1. **What is the CSCS™ program all about?**
   The Certified Security Compliance Specialist™ (CSCS™) is a unique program of its kind in the compliance and security industry and the first of its type in the world. It is laser-beam focused on thoroughly examining compliance requirements and establishing best practices.

   This program is designed to enable professionals to understand, prioritize and ultimately, assist organizations achieve compliance with information security-based regulations.

2. **Is there a prerequisite for the CSCS™ program?**
   There is no prerequisite for the program; however, you must attend the two-day training session delivered by ecfirst of one of its Authorized Partners and pass the exam or pass the online exam to receive certification.

3. **Who is the target audience for the CSCS™ program?**
   - Compliance professionals and managers
   - Information Security Officers
   - Security practitioners
   - Privacy Officers
   - Senior IT professions

4. **What are the major areas the CSCS™ program covers?**
   This is the first and only program in the world that provides a comprehensive treatment of major information and security regulations and standards. You can expect to learn and understand the core requirements of these regulations following completion of the program:
   - ISO Standards, including 27001, 27002, 27799
   - PCI DSS
   - FISMA
   - NIST Standards
   - U.S State Regulations on Information Security

5. **Can I earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for taking this course?**
   Yes, upon successful completion of the course, you may earn 16 CEUs.

6. **How is the CSCS™ program offered?**
   You can complete the CSCS™ program two ways:
   - Online Class

7. **What is the cost of the CSCS™ program?**
   - Online class and exam - $1,495

8. **How do I register for the CSCS™ program?**
   To register for a CSCS™ program and pay by credit card, visit our Online Store. If you wish to pay by check, please email Casey.Mcloughlin@ecfirst.com to request an invoice. When you purchase the online class, the exam is included. This allows you online access to the exam for up to six months.

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9. **If I'm registered for an instructor-led course, when will I receive my training materials?**
   Training materials are emailed a week before class.

10. **After passing the certification exam, how soon will I receive my certification?**
    You will receive a digital copy of your certificate within five (5) business days and your hard copy will be sent to you within 30 days of passing the exam. If you do not receive your certification within 30 days, please email Casey.Mcloughlin@ecfirst.com.

11. **How many times are we allowed to take the initial exam if we don't pass on the first try?**
    The Certification Exam access is authorized for one-time, single use, for each purchase. If you have failed and want to retake the exam you can purchase an authorization for access to re-take from our website at www.ecfirst.biz and select "Retake". There is no limit to how many retake exams you may purchase.

12. **If I don't pass the exam, can I retake it?**
    Yes, if you do not pass the CSCS™ certification exam, you can retake the exam online. The cost for a retake exam is $395. Register here for a retake exam or email Casey.Mcloughlin@ecfirst.com.

13. **What are the requirements at the time of renewal?**
    We do not require any additional CEUs for renewal. You may renew your certificate through our website at www.ecfirst.biz. With your renewal order you will receive an updated manual and new certificate renewed for another 3 years.

14. **What happens if I don't renew my CSCS™ certification within the three-year period?**
    If you do not renew your certification within three years of your certification date, you are required to retake the CSCS™ course for the renewal fee of $795 **(effective from Jan 1, 2025).**

15. **How will this certification enhance my skills?**
    Comprehensive training and certification in the CSCS™ program provides a solid foundation to quickly identify potential violations of compliance regulations and a solid knowledge of how to correct problems.

16. **How will this certification benefit my employer?**
    Employers will realize potential loss incidents from information security violations when employees are more thoroughly trained in the regulations.

17. **Will this certification help me in a job search?**
    Certification can provide a distinguishing factor for potential employers in the information technology industry. The program prepares you to examine the world's leading standards for information security and compliance. You can apply for jobs which require knowledge of key security standards and compliance mandates. The credential can be used upon passing the exam.

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