



# GIAC Short Assessment for DoD & 8570

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## Maximize your Training & Certification Time & Budget, Take a GIAC Assessment today!

The most recent DoD site license for these assessments expired on 31 December, 2010, however, SANS has extended access to DoD employees while we work out a 2011-2012 contract with DIAP:

Global Information Assurance Certification (GIAC) Assessments will help you understand if you are ready to attempt a GIAC Certification exam, or, if not, where you should concentrate your studies to get ready.

To help support DoD Directive 8570, SANS is providing a site license to all DoD employees for our 8570-related GIAC Short Assessment tool. These assessments take approximately 60 minutes to complete and provide students immediate feedback on areas where they need to refresh skills prior to taking training or attempting the certification exam.

GIAC short assessments are a good gauge highlighting how well you are prepared to take the associated SANS class (i.e. SEC401 Security Essentials; SEC504 Hacker Techniques; MGT512 Security Leadership Essentials and SEC301 Intro to Information Security).

**Please note:** These assessments are NOT a substitute for the GIAC Practice Exams (you will receive 2 free GIAC Practice Exams with the purchase of your GIAC Certification Attempt). GIAC Assessments are NOT as detailed as our GIAC Practice Exams, and they can only be taken one time. To fully prepare for a GIAC Exam, we strongly suggest taking both GIAC Practice Exams prior to attempting a GIAC Exam.

## Steps to access and take GIAC Short Assessments:

1. Sign into your SANS Portal account (<https://www.sans.org/account/login>). If you do not yet have a portal account, you can create at this same site.
2. Once you are logged in to your account, click on one of the "Short Assessment" links provided below.
3. You will be taken to the GIAC Exam Engine. You may be prompted to resubmit your portal login credentials in the GIAC Exam System. Once logged in, the assessment should be immediately added to your account, so you may access it at this time via the "Assessments" link. **Note:** You can only register for each assessment one (1) time.
4. Mark the button for the specific Assessment you would like to take and then click "Select Exam".
5. Once you have selected the Assessment you would like, start it with YOUR name and YOUR portal password.

GSEC (SEC401) Short Assessment Link: ( <a href="https://www.sans.org/assessments/short_gsec.php">https://www.sans.org/assessments/short_gsec.php</a> )
GCIH (SEC504) Short Assessment Link: ( <a href="https://www.sans.org/assessments/short_gcih.php">https://www.sans.org/assessments/short_gcih.php</a> )
GSLC (MGT512) Short Assessment Link: ( <a href="https://www.sans.org/assessments/short_gslc.php">https://www.sans.org/assessments/short_gslc.php</a> )
GISF (SEC301) Short Assessment Link: ( <a href="https://www.sans.org/assessments/short_gisf.php">https://www.sans.org/assessments/short_gisf.php</a> )

## To get back to the Assessment at a different time:

1. Make sure you have completed steps 1 and 2 above.
2. Login at (<https://www.sans.org>) and click "Assessments" that will take you to your free assessments.
3. Complete steps 3-5 above.

If you have any questions regarding your assessment, contact [exam-support@giac.org](mailto:exam-support@giac.org).

If you have any questions regarding training, contact [OnSite@sans.org](mailto:OnSite@sans.org).

Thank you for your time and consideration.