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ISTQB® CTAL Security Tester

The **Advanced Level Security Tester** qualification is aimed at people who have already achieved an advanced point in their careers in software testing and wish to develop further their expertise in security testing. The modules offered at the **Advanced Level** cover a wide range of testing topics.

To receive Advanced Level certification in the module "Security Tester", candidates must hold a valid Certified Tester Foundation Level certificate and have sufficient practical experience to be certified at Advanced Level, which should be not less than 3 (three) years of relevant academic, practical, or consulting experience. Refer to the relevant Exam Board to determine the specific practical experience criteria.

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EXAM STRUCTURE

* 52 points or more;
** Only for participants taking the exam in a language other than their mothertongue;
*** Each correct answer can have a value of 1 to 3 points.

45
Multiple-Choice Questions

2
Hours

65%*
Passing Score

+ 30**
Minutes Additional Time

80***
Maximum Score

BUSINESS OUTCOMES

- Plan, perform and evaluate security tests from a variety of perspectives – policy-based, risk-based, standards-based, requirements-based and vulnerability-based;
- Align security test activities with project lifecycle activities;
- Analyze the effective use of risk assessment techniques in a given situation to identify current and future security threats and assess their severity levels;
- Evaluate the existing security test suite and identify any additional security tests;
- Analyze a given set of security policies and procedures, along with security test results, to determine effectiveness;
- For a given project scenario, identify security test objectives based on functionality, technology attributes and known vulnerabilities;
- Analyze a given situation and determine which security testing approaches are most likely to succeed in that situation;
- Identify areas where additional or enhanced security testing may be needed;
- Evaluate effectiveness of security mechanisms;
- Help the organization build information security awareness;
- Demonstrate the attacker mentality by discovering key information about a target, performing actions on a test application in a protected environment that a malicious person would perform, and understand how evidence of the attack could be deleted;
- Analyze a given interim security test status report to determine the level of accuracy, understandability, and stakeholder appropriateness;
- Analyze and document security test needs to be addressed by one or more tools;
- Analyze and select candidate security test tools for a given tool search based on specified needs;
- Understand the benefits of using security testing standards and where to find them;

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