one central nexus that cybersecurity professionals can turn to for guidance, knowledge, training, career development and community.

5. **How can I find Cybersecurity Nexus resources?**
   Visit [www.isaca.org/cyber](http://www.isaca.org/cyber) and [www.isaca.org/cybersecurity-news](http://www.isaca.org/cybersecurity-news).

6. **Is there a cost for Cybersecurity Nexus?**
   Many ISACA cybersecurity resources, including the Cybersecurity community in the Knowledge Center, downloads of security-related white papers and registration to cybersecurity-related webinars, are available free of charge. There are costs for certain elements of CSX, such as the certificate, conference registration, workshops and purchase of print publications.

7. **Do I need to be a member of ISACA to access Cybersecurity Nexus resources?**
   No. However, ISACA members receive substantial discounts on items such as the certificate review manual; workshop, training and conference registration; and print copies of publications.

8. **What is the Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate?**
   The Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate is a knowledge-based certificate designed especially for university students and recent graduates, entry-level professionals, and those looking to make a career change to cybersecurity. To earn the certificate, candidates must successfully pass a proctored online exam. ISACA offers a study guide and optional workshops to help candidates prepare for the exam. The certificate is aligned with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) National Institute of Cybersecurity Education (NICE) and with the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA). The certificate tests five areas: 1) cybersecurity concepts, 2) cybersecurity architecture principles, 3) cybersecurity of networks, systems, applications and data, 4) incident response, and 5) the cybersecurity implications of evolving technology.
9. **What is the cost of the Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate?**
   The cost of the exam is US $150.

10. **Will ISACA offer cybersecurity certification programs as part of Cybersecurity Nexus?**
    Yes. Since 2002, ISACA has offered an information security manager certification: Certified Information Security Manager (CISM).

11. **What cybersecurity training opportunities are available through ISACA?**
    ISACA is hosting Cybersecurity Fundamentals Workshops at select events in 2015. Additionally, the [Cybersecurity Fundamentals Online Course](#) is now available.

12. **Does ISACA offer CSX events?**
    ISACA offers a series of free [cybersecurity webinars](#) through CSX. ISACA will also host the inaugural [CSX 2015](#) conference in Washington DC, from 19-21 October 2015. North America is just the first step. Events in additional regions will be available in 2016 and 2017.

13. **Are any COBIT-related resources available for cybersecurity?**
    Yes. [Transforming Cybersecurity Using COBIT 5](#) applies the COBIT 5 framework and its component publications to transforming cybersecurity in a systemic way. Additionally, ISACA has published [Implementing the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Using COBIT 5](#). Two COBIT security training courses are now available: COBIT 5 Assessor for Security and Implementing the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Using COBIT 5.

14. **How can I license or otherwise use Cybersecurity Nexus intellectual property?**
    Please contact [ipinfo@isaca.org](mailto:ipinfo@isaca.org) with your request.

15. **How can Cybersecurity Nexus information be used in academia?**
    ISACA developed the [Model Curricula](#) for Information Security Management, which professors can use to shape their courses. Additionally, [cybersecurity teaching materials](#) are now available. Complimentary [Academic Advocate membership](#) is available to faculty teaching in functional disciplines related to ISACA’s focus areas.

16. **If I don’t find answers to my questions here, who do I contact?**
    Please contact [csx@isaca.org](mailto:csx@isaca.org).

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