

CERTIFIED SUPPLY CHAIN PROFESSIONAL (CSCP) CERTIFICATION

WHO ISSUES THE CERTIFICATION?

The [Association for Supply Chain Management](#) (ASCM, or previously known as APICS).

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CERTIFICATION?

This certification is intended to recognize the attainment of skills and competencies related to managing supply chains.

WHAT IS THE CAREER LEVEL OF THE CERTIFICATION AND WHO IS IT GEARED TO?

The [CSCP](#) is a management-level certification that is geared to individuals interested in leading global supply chain efforts and implementing essential concepts and strategies to improve day-to-day business operations.

WHAT ARE THE EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE PREREQUISITES FOR THE CERTIFICATION?

To apply for the CSCP, an individual must have at least one of the following:

- » Three years of business experience;
- » A bachelor's degree or international equivalent; or
- » An active ASCM/APICS, Institute for Supply Management Certified Professional in Supply Management, or Certified Purchasing Manager certification.

WHAT IS THE COST AND STRUCTURE OF THE CERTIFICATION'S EXAM(S)?

The CSCP exam consists of 150 questions, which must be completed in three and a half hours, and costs \$1,295 for ASCM CORE members and non-members, or is discounted to \$995 for ASCM PLUS members.

WHAT IS THE GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATION?

International.

IS THE CERTIFICATION ACCREDITED?

No.

HOW LONG IS THE CERTIFICATION VALID?

It is valid for five years.

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IS THERE A PROCESS FOR RENEWING THE CERTIFICATION, OR RECERTIFICATION?

Yes. Every five years certificants must choose from a menu of education and service activities to complete and pay a renewal fee of \$75-\$150 depending on membership status.

CAN THE CERTIFICATION BE REVOKED?

Yes, the CSCP can be revoked for candidates who commit breaches of ethics related to the administration of the exam itself, though it is rare.

IS THE CERTIFICATION LINKED TO LICENSURE?

No.

HOW DOES THE CERTIFICATION RELATE TO OTHER ASCM CERTIFICATIONS OR THOSE OF OTHER CERTIFICATION BODIES?

The CSCP does not relate directly to any other certifications, but holding any other ASCM/APICS certification will qualify an individual to take the CSCP exam.

WHAT ARE SOME ORGANIZATIONS OR INDUSTRIES THAT RECOGNIZE OR USE THE CERTIFICATION?

Example industries include manufacturing, consulting, defense, government, health care, and distribution.

ARE THERE ANY COMPANIES, CORPORATIONS, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE PUBLICLY DECLARED THEY PREFER OR REQUIRE THE CERTIFICATION?

A search for CSCP on Indeed resulted in job postings that refer to the CSCP certification as being required or preferred. Examples of organizations that prefer or require the CSCP certification in job postings include Bristol Myers Squibb, Corning, Google, Johnson Controls, Price Waterhouse Coopers, and Siemens.

WHAT OCCUPATIONS USE THE CERTIFICATION?

Any position that involves dealing with the supply chain.

DOES ASCM OFFER TRAINING MATERIALS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS PREPARE FOR THE CERTIFICATION EXAM?

Yes, ASCM sells an exam content manual for \$25. In addition, they sell the CSCP "Learning System" online for \$995 for members or \$1,380 for non-members. They also have partnerships with higher education institutions that an individual can use to train for the certification, and they also sell corporate and group trainings.