



ASIS INTERNATIONAL DECEMBER 2007 CERTIFICATION NEWSLETTER

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Global Accreditation for ASIS International Certification Programs!

ASIS International is pleased to announce that it has been awarded accreditation from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) – the United States representative and member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). Obtaining the prestigious International Standard ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 accreditation required that the Society's certification program be assessed, audited and undergo a rigorous review of its management and

international testing standards.

The standard sets the basis for recognition of the coveted ASIS certification programs and this in turn facilitates acceptance at a national and global level. Adherence to high professional standards also helps to ensure consistency in the delivery and administration of the programs services in areas such as quality control, safety checks, reliability, efficiency and interchangeability.

These are just some of the Society's activities that were addressed by the standard during an internal review of certification operational procedures:

- Policy and procedures that are fair and equitable
- Organizational structure to ensure independence and operation in a non-bias manner
- Valid certification assessment
- Review of the certification process and requirements set for examiners
- Quality management system internally and externally (vendors)
- Record maintenance
- Confidentiality and security
- Certification body personnel performance

While conducting their review, ANSI assessors commended ASIS for a well structured and prepared application process emphasizing that the, "Applicant materials, such as the Applicant Handbook, are attractive, well organized and clear." In addition, the CPP approval and pass package were considered innovative and helpful to applicants and certificants.

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Assessors also praised the ASIS test development schemes for meeting the standard requirements and reflecting industry standards, meaning that the procedures used by the ASIS International Examination Committee to prepare the CPP, PSP, and PCI certification exams are consistent with security technical guidelines.

“We are proud that our programs’ strengths have been recognized. Validity and testing are the core of all ASIS International certification exams, which are constructed to meet the current test specifications in effect for testing in the security industry. “

Carla Naude, CPP
Vice President, PCB

It is important to note that accreditation is voluntary. Aside from the initial rigorous process of obtaining the ANSI accreditation, ASIS’s certification programs and management procedures will be annually assessed and audited.

This prestigious endorsement confirms that ASIS’s certification programs adhere to the highest professional standards. It’s a seal of approval that is well worth the investment for those who have taken the time and resources required to attain certification because it:

- Certifies that the Certification Process is of world class quality
- Provides a systematic process to improve individual and organizational efficiency
- Protects the organization against any legal suits based on quality standards

“As a leader in the security management field, ASIS must meet the world’s demand for knowledgeable, educated security professionals. The flow of information, the need for world-class training programs and the ability to network globally with other certified security professionals are just some of the reasons why this is an important step for us.”

Edward McDonough Jr., CPP
President, Professional Certification Board

This stringent compliance will further elevate and raise the association’s rank to a global acceptance and reinforce that its certification program meets internationally accepted standards.

Coming in 2008 - Administration of the PSP Exam in Spanish!

May 2008 will be the first time that the Spanish PSP exam will be available to test candidates in Spanish-speaking locations. Candidates will also have a new Spanish handbook, which combines both CPP and PSP application and exam information. The PCB, since receiving several requests from Chapters and volunteer leaders, has made it a priority to ensure that language barriers would not hamper candidates seeking the PSP designation.

The Spanish CPP exam is already being administered in Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Spain, and Venezuela. It became increasingly important to translate the PSP exam in order to meet the growing demand of both certified candidates seeking an additional designation and individuals specializing in the physical security field reluctant to take the exam because it was only administered in English.

Special thanks to PCB members Jaime P. Owens, CPP, Panama Canal Authority and Alfredo Iturriaga, CPP, Vice President Ejecutivo RacoWind Consultores Ltda, for undertaking the review of translation of the PSP exam forms, which were based on the 2007 job analysis. They worked within a limited timeframe to assure the exam's availability for 2008.

This is a major benefit to ASIS International Spanish-speaking security professionals who have eagerly awaited the option of testing in the Spanish language.

Sponsoring a 2008 International Exam

If your Chapter would like to sponsor a CPP, PSP in English or Spanish or sponsor the PCI international examination, the requirements to do so are:

- The Chapter is in good standing with ASIS International;
- The certification department must receive your "Request to Sponsor" form by January 31, 2007 for the May 3 exam date and June 30, 2007 for the November 1 exam date.
- Forms for Sponsoring a 2008 International CPP, PSP, or PCI Exam are Online. Please see important links below:

Request to Sponsor Form

<http://www.asisonline.org/certification/request2sponsor.doc>

Application Review Checklist

CPP: <http://www.asisonline.org/certification/appreviewchecklistcpp.doc>

PCI: <http://www.asisonline.org/certification/appreviewchecklistpci.doc>

PSP: <http://www.asisonline.org/certification/appreviewchecklistpsp.doc>

Exam Set-up Procedures

<http://www.asisonline.org/certification/examsetup.doc>

Exam Room Layout

<http://www.asisonline.org/certification/examlayout.pdf>

CPP & PSP Spanish Handbook Online

To view the new CPP and PSP handbook and application, please visit the ASIS website at:

<http://www.asisonline.org/certification/cpp/esp/ano/app/spanish.xml>

IMPORTANT!

Please let the certification staff know if you would like applications received after the submission deadline date to be held for processing for the next exam date.

New Triple Certificants in Australia and New Zealand!

