ISP® Examination Question Acronym List

The listed acronyms, form numbers, and document short titles may be used in ISP® exam questions without being spelled out fully in the question stem or answer choices. Candidates taking the ISP® exam should study these to ensure they are aware of what the acronyms, form numbers, and document short titles actually stand for in exam questions.

AO =	Authorizing Official
ATD =	Authorization Termination Date
ATO =	Authorization to Operate
ATO-C =	Authorization to Operate with Conditions
C =	CONFIDENTIAL
CAS =	Consolidated Adjudication Services
CFR =	Code of Federal Regulations
CI =	Counterintelligence
CIA =	Central Intelligence Agency
CDC =	Cleared Defense Contractor
CDSE =	(DCSA) Center for Development of Security Excellence
CNWDI =	Critical Nuclear Weapons Design Information
COMSEC =	Communications Security
COR =	Central Office of Record (as used in COMSEC accounting)
CSA =	Cognizant Security Agency
CSO =	Cognizant Security Office
CUI =	Controlled Unclassified Information
CV =	Continuous Vetting
DAAPM =	DCSA Assessment and Authorization Process Manual
DATO =	Denial of Authorization to Operate
DCSA =	Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency
DD =	Department of Defense (used for forms)
DD Form 254 =	*DoD Contract Security Classification Specification*
DD Form 441 =	*DoD Security Agreement*
DD Form 3134 =	*Limited Access Authorization for Aliens and Foreign Nationals*
DD Form 2962 =	*Personnel Security System Access Request* (PSSAR)
DGR =	Designated Government Representative
DISS =	Defense Information System for Security
DoC =	Department of Commerce

DoD = Department of Defense

DoE = Department of Energy

DOHA = Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals

DoS = Department of State

eApp = Electronic Application (for Investigative Standard Forms)

EAR = Export Administration Regulations (under the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security)

eMASS = Enterprise Mission Assurance Support Service

E.O. = Executive Order

E.O. 12968 = *Access to Classified Information*

E.O. 13256 = *Classified National Security Information*

EPL = Evaluated Products List (issued by the NSA)

e-QIP = Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing

FBI = Federal Bureau of Investigation

FCL = Facility (Security) Clearance (known as an entity eligibility determination in the CFR)

FED STD = Federal Standard (used for forms)

FED STD 809B = *Neutralization and Repair of GSA Containers and Vault Doors*

FED STD 832 = *Construction Methods and Materials for Vaults*

FGI = Foreign Government Information

FOCI = Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence

FOIA = Freedom of Information Act

FRD = Formerly Restricted Data

FSO = Facility Security Officer

GAO = Government Accountability Office

GCA = Government Contracting Activity

GSA = U.S. General Services Administration

IC = Intelligence Community

IC Tech Spec 705 = *IC Technical Specification for Construction and Management of Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities*

ID = Identification

IDS = Intrusion Detection System

IOG = Industry Operation Guide

IP = Intellectual Property

IR&D = Independent Research & Development

IS = Information System

ISs =	Information Systems
ISL =	Industrial Security Letter (issued by DCSA)
ISO =	Information System Owner
ISOO =	Information Security Oversight Office
ISR =	Industrial Security Representative (i.e., DCSA Security Representative)
ISSM =	Information System Security Manager
ISSO =	Information System Security Officer
ISSP =	Information System Security Professional (i.e., DCSA IS Security Representative)
IT =	Information Technology
ITAR =	International Traffic in Arms Regulations (under the Department of State, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC))
ITPSO =	Insider Threat Program Senior Official
KMP =	Key Management Personnel
LAA =	Limited Access Authorization
MFO =	Multiple Facility Organization
NARA =	National Archives and Records Administration
NATO =	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NBIS =	National Background Investigation Services (IT system)
NCAISS =	NISP Central Access Information Security System
NCSC =	National Counterintelligence and Security Center
NCSS =	National Contract Classification System
NDA =	Nondisclosure Agreement
NISP =	National Industrial Security Program
NISPOM =	32 CFR Part 117, *National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual*. **In addition, when an exam question states "The NISPOM requires...," the answer may come from 32 CFR Part 2001, to which 32 CFR Part 117 has referred for the specific requirements.**
NISS =	National Industrial Security System
NSA =	National Security Agency
NSI =	National Security Information
ODAA =	Office of Defense Approving Authority
OPSEC =	Operations Security
PCL =	Personnel (Security) Clearance
PII =	Personally Identifiable Information
PSSAR =	Personnel Security System Access Request (DD Form 2962)

RD =   Restricted Data

RFP =   Request for Proposal

RMF =   Risk Management Framework

S =   SECRET

SAP =   Special Access Program

SCI =   Special Compartmented Information

SEAD =   Security Executive Agent Directive

SEAD 3 =   *Reporting Requirements for Personnel with Access to Classified Information or Who Hold a Sensitive Position*

SEAD 4 =   *National Security Adjudicative Guidelines*

SEAD 7 =   *Reciprocity of Background Investigations and National Security Adjudications*

SF =   Standard Form

SF 86 =   *Questionnaire for National Security Positions*

SF 312 =   *Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement*

SF 328 =   *Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests*

SMO =   Senior Management Official (not Security Management Office)

SSA =   Special Security Agreement

SSP =   System Security Plan

STEPP =   (CDSE) Security Training, Education, and Professionalization Portal

TCP =   Technology Control Plan

TEMPEST =   (Said to stand for) Transient Electromagnetic Pulse Surveillance Technology

TFNI =   Transclassified Foreign Nuclear Information

TS =   TOP SECRET

TSCO =   Top Secret Control Officer

U =   Unclassified

UL =   Underwriters' Laboratories

U.S. =   United States

USG =   United States Government

USML =   United States Munitions List (Defense article, services, and related technical data controlled by the Arms Export Control Act)

USPS =   United States Postal Service

VAL =   Visit Authorization Letter

VRO =   (DCSA) Vetting Risk Operations