Warrant Officer Prerequisites and MOS Description

**255S - Information Protection Technician**

[\*\*\* Download 255S Brochure \*\*\*](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/WO_255A_brochure.pdf)

**Duties:**

Information Protection Technicians are the Army's subject matter experts on integrated cybersecurity activities and capabilities within the Army's portion of the cyberspace domain on the Department of Defense Information Networks (DODIN) enterprise. They are responsible for designing, building, configuring, operating, and maintaining cybersecurity capabilities and the implementation of a defensible network architecture in support of cyber operations internal defensive measures within the DODIN in order to enumerate, illuminate, locate, eradicate threats and respond to unauthorized activity, security alerts, attempted exploitation, data exfiltration, escalation, and any additional threats to mission command. They oversee the implementation of cybersecurity policies at all echelons, direct internal defensive measures across the integrated enterprise and tactical network, assist in cryptographic network (cryptonet) planning and supports Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations (EMSO) to reduce detection by electronic signature. They train and supervise cybersecurity personnel in the building, configuring, operating, securing, defending, protecting, and sustaining cybersecurity equipment to maintain a protected network environment thus enabling combat power projection in all warfighting domains. They provide technical guidance and advise Commanders and staffs on the management and operation of Army, Joint, intergovernmental,

interagency, and multinational cybersecurity efforts to include the identification of key terrain, mission critical networks, nodes, applications and systems while operating within optimal, degraded, intermittent, or latent environments.

**Minimum prerequisites (all general prerequisites apply):**

* Be a SSG (E6) or above. **(NO WAIVERS)**
* Must have successfully completed Advance Leadership Course (ALC) Phase 1 or SSD-2. **(NO WAIVERS)**
* Hold a DoD 8570.1M IAT / IAM Level II or CSSP certification (SEC+; CCNA Security; CISSP; CASP; or CEH) **(NO WAIVERS)**
* Applicants with a Secret security clearance may apply, but will initiate procedures to obtain a Top Secret (TS) clearance with special compartmentalized information (SCI) access immediately upon selection to the MOS 255S. Failure to obtain an adjudicated TS/SCI clearance will disqualify an individual from holding the MOS.
* Applicants with a TS/SCI security clearance requiring periodic reinvestigation (PR) must submit their PR paperwork prior to submitting a Warrant Officer Accession Application.
* A letter from a Senior Signal Warrant Officer (CW3-CW5) is required. **(NO WAIVERS)**
* Five years of documented practical experience in Cyber Security/Computer Network Defense (CS/CND), information systems administration, local and wide area networks (LAN & WAN), and/or voice and data internetworking. **(NO WAIVERS)**
* Practical experience documented through NCO evaluation reports and award citations. In some instances, practical experience acquired from civilian employment may be acceptable through employee evaluations, performance appraisals, or statements of work equivalent to military experience.
* A minimum of 48 months of rated time documented in NCOERs. This is the **minimum** prerequisite; all NCOERs are required for consideration. ARNG and USAR applicants may request a waiver for NCOER time, but must provide civilian performance appraisals in conjunction with their NCOERs or in lieu of not having NCOERs. **(NO WAIVERS FOR ACTIVE DUTY Applicants)**
* A minimum of six (6) semester hours of College Composition from an accredited institution, English 100 or higher, such as English Composition, Technical Writing, Business Writing, etc.  Speech and public speaking courses are not considered as meeting this requirement even if administered by the English department of an institution.  Successful completion of the CLEP College Composition examination in English (not Composition Modular) or an Associate's degree or higher are the only acceptable alternatives.  Transcripts comprised of only military training credit are not acceptable.  The Department of Education maintains a database of accredited postsecondary education institutions and programs at <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>. **(NO WAIVERS)**
* A minimum of three semester hours of College Algebra or higher is the only accepted college course from an accredited academic institution. Successful completion of the CLEP College Algebra examination or an Associate’s degree or higher are the only acceptable alternatives. **(NO WAIVERS)**

**Preferred Prerequisites:**

* SLC Graduate
* BA/BS Degree
* Additional industry technical certifications: Linux+; CSA+; GCIA; GSNA, or GCIH

**NOTE 1:**  Applicants from other military services (Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy) who can substantiate their qualifications with performance evaluations, awards, and certificates are encouraged to apply for MOS 255S. Please contact the proponent POC below only for questions regarding ANY qualifications. Address all other inquiries to the a Regional Warrant Officer Recruiter at <https://recruiting.army.mil/ISO/AWOR/CONTACT_US/>

**NOTE 2:** Reserve Component Only: Waiver requests for E5s or the minimum of 48 months of rated time on NCOER's are considered on a case-by-case base. The applicant will have documented comparable managerial or leadership experience in the government service and/or civilian sector.

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