All about CPEs

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Presentation Overview

- What is a CPE?
- Which professions use CPEs?
- What are the advantages?
- How are they obtained?
- Ethical considerations
- How are they audited?
- What is BISSA?

What is a CPE?

Continued Professional Education

- Indicates how a professional continues his/her education after receiving certification
- Also known by names such as CPD, PDU, ECE, CE
- Global measure of continuing professional education
- Certain certifications require holders to obtain a minimum number of CPE hours per year and also per certification period.
- IT-related certification bodies which use CPEs typically require an average of 40 CPE hours a year.

Who use CPEs?

Recognised professions, mainly with technical components, and governed by professional bodies:-

- Project Managers
- Information Security professionals
- Disaster Recovery Professionals
- IT Auditors
- Doctors/ Dentists

Organisations which use CPEs include PMI, ISACA, ISC2, Comptia, EC-Council

Advantages of CPEs

* In the fast-changing technology world, a professional who is not keeping up-to-date is a great risk to an organisation.
* Continuing education is part of proving that you are a true professional
* If you take the time and money to gain education and skills in your field, you should have something tangible to show for it.
* CPEs help you to track your professional development
* CPEs help you to maintain certifications which you went to great pains to gain.

How are they obtained?

This vary depending on the professional body, but there are some basics requirements.

- Writing relevant professional articles
- Attending relevant academic courses
- Attending relevant seminars/conferences/webinars/workshops
- Making professional presentations
- Working on the board of professional associations
- Other relevant activities which indicate continued professional development.

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Ethical Considerations

- Professional bodies usually have a *Code of Ethics* which certified members are required to adhere to.

- As part of *Code of Ethics* members are expected to honestly report CPEs/CPDs.

- Members reporting CPEs should accurately record how many hours they spent on the actual activity.

- For events which provide CPE certificates, members must claim only the actual amount of hours for which they attended the event.

- *Members can lose their certifications if they fraudulently report CPEs.*

How are CPEs audited?

Professional bodies will randomly audit members by asking them to provide proof for the CPEs which they submitted for a particular period.

Members submit various forms of proof, including :-

- Copies of CPE certificates

- Copies of signed attendance registers from events

- Copies of course completion certificates for training courses

- Copies of professional materials which were produced by them.

Who is BISSA?

The Barbados Chapter of the ISSA

- ISSA (Information Systems Security Association) is an international, non-profit, professional association for Information Security professionals and practitioners.

- Devoted to the promotion of secure information practices in business, government and the home.

- Devoted to the development of the profession of *Information Security*

- We are willing to partner with ethical professional organisations which are interested in promoting secure information practices

- All members are volunteers

Who is BISSA?

The Barbados Chapter of the ISSA

- About 75% of local members hold at least CISSP, CISA, CISM or CRISC security certifications

- Members come from government, finance, academic institutions, manufacturing, consulting firms, and other organisations.

- Local chapter has fostered a security community where trust, collaboration and ethics are of prime importance

- The topics covered under **CaribNOG 5** are in line with the goals of BISSA in terms of security education and awareness.

- BISSA has partnered with **CaribNOG** and will facilitate the provision of CPE certificates for in-person participants who require them.
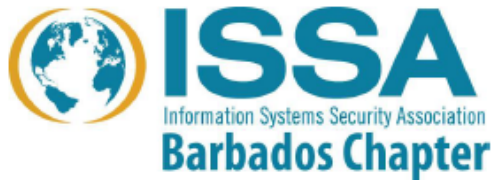
Example of a CPE Certificate

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Critical Information

* Organisation logo
* Participant name
* Max # of hours
* Event Description
* Date of event

Questions?

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