Six CompTIA certifications have been approved for the U.S. Department of Defense Directive 8140/8570.01-M: CompTIA A+, CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Security+, CompTIA Cloud+, CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst (CySA+) and CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+). Covering 11 different 8140/8570 job roles, these certifications are vendor neutral, internationally recognized credentials and are accredited by ANSI to comply with the ISO 17024 standard.

In recent CompTIA research**, the large majority of IT and business executives involved in security indicated that IT staff certification has made a difference:

For example:
- 56% of organizations say security certification helps close the skills gap

For the IT professional the benefits of certification are also clear:
- 73% of workers say that the top benefit of certification is credibility
- 57% say it will help them advance in their current job
- 56% say it improves chances for a new position

**WHY CHOOSE CompTIA CERTIFICATIONS?**
CompTIA is proud to be the leading choice in certifications for DoD personnel and contractors, helping hundreds of thousands of servicemen and women and DoD civilians to meet their 8140/8570 requirements.

CompTIA certifications also serve as the building blocks for more advanced certifications. For example, Microsoft has accepted CompTIA Network+ and Security+ as prerequisites to the Microsoft Software & Systems Academy training course. The partnership will greatly assist thousands of U.S. service members in transitioning from active duty to high-paying careers in the civilian IT workforce.
CompTIA A+ certification is a credential that validates the foundational knowledge for IT Technical Support. Many businesses and government and academic institutions recognize CompTIA A+ as the standard for foundation-level IT knowledge and skills. More than 1 million individuals have achieved CompTIA A+ certification. CompTIA A+ covers topics such as installing, configuring, diagnosing and preventive maintenance of hardware and software components, as well as networks and soft skills. With the assistance of the DoD and leading industry organizations, security coverage has been expanded and mobile devices have been added.

CompTIA Network+ certification is a credential that validates the knowledge of networking professionals with at least 9-12 months of experience in network support or administration or adequate academic training. The exam covers network technologies, installation and configuration, media and topologies, management, and security. Many corporations recommend or require CompTIA Network+ certification for their IT employees.

CompTIA Security+ validates mastery of security knowledge of an individual with two years on-the-job networking experience, with emphasis on security. The exam covers threats, attacks and vulnerabilities; technologies and tools; architecture and design; identity and access management; risk management; and cryptography and PKI. Companies such as Dell, Fujitsu, Hewlett-Packard, Hitachi, Symantec and IBM know the value of a CompTIA Security+ certification and recommend or require it of their IT employees.

CompTIA Cloud+, approved for three 8140/8570 job roles, validates the expertise needed to maintain and optimize cloud infrastructure services. IT professionals certified in Cloud+ can better realize the return on investment of cloud infrastructure services. Unlike other certifications, which may focus on a specific vendor or a single function like security or networking, Cloud+ reflects the breadth of skills needed for data center job roles.

CompTIA CySA+, approved for five 8140/8570 job roles, is designed for IT security analysts, and vulnerability and threat intelligence analysts. The successful CySA+ candidate has the knowledge and skills required to configure and use threat detection tools, perform data analysis, and interpret the results to identify vulnerabilities, threats, and risks to an organization.

CASP+ certification is designed to meet the growing demand for advanced IT security in the enterprise. CASP+ tests critical thinking and judgment across a broad spectrum of security disciplines and requires candidates to implement clear solutions in complex environments. The exam covers enterprise security, risk management and incident response, research and analysis, integration of computing, communications and business disciplines as well as technical integration of enterprise components.

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