

Information Security Management Update - FAQs

What is the reason for this update?

In 2017 EXIN conducted market research about the Information Security Management based on ISO/IEC 27002 program. Based on the feedback from partners and candidates, EXIN found that several changes in the positioning of the program would better suit the needs of the market.

What will change and what will remain the same?

The main changes are:

- The name of the program is changing to Information Security Management based on ISO/IEC 27001.
- The recommended course duration for the foundation level is changing to **2 days**. The exam itself will not change.
- The advanced level (previously ISMAS) will be renamed to Information Security Management **Professional** based on ISO/IEC 27001. The foundation certificate will be removed as a pre-requisite for the advanced level. It is still mandatory to follow a training and practical assignments should be a part of this accredited training.
- The expert level (ISMES) will also undergo a slight name change to Information Security Management Expert based on ISO/IEC 27001. The advanced level will be removed as a pre-requisite. The other prerequisites will remain the same.

What is the timeline for the roll-out in the different languages?

The English versions of the products will go live on October 1st 2017. The other languages will follow soon in Q4 of 2017.

We are an Accredited Training Organization, what should we do to stay accredited?

On October 1st, all relevant supporting documents will have been updated and can be found on PartnerNet.

This includes the Change Document per exam, Preparation Guide, Sample Exam, Basic Training Material, Practical Assignments (for ISMP), Case Study (as an appendix of the Candidate Guidance), Instructor Guidance and Candidate Guidance (for ISMES).

You are accredited for Information Security Foundation. What should you do?

- Update your course materials to reflect the new program name;
- The updated material(s) do **not** have to be sent in for re-accreditation;
- If you offer a one day training you can consider offering the training over two days.

You are accredited for Information Security Management Advanced. What should you do?

- Update your course materials to reflect the new program and module name;
- Make sure that the practical assignments are incorporated into the training and the training materials;
- The updated material(s) do **not** have to be sent in for re-accreditation;
- Note: consider adding ISMES to your accreditations. ISMES is a coaching track and your Information Security Management Professional accreditation in combination with a process description is sufficient to get accredited.

You are accredited for Information Security Management Expert. What should you do?

- Update your course descriptions to reflect the new program and module names;
- The updated material(s) do **not** have to be sent in for re-accreditation;

What do I need to know when ordering exams?

- During the ordering process for the foundation level, you will be automatically linked to the correct exam.
- The new professional level (ISMP instead of ISMAS) will be available for booking via Exillence. As of October 1st, the English ISMAS exam will be blocked for booking and ISMP will be live for booking.

What about Information Security candidates? Will they need to do anything?

No, they do not have to apply for a new certificate. The one they have is valid. As we removed foundation and/or professional level certificates as pre-requisites for the ISMP and the ISMES levels, it will be more interesting for experienced candidates to get trained and certified for the higher levels.

Candidates

Do I need to apply for a new certificate?

No, you do not have to apply for a new certificate. The one you have remains valid. As we removed foundation and/or professional level certificates as pre-requisites for the ISMP and the ISMES levels, it will be more easy for you to get trained and certified for the higher levels.

Can I update the certificates I have with the new name?

For Information Security Foundation and Information Security Management Expert, you can generate a reprint of the PDF certificate. The certificate will show the new name.

For Information Security Management Advanced it is not possible to get a certificate with the new name without doing the exam again but it definitely has the same value.

Trainers

I hold TÜV certificates for Information Security based on ISO/IEC 27001. Do I need to take the EXIN exam in order to get accredited?

- For the Information Security Foundation module the TÜV Foundation certificate will be accepted as prerequisite for the accreditation. It is not compulsory, but advisable to take the EXIN exam as a trainer.
- For the Information Security Advanced module (ISMP) it is necessary to take the EXIN exam. A TÜV certification for this level will not be recognized.

I hold EXIN certificates for Information Security based on ISO/IEC 27002 and I am an accredited trainer for those modules. What do I have to do in order to maintain my accreditation?

There is nothing you should do, you remain accredited.