



# Why Invest in Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training

## Told By Those Who Did



## Choosing the Right Training

The right preparation from the right training source can make all the difference in your certification journey and your future in cybersecurity. (ISC)<sup>2</sup> works with Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training Partners around the world to ensure you have convenient access to the exam preparation that fits your needs, location and schedule.

The key distinction to understand about Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training versus other trainers is that only an Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training Partner guarantees the most relevant, up-to-date courseware, developed by (ISC)<sup>2</sup> and delivered by an (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Authorized Instructor.

As you consider which certification exam prep option is best for you, cybersecurity professionals from around the world share their experiences with Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training and how it contributed to their success.

### Core Benefits

- Confidence in the content
- Comprehensive knowledge
- Big-picture perspectives
- Assessment of knowledge
- Cybersecurity authority
- Engaged learning

# Confidence in the Content

When you prepare for certification with Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training, one of the biggest benefits is the relevance of topics covered. The foundational and up-to-date content instills confidence from the knowledge you acquire in training. Moreover, the training offers a great return on investment since you're guided by experienced professionals who provide real-world examples to reflect upon. As you train, you'll have the opportunity to evaluate your knowledge and identify areas you need to focus on before taking the exam.



“For me, personally, it was all an out-of-pocket expense — the training and certification. So I wanted to ensure that the information provided would be current, relevant and taught by someone with real-world experience who holds the certification and who could help provide guidance on the focus areas of study.”

**Lonnie Lehman,**  
United States



“The main benefit I gained from Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training was that it was a less stressful experience compared to other trainings I've done. At no point did I worry about the relevance of the topic at hand, which, unfortunately, was something I encountered with previous trainings.”

**William Leung,**  
Mauritius



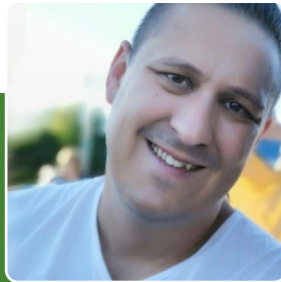
# Comprehensive Knowledge

Knowledge is a never-ending journey. Even if you're an experienced cybersecurity professional, Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training can help you fill in the gaps by providing a comprehensive understanding of the domains in a field that's constantly evolving. The knowledge you attain can help you revisit your cybersecurity program and update it as necessary to align with the current organizational, risk and technology landscape.



“I gained a better understanding of the wide knowledge base required for certification. While I was very familiar with some aspects, there were other areas where my knowledge wasn't as strong. The training helped fill in those gaps.”

**Mike Olejnik,**  
Canada



“Completing the training confirmed that the advice I've given and the work I've done is in accordance with the CISSP rubric. It helped me understand some domains more in depth. After completing the course, I revisited previous projects to tweak and improve environments using what I learned.”

**Dewald du Toit,**  
South Africa



“There were two domains where I knew some items but certainly not as much as I should. The training clarified and organized my thoughts and knowledge in those areas.”

**Somnath Shukla,**  
India



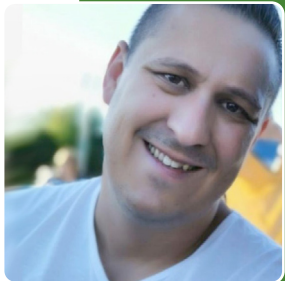
# Big-Picture Perspectives

Cybersecurity is so much more than security controls. It's about understanding business operations and aligning security controls with the organization's culture and objectives. It's also about balancing security with user convenience while fostering a security culture across the enterprise. Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training offers you robust knowledge and the ability to see the larger purpose.



“Training helped me gain a management view of security and understand alternative views for approaching it.”

**Vivianus Nel,  
United Arab Emirates**



“I learned, with certain projects, when I should start seeking more professional advice. A great example is when it comes to the legal part or when to refer a specific request to law enforcement authorities.”

**Dewald du Toit,  
South Africa**



“Training gave me a greater ability to successfully carry out my day-to-day job role. One of the big benefits is that the coursework gives you a far wider understanding of how things fit together. It also makes you aware of a lot of other things you need to consider. It makes you look with a wider lens.”

