Validate Your Expertise in Implementing Technical Privacy Solutions
Understand Compliance Requirements and Apply the Right Privacy Controls.

Your Guide to CDPSE Certification

GET THE FACTS!
Register, prepare for and maintain your CDPSE certification and lead the implementation of comprehensive privacy solutions.

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CDPSE Facts

15,000+ PROFESSIONALS certified since 2020

A minimum of 3 YEARS of relevant professional work experience assessing and implementing technical privacy solutions is required for certification.

The CDPSE exam is now offered online with remote proctoring and at in-person testing centers where available.

There are 120 QUESTIONS on the CDPSE exam, which must be completed in 3.5 HOURS

Discover more about CDPSE
Benefits of Being CDPSE Certified

BENEFITS TO THE ORGANIZATION:

- CDPSE, being experience based and comprehensive, gives employers the assurance and means of selecting qualified, experienced IT privacy candidates.
- CDPSE being focused on technical implementation, addresses the top reasons for privacy failures in organizations
  - 64% of organizations cited poor training as a reason for privacy failures.*
  - 50% cited bad or nonexistent detection of personal identifiable information (PII).*
  - Technical privacy teams appear to be more understaffed and these positions take longer to fill than legal/compliance teams.*

*Per ISACA’s survey report Privacy in Practice 2021: Data Privacy Trends, Forecasts and Challenges.
Your Roadmap to Becoming CDPSE Certified Starts Here

CDPSE VALIDATES YOUR KNOWLEDGE ACROSS 3 DOMAINS

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR THE CDPSE EXAM

Be ready for CDPSE exam success with the latest test prep solutions from ISACA.

Explore CDPSE study solutions

CDPSE Exam Study Materials—Available as online database, in print or as an ebook.

Virtual or in-Person Review Courses—offered by ISACA global, ISACA accredited training partners and ISACA chapters.

Exam Preparation Community—A place for CDPSE exam registrants to collaborate and study with other registrants.
SHARPEN YOUR INSIGHTS WITH CDPSE EXAM REVIEW MATERIALS

To help optimize your preparation for the CDPSE certification exam, ISACA offers several study solutions which can be accessed here. In English, these include:

**CDPSE Online Course**
This course covers all three CDPSE domains, and each section corresponds directly to the CDPSE exam content outline. It uses proven instructional design techniques, incorporating an online pre-assessment, narrated interactive e-learning modules, downloadable job aids, and a practice exam. You will be able to navigate the course at your own pace. The CDPSE Online Review Course has a seat time of approximately 22 hours, which must be completed within the 365-day subscription period.

**CDPSE Review Manual:**
The CDPSE Review Manual is a comprehensive reference guide designed to help individuals prepare for the CDPSE exam and understand technical privacy implementation and privacy principles. The manual represents the most current, comprehensive, peer-reviewed IT-related privacy review resource available.

**CDPSE Review Questions, Answers & Explanations Manual:**
This manual is designed to familiarize candidates with the question types and topics featured in the CDPSE exam. The manual consists of 300 practice items. This publication is ideal to use in conjunction with the CDPSE Review Manual.

**CDPSE Review Questions, Answers & Explanations Database (12-month Subscription)**
This is an online database of 300 questions from the CDPSE Review Questions, Answers & Explanations Manual. Exam candidates can utilize an interactive planner to build a custom study plan. Additionally, questions generated are sorted based on previous scoring history, allowing CDPSE candidates to identify their strengths and weaknesses and focus their study efforts accordingly.

**Virtual or in-Person CDPSE Exam Review Courses**
Provides the learner the opportunity to study with an experienced, certified professional. These courses are offered by ISACA global, chapters and accredited training partners across the globe. Courses may include instructor-led breakdowns of the exam’s five domains, discussion activities and a mock exam.
Passing the Exam is the First Step

The hard part is over. You passed the CDPSE certification exam, now you just need to apply for your certification and complete the process. Maintain your hard-earned CDPSE certification and be a part of the vibrant ISACA professional community by:

- Participating in [continuing professional education (CPE)](CPE) programs.
- Adhering to a [professional code of ethics](https://www.isaca.org/code-ethics).
- Taking advantage of member savings on CPEs and certification renewals by [joining ISACA](https://www.isaca.org).

**Put your digital badge to use!**

- Display your abilities securely online
- Share your real-time, verifiable achievement with peers and prospective employers
- Reflect the effort and process to earn your CDPSE
- Export for display on other platforms and social media

ISACA’s digital badges are managed by Acclaim, an enterprise-class badging platform, providing security and protection to your credentials.

[Learn more](#)
Maintain Your CDPSE Certification

Continuing professional education (CPE) is crucial in order to remain current in your skills and expertise and to get ahead in your career. The principal aspect of maintaining your CDPSE involves compliance with the CDPSE CPE Policy by earning a minimum of 20 CPEs annually and a total of 120 CPEs over a 3-year period.

Useful ideas for earning CPEs
ISACA offers opportunities to earn CPE through a variety of programs and events, including:

- **Webinars and Virtual Conferences**
  - Earn up to 40 free CPEs per year
  - Get details

- **Training Courses**
  - Earn up to 32 CPEs per course
  - See the Training Week schedule

- **Serving as an ISACA Volunteer**
  - Earn up to 20 free CPEs per year
  - More information

- **Conferences**
  - Earn up to 21 CPEs per event
  - Learn more

- **Journal Quizzes**
  - Earn one CPE for each of six journals per year
  - Quizzes can be found here

- **Lab Packages**
  - Earn performance-based CPEs
  - Find Labs

- **Online Training**
  - Earn up to 14 CPEs per course
  - Find course descriptions

- **Cybersecurity Nexus™ (CSX) Training Platform**
  - Find courses, labs and credentials
  - Find Labs

Additional activities that can earn you CPEs include:
- Teaching/lecturing/presenting
- Publication of articles, monographs and books
- Vendor sales/marketing presentations
- Exam question development and review
- Passing related professional examinations
- Working on ISACA Boards/Committees
- Contributions to IS audit and control profession
- And more

* When reporting skills-based training/lab activities for CPE, be sure to select a qualifying activity that says: “Skills-Based Activities – Must Contain Lab Exercises”. The CPE reporting system will not apply the hours towards your skills-based requirement unless a skills-based qualifying activity is selected.
CDPSE Certification at a Glance

Take the first step towards obtaining your CDPSE certification!
Register today at [www.isaca.org/CDPSE](http://www.isaca.org/CDPSE)

Not a member of ISACA?

Just A.S.K. how you can save on CDPSE exam registration, study materials and maintenance—including free CPE hours!

An ISACA membership may even pay for itself, find out more!
Show the World What You Have Accomplished
Get recognized with the CDPSE certification.

About ISACA

The ISACA community is guided by our Purpose and Promise, which defines the essence of who we are and what we do. Our Purpose is the reason we exist—to help business technology professionals and their enterprises around the world realize the positive potential of technology. Our Promise is how we, as an organization and as individuals, deliver on our Purpose: inspiring confidence that enables innovation through technology. Our work, and the work of the professional community we support, has never been more important.

ISACA has served our professional community for more than 50 years. The association was incorporated as the EDP Auditors Association in 1969 by a small group of individuals who recognized a need for a centralized source of information and guidance in the new field of electronic data processing audit. Today, ISACA serves 145,000 professionals in 180 countries, who span several roles in assurance, governance, risk and information security.

Learn more about CDPSE certification and training