



# CGSS

## CERTIFIED GLOBAL SANCTIONS SPECIALIST

**The ACAMS credential that equips professionals globally to understand and comply with changing sanctions regimes.**



### About CGSS

When combined with 18 months to two years of financial crime compliance experience, earning the Certified Global Sanctions Specialist Certification (CGSS) means that an individual has the knowledge necessary to manage the risk of and comply with regulations related to sanctions compliance.

CGSS has been developed in conjunction with recognized sanctions experts and anti-financial crime (AFC) subject matter experts, including those from regulatory and law enforcement backgrounds. CGSS answers the need for an in-depth program in sanctions compliance that can be deployed to teams globally, to help them address sanctions risk, ensuring their workforce is properly trained and their specialized knowledge is recognized.

This sanctions compliance certification program enables organizations to address sanctions risk, establish an effective sanctions compliance program, and demonstrate compliance with regulatory requirements.

### Who Is CGSS For?

CGSS is ideal for mid- to senior-level professionals working in the field of sanctions and/or, more broadly, in AFC compliance.

Applicable areas of expertise include:

- Sanctions compliance
- Economic sanctions
- Financial sanctions
- Sanctions screening
- Anti-money laundering (AML)/counter-terrorist financing (CTF)
- Regulatory compliance
- Risk management
- Legal counsel
- Embargo
- Compliance technology
- Global trade, import/export

## CGSS Course Content

This certification program includes key topics relevant to sanctions compliance. The training incorporates four stackable ACAMS online certificate courses:

### **1. Sanctions Frameworks and Governance**

Understand the purpose of sanctions, who imposes them, the permissible activities, and the consequences of non-compliance with sanctions

### **2. Building a Sanctions Compliance Program**

Learn about sanctions risk assessment and sanctions due diligence, understand beneficial ownership and control, screening technology, policies, and processes

### **3. Detecting and Investigating Sanctions Evasion Techniques**

Learn about sanctions evasion techniques through ownership, trade, and payments, including how to investigate sanctions breaches and manage the freezing of assets

### **4. Sanctions Compliance Case Studies**

Consolidate your knowledge with case studies and activities designed for practitioners

Candidates will also receive additional materials to help them confidently prepare for the CGSS exam.

## The CGSS Exam

Candidates have 175 minutes to complete the CGSS exam. The exam contains 100 multiple choice and multiple select questions.

The CGSS study materials will equip candidates with the relevant concepts and knowledge, enabling them to prepare for the certification exam with confidence.

## Candidate Requirements

Candidates need approximately 18 months to two years of AFC work experience – ideally in the sanctions space.

To be eligible for the CGSS exam you must have 40 eligibility credits based on education, other professional certifications, and/or professional experience related to financial crime prevention.

Visit our [eligibility calculator](#) to determine if you qualify to take the CGSS exam.

For a full list of requirements and more information about the CGSS program, please refer to the [CGSS candidate handbook](#).

## Benefits of Obtaining CGSS

### For Professionals

ACAMS certifications are internationally renowned and recognized. Those who earn the CGSS designation will be distinguished as authorities in the sanctions space.

Earning CGSS provides many career benefits for professionals, including:

- Demonstrating your professional knowledge in sanctions compliance
- Advancing your career and/or securing your move into a sanctions compliance role
- Access to the ACAMS community and AFC resources to continue your professional development

### For Organizations

The complexities and challenges associated with sanctions compliance are identified by executive leadership as being among their top concerns. By employing CGSS-certified professionals, organizations demonstrate that their employees possess a specialized level of knowledge in sanctions compliance. They can better manage risks and ensure greater sanctions compliance.

Benefits for your organization:

- A CGSS-certified workforce credibly demonstrates an organization's commitment to sanctions compliance, with continuous education available to keep their sanctions knowledge up to date
- CGSS helps organizations minimize risk in a world of increasingly complex laws, regulations, and policies
- Being a global credential, CGSS enables multinational organizations to apply a single, consistent program across their global network
- CGSS enables organizations to tap into the diverse, international global ACAMS network, the world's largest membership organization dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and skills of financial crime prevention professionals

## How to Get Certified



## Certification Package and Pricing

For group discounts, [request a consultation](#).



## We currently offer the CGSS Exam in these languages:

- Arabic	- Chinese – traditional	- French	- Korean
- Chinese – simplified	- English	- Japanese	

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