

## Re: Security Certifications?

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> > *Would be interested to get opinions as to which info security related*  
> > *certifications are considered to be the most credible/desired in the*  
> > *current IT job market?*  
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> > *Thx. [David@Rocketmail.com](mailto:David@Rocketmail.com) MCSE, CCNA, CNE, ASE*  
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> *I see you already have a collection... CISSP is the most desired, I*  
> *think, but has a "three years of security experience" requirement. I*  
> *don't know if they actually check for this experience or not.*

This has actually changed at the start of this year. They now want a degree and a certion amount of experience. I would go look at ISC2 web sight for more info. As for if they check backgrounds. ISC requires applicants to fill out their work information when you apply for the exam, and they perform random spot checks on applicants. Since they make you sign a ethics aggrement any discrepency voids any possiblity of ever becoming certified.

> *Without the experience, I'm guessing the SANS certifications like*  
> *GIAC, etc are the best bet. Security+ is also out there, but is seen*  
> *as the most basic of the three.*

I have heard SANS is very good as well. It depends on what you want exactly. Since the OP has a lot of hands on certs, he should be aware that the CISSP is not this type. It is more of a broad view of security from 100ft, ment to bridge between IT and managment. Not a roll up your sleeves and configure this firewall/ router cert.

HTH

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D.P. - CISSP  
"To Alcohol, the cause of, and solution too,  
all of life's problems"  
Homer Simpson

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