

CSTA - Certified Security Testing Associate

Exam Details:

Questions: 50

Time: 60 Minutes

Passing Score: 50% - 80% (Distinction)

Format: Multiple choice

Cost: Included in Course

Renewal: None currently

Editors' Quick Thoughts

Here's a worthy up-and-comer for all of you budding pen testers. It's run and maintained by a UK company named 7Safe. It is a 4-day course that was recently updated (June 2011) and is poised to take on industry stalwarts like EC-Council and SANS. Offered in many countries by a variety of training companies, this certification follows the Microsoft model of licensing its courses and certs. Key highlight of this course is the lab environment on the provided computers during the class. Very well done with Windows & Linux machines customized to give you the feel of a pen test throughout the course. Now available in 6 countries including England and the US, this one is poised for steady growth and acceptance in the industry. For a full review and comparisons to other courses, see the EH-Net Review, An American Hacker in London.

From the Horse's Mouth (7Safe's Web Site Content): This 4-day ethical hacking training course is a hands-on journey into the hacking mindset, examining and practically applying the tools and techniques that hackers use to launch "infrastructure" attacks. Practical exercises reinforce theory as you experiment with a Windows 2008 domain (server and workstation) plus a Linux server. The course demonstrates hacking techniques - there's no better way to understand attacks than by doing them yourself - but this is always done with defence in mind and countermeasures are discussed throughout. The course is therefore suited to system administrators, IT security officers and budding penetration testers.

Delegates who successfully complete the exam included at the end of the training course will be awarded the Certified Security Testing Associate (CSTA) qualification. CSTA, along with CSTP, is an ideal preparation towards the CREST Registered Tester qualification.

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