

## Frequently asked questions - Certified Safety Management Specialist (CSMS)

### What is CSMS?

The Certified Safety Management Specialist (CSMS) is a designation awarded to those that have completed the nine-day Safety Management Specialist Program and have successfully passed the examination, and are now authorized to use the CSMS designation. Individuals who successfully pass the exam receive a plaque and are eligible to use the CSMS designation after their name on business cards, letters, reports, etc.

### Who should take the Exam?

Collateral duty, part-time, or full-time safety people, safety committee members, safety coordinators, safety specialists, safety managers, loss control managers, and operations managers, human resources, safety consultants, or anyone whose job includes the responsibility for workplace safety and health, who have completed all nine courses within the Safety Management Specialist Program and would like to earn the CSMS designation.

### Do I have to take all of the classes to be eligible to sit for the CSMS exam?

Yes, candidates must complete the nine-day Safety Management Specialist Certificate before taking the CSMS exam.

### How often does Safety Center offer the CSMS Exam?

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Are there any education and or experience prerequisites required?

No formal education and/or work experience is required.

### Does the CSMS designation require periodic re-certification?

No, CSMS is a lifetime designation. It does not require costly ongoing education or annual re-certification fees.

However, graduates are encouraged to take additional safety training courses throughout their careers, and to join professional safety organizations to stay current in the field of safety & health.

### Are there any discounts?

Yes. Attendees are able to obtain a significant discount by paying for all the courses and the CSMS exam in advance, and obtaining a Safety Center membership.

Advance Purchase Options plus Safety Center Membership

Purchase a Safety Center Membership, and a \$35 discount per class is applied when all Nine Courses + the Exam are purchased together. This is a total savings of \$605.

Note: Above discount is applied *only* when full package payment is received before attending the first class.

### How many questions are on the exam, and what is the passing score?

There are 270 questions, and the passing score is 90%.

### If I do not pass the exam, can I take it again?

Yes, can pay "re-take fee" and take the exam again.

How is CSMS different from Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)?

The CSP and CIH are both nationally recognized certifications, and require a minimum number of years of formal education and years of experience in the field, both include an application fee, annual renewal fee, and continuing education credits to retain these certifications.