**Mike Fennell,  
United Kingdom**



# Assessment of Knowledge

As technology evolves and bad actors grow more advanced, cybersecurity professionals need to re-examine their strengths and weaknesses to better defend their organizations against cyberattacks. Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training serves exactly this purpose – confirming the knowledge you’ve gained and highlighting the areas that require attention. The courseware helps ensure you’re at the leading edge of cybersecurity, making you a valuable asset to any organization.



“As a cyber professional, the training helped confirm the knowledge I’ve gained over the past few years and highlighted some areas where I needed to improve. It really challenged me to structure my on-field knowledge and elevate my understanding of the topics.”

**William Leung,  
Mauritius**



“The content cemented my knowledge in the subjects where I previously didn’t have a solid grasp. It also added a deeper understanding of the subjects where I already had experience. For me, it was more a verification of my knowledge and skills. Certification allowed me to prove to myself that I was worthy of being a cybersecurity professional. Passing the exam confirmed that I could apply the knowledge and training gained through the coursework.”

**Mike Fennell,  
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# Cybersecurity Authority

Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training validates your authority with foundational and deep understanding of cybersecurity domains and the impact they have on organizational prosperity and success. You’ll gain the confidence to articulate security issues with senior and executive management. What’s more, training will help you communicate effectively and efficiently with all stakeholders to advocate for a robust security posture.



“I experienced a certain level of ‘imposter syndrome’ prior to passing the exam. That’s disappeared, thanks to the assurance of the knowledge gained from the coursework.”

**Toni-Ann Grant,  
United Kingdom**



“The training offered by (ISC)<sup>2</sup> improved my ability to articulate and address cybersecurity issues with a wider stakeholder group, especially senior management.”

**Brian Lake,  
United Kingdom**



“In my duties as an advocate for IT security, the training provided a way to discuss the processes, tools and threats to management and technology colleagues with language that promotes an environment designed for IT security. I also now have a common language to communicate effectively with IT security professionals.”

**Daniel Buckley,  
United Kingdom**



# Engaged Learning

The world-class training materials that come with Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training elevate your learning experience to new heights. The training takes you on a journey through the various domains of cybersecurity to learn, study, practice and excel in the industry.



“The way the training is structured, all of the modules and chapters are relevant to each other. That makes the learning experience a simple journey.”

**William Leung,**  
Mauritius



“The course provided a roadmap to learn, study and practice toward taking the certification exam.”

**Daniel Buckley,**  
United States



“The course was great and I enjoyed it. I found myself talking about every domain that I finished with anybody willing to listen. I’m sure I talked some people into studying for their CISSP exam through the (ISC)<sup>2</sup> authorized coursework. I’m looking forward to taking my next course shortly.”

**Dewlad du Toit,**  
South Africa



## Instructors with Real-World Experience

When you choose Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Training, you are learning from a cybersecurity expert with real-world experience. (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Authorized Instructors undergo a rigorous onboarding process to teach official courseware. They have an average of 15-20 years of industry experience in the field and hold the certifications they are currently teaching.



“The instructor had spent his entire career in IT security, ranging from government, business and training. He applied his experience to the learning materials with real practical examples to anchor concepts and apply the relevance of the materials.”

**Daniel Buckley,**  
United States



“My instructor held the credential and had previous experience in auditing and cybersecurity consulting services for multiple organizations. This kind of experience provides benefits to the student who may not have had the opportunity to work with multiple organizations or whose roles have limited their involvement in some areas of cybersecurity.”

**Lonnie Lehman,**  
United States



“With instructor-led training, I was able to evaluate my strengths and weaknesses in the content areas, as well as study and ask questions in real time about the areas where I wasn’t as comfortable. It was very helpful to be able to gauge my knowledge with my classmates and ask about real experiences from both the instructor and the other students in certain domains and situations.”

**Rubin Bennett,**  
United States



# Summary

Cybersecurity continues to grow and redefine itself with every new development. No matter what your current role in the field, few career moves will earn you more credibility than a certification from (ISC)<sup>2</sup>.

While there are many training providers out there, only (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Official Training Partners offer the Official (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Courseware. If you're ever in doubt about a trainer's official status, look for the Official Training Partner badges. You can also check the [\(ISC\)<sup>2</sup> website](#) for a list of partners.

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