



GIAC Short Assessment for DoD & 8570

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

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 the DoD 8570 Directive, GIAC 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.

Please note, however, that GIAC Assessments are NOT as detailed as our GIAC Practice Exams. To fully prepare for a GIAC Exam, we strongly suggest taking both GIAC Practice Exams prior to attempting a GIAC Exam.

Current DoD site license for these assessments expire on 31 December, 2009:

- SEC309 - SANS Intro to Information Security - GISF
- SEC401 - SANS Security Essentials - GSEC
- MGT512 - SANS Security Leadership Essentials For Managers - GSLC
- SEC334 - SANS Training for the CompTIA Security+ Certification

GIAC short assessments are helpful in two main areas:

1. GIAC short assessments are a good gauge highlighting how well you are prepared to take the associated SANS class (i.e. SEC401: Security Essentials, MGT512: Security Leadership Essentials, SEC301: Intro to Information Security & SEC334: 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).
2. The GIAC short assessment is a great tool to pre-qualify students prior to sending them to SANS training.

Steps to access and take GIAC Short Assessments:

1. Sign into your SANS Portal account (<https://portal.sans.org/login.php>). If you do not yet have a portal account, you can create one at (<https://portal.sans.org/register.php>).
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 Short Assessment Link: (https://portal.sans.org/assessments/short_gsec.php) GSLC Short Assessment Link: (https://portal.sans.org/assessments/short_gslc.php) GISF Short Assessment Link: (https://portal.sans.org/assessments/short_gisf.php) Security+ Short Assessment Link: (https://portal.sans.org/assessments/short_secplus.php)

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://portal.sans.org>) portal account; click the yellow "GIAC Exam Engine" link.
3. Complete steps 3-5 above.

If you have any questions regarding your assessment, contact exam-support@giac.org.

If you have any questions regarding training, contact OnSite@sans.org. Thank you for your time and consideration.