FITSP
Federal IT Security Professional
Operator

Overview

The FITSP-Operator certification is intended for federal workforce personnel, both federal employees and contractors, whose role is primarily focused on the implementation and operations of systems owned by, or operated on behalf of, the federal government of the United States. This role deals with high-level, cost-effective, risk-based IT security audit functions that assure program value is achieved within the ever-changing risk and evolving threat environments.

The operator role is designed for candidates who operate and maintain automated information systems found within the United States Federal Government. These are usually IT professionals that support the day-to-day operations of an agency's information systems.

Intended Audience

The following list highlights, but may not comprehensively capture, the commonly articulated roles characterized within federal statutory, regulatory, standards, and/or guidance documents that relate to the FITSP-Operator certification.

- Data Center Manager
- Database Administrator
- IT Security Operations
- Maintenance Professional
- Network Administrator
- Network Security Specialists
- Security Administrator
- System Administrators
- System Operations Personnel
- Technical Support Professionals
- Telecommunications Personnel

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Requirements

Candidates are tested on a comprehensive Federal Body of Knowledge (FBK), which consists of a library of federal statutes, regulations, standards, and guidelines. The FBK is broken down into six domains and 18 IT security topic areas.

The exam is three hours in length and consists of 150 multiple choice questions focusing on the knowledge, skills and abilities that federal operations staff must know. Additionally, a minimum of five years of generic information systems security experience is required. This experience can be inside or outside the federal government.

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● NIST Special Publications ● NIST FIPS ● NIST Control Families ● Government Laws and Regulations
● NIST Interagency Reports ● NIST RMF