

Certification Process

Becoming designated as a Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer (cATO™) is a four-step process.

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Pre-Qualification

Step One begins by completing the online Pre-Qualification Questionnaire to screen your eligibility for certification. After completing the Pre-Qualification screening, Step One concludes by creating a user account on the cATO™ Certification Portal.

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Application

Once the application fee is paid, you will be able to access the Application for Certification through your My cATO™ user account page. Complete the application by providing all information requested. You will also be required to propose the names of two eligible colleagues to serve as your exam proctor.

Once your eligibility status has been verified and your proctor(s) has/have registered, you will receive notification that you have been approved for examination with further instructions.

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Examination

Once your Examination and Certification Fee is paid, the cATO™ Certification Examination will be available for testing.

4

Certification

Upon passing the cATO™ Certification Examination, you will receive official notification of award of your designation and instructions for shipment of your cATO™ certificate.

Preparing for the cATO™ Certification Examination

There are several ways to prepare for the Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer (cATO™) Certification Examination. The S2 Safety & Intelligence Institute, IACSP's premier partner for certification training, conducts the S2 Anti-Terrorism Officer (ATO) Program several times per year in cities around the globe. The S2 Anti-Terrorism Officer (ATO) Program is a five day, 40-hour course designed to prepare security and public safety professionals for assignments involving the protection of facilities against terrorist attack. The information presented in the S2 Anti-Terrorism Officer program encompasses all domains within the cATO™ Body of Knowledge.

Candidates preparing for the Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer (cATO™) examination without attending the S2 Anti-Terrorism Officer Course may prepare through independent study of the cATO™ Body of Knowledge reference texts.

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for Counterterrorism and Security Professionals



Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer Certification

The Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer (cATO™) credential is the global benchmark for recognizing career achievement and knowledge in the protection of facilities, organizations, and the public against acts of terrorism. The Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer credential is awarded to a candidate who has met eligibility requirements and passed the cATO™ Certification Examination in accordance with the rigorous standards set forth by the Certifying Board of The International Association for Counterterrorism and Security Professionals (IACSP).

Becoming board certified as a Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer distinguishes you in the security and public safety profession by demonstrating your expertise in the specialized field of managing terrorism-related risk and commitment to the safety and welfare of your community.

Eligibility Requirements

All Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer (cATO™) candidates are required to meet the following eligibility conditions:

1. Active membership in the International Association for Counterterrorism and Security Professionals (IACSP)
2. Experience and/or education as follows:
 - ❖ Four years of experience in one or more of the following fields:
 - ◆ Security Management
 - ◆ Risk Management
 - ◆ Emergency Management
 - ◆ Law Enforcement
 - ◆ Emergency Services
 - ◆ Military
 - ◆ Intelligence
 - ◆ Engineering, with four or more years of specific experience in security and life safety engineering
 - OR -
 - ❖ Bachelor's degree or higher, with major in Criminal Justice, Emergency Management, Intelligence Science, or Homeland Security.

All candidates are also required to testify their compliance with specific character standards to ensure that a candidate's prior and future conduct does not reflect negatively upon the profession and the cATO™ designation.

The cATO™ Certification Examination

Each candidate for Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer certification is required to pass a proctored examination consisting of multiple-choice questions that measure comprehension of the cATO™ Body of Knowledge. The cATO™ Body of Knowledge includes, but is not limited to, dynamics of contemporary terrorism and terrorist modus operandi; explosive device technology; chemical and biological terrorism; principles of risk management; protective counterintelligence and operations security; physical security and access control technology and system design; blast mitigation principles; measures for protecting building occupants against chemical and biological attacks; mail security; emergency management planning; and organizational response to terrorist attack events.

The cATO™ Certification Examination is administered online through the cATO™ testing portal as a 100-question proctored exam randomly-generated from a pool of multiple-choice questions developed and peer reviewed by the Certifying Board of the International Association for Counterterrorism and Security Professionals.

Candidates are required to pass the examination with a score of 80% or greater in order to receive award of the Certified Anti-Terrorism Officer designation.

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