Congratulations to John A. Frost, CPP, PSP, PCI (in Australia); and David A. Horsburgh, CPP, PSP, PCI (in New Zealand) on achieving all three ASIS certification designations. They both set a milestone as being the first to receive all three certifications in the ASIS Pacific Region.

Frost, who obtained his third designation, PCI, in November 2007, is a Senior Business Specialist with Telstra Corporation Ltd. – the biggest telecommunications company in Australia. Telstra is also one of the recipients of the 2007 PCB Organizational Award.

Horsburgh also became a triple certificant when he took and passed the PCI exam in November. He is the Managing Director of Security Risk Mgmt NZ Ltd, an Australian IT security-consulting firm.

Another important landmark to note is that the PCI exam, which was only available to candidates in the United States and Canada, was offered to other locations around the globe for the first time in November 2007. Australia and New Zealand were among the first to administer the exam.

The PCB extends Congratulations to both Frost and Horsburgh and their respective Chapters for their achievements!

New 2008 PCB Members

The PCB will be welcoming three new members in 2008: Murray D. Mills, CPP; Sheila D. Johnson, CPP, PSP; and Emblez Longoria, CPP, PSP. They each have been dedicated supporters of ASIS certification activities, assisting on various committees such as Item Development and Test Development Workshops. The PCB is pleased to have them all on board and will be providing more details in the in the January 2008 Certification Newsletter.

CPE Recertification System Effective January 1, 2008

The Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit will be the new standard of measure for calculating recertification credits and will go into effect January 1, 2008 for all designations – CPP, PCI, and PSP. Information, including a PowerPoint presentation, has been sent to all certificants and Chapters and is posted online. If you have not already done so, please visit the adjacent links to familiarize yourself with the new recertification guidelines and forms:

Recertification Forms

<http://www.asisonline.org/certification/recertform2008.doc>

New Recertification Guide

<http://www.asisonline.org/certification/newrecertguide.doc>

Lapse Policy

<http://www.asisonline.org/certification/cpp/resources/recertification/cpprecertlapse.htm>

FAQs

<http://www.asisonline.org/certification/recertfaqs.pdf>

In the Spotlight ...

Recipients of Prestigious Awards and ASIS Certifications



Kenneth M. Freeman, CPP
PCB Member

PCB Member Receives the Eugene J. D'Ambrosio Manager of the Year Award

Friends and colleagues are pleased to congratulate Kenneth M. Freeman, CPP, for receiving the Day and Zimmerman Eugene J. D'Ambrosio Manager of the Year Award. Freeman is a current PCB member and General Manager of Protection Tec Los Alamos (a company operated by Day and Zimmerman with over 20,000 employees). Instituted in 1991, this award recognizes outstanding project management performance on large-scale projects.

Recipient of the 2007 Sheriffs' Award

The Company of Security Professionals, a charitable company, based in the United Kingdom (UK) held its annual company dinner at the Guildhall this past October during which the prestigious Sheriffs Award was presented to Susan Porter.

The Sheriffs' Award recognizes an individual or organization that has shown outstanding courage or initiative in protecting people, property or liberty. Porter received the award for her heroic actions that not only averted a major disaster at the Transitional Assembly at Stormont and Northern Ireland, but also protected the peace and security of the United Kingdom from dangerous circumstances.



From left to right: Peter French, CPP, SRVP for Group 15,
Susan Porter and Sheriff Ian Luder

The Company of Security Professionals is comprised of members from the security industry who include manufacturers, designers, military, police and security personnel. They can be described as a modern version of the trade guilds that maintained quality control in goods and services during the Middle Ages. In fact, the Sheriffs' Award was named after the country's ancient law-enforcers, the City of London Sheriffs (who still help look after the UK's Central Criminal Court at the Old Bailey). The award is organized by the new City Livery Company of Security Professionals.

Senior Regional Vice President (SRVP) for Group 15, Peter French, CPP, is the 2007 Master of The Company of Security Professionals and extends thanks to all who have supported the event.

Baroness Presents CPP and PSP Certifications (UK)

Baroness Ruth Henig, the Chairperson of the Security Industry Authority (SIA) presented the CPP and PSP certificates to this year's successful UK candidates. SIA is an independent reporting body established in 2003 under the terms of the Private Security Industry Act 2001. It is responsible for regulating the private security industry in England, Wales and Scotland.

Baroness Henig joined the SIA in 2007 and has extensive experience within the police and security sector. She is President of the Association of Police Authorities, former Chair of Lancashire Police Authority and a former member of the National Criminal Justice Board. She served as a Magistrate in Lancaster for 20 years and chaired Lancaster district's Community Safety Partnership. In 2002, she was appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant for Lancashire and in 2004 she was made a life peer as Baroness Henig of Lancaster. She currently serves on the House of Lords European Scrutiny Committee covering Home Affairs and Justice.

Having the Baroness' endorsement for the CPP and PSP is particularly important and certainly made the celebrations a memorable event for all those in attendance.



Special Message from the PCB and Certification Staff

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you in 2007. The Board and staff look forward to keeping you informed in 2008.

We wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday!!!

Professional Certification Board

The Professional Certification Board is a group of fifteen certified professionals appointed by the President of ASIS to oversee and administer the certification programs.

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