

# SECURITY CLEARANCE FAQs

<b>1. Does the program provide a security clearance?</b>	<p>A: Students are evaluated for an <i>interim</i> SECRET clearance so students may conduct work within the Command during their internship.</p>
<b>2. What is an Interim Security Clearance?</b>	<p>A: An interim clearance is a conditional security clearance provided to select candidates. An interim clearance allows an individual to begin classified work if no evidence of adverse information is found during their initial investigation.</p> <p>Interim clearances do not travel with students. They are only valid at the specific granting authority. In this case, that is Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM).</p>
<b>3. How can I notify future employers or internships of my security status with INDOPACOM?</b>	<p>A: Students will receive a copy of a memo confirming the provision of their interim clearance which can be provided to future employers.</p> <p>Students should also direct future employers to contact the INDOPACOM SVIP Coordinator for confirmation of a previously provisioned interim clearance.</p>
<b>4. Are there any plans to provide a full clearance?</b>	<p>A: No, fully adjudicated clearances must be pursued through an extended opportunity with the DoD. That said, the interim clearance process will provide students with resources and experience which may help in the pursuit of a future clearance.</p>
<b>5. What if I already have an Interim Clearance with another agency/program?</b>	<p>A: Interim clearances are granted locally through the specific issuing authority and do not apply to other agencies, branches or departments. Therefore, no institution is required to accept the interim clearance of another.</p>

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<b>6. What if I already have a fully adjudicated SECRET or TOP SECRET/SCI Clearance?</b>	A: If you already possess a fully adjudicated clearance, that is great! We will seek to verify your clearance through proper channels.
<b>7. If I possess a SECRET Clearance, can I receive an interim TS/SCI?</b>	A: Sometimes. The primary condition is that the position you were selected for must meet requirements for a higher level of clearance. However, provision of an interim TS/SCI is not guaranteed even in this case.
<b>8. How long does it take to get an interim Security Clearance?</b>	A: It varies. The process can take anywhere from 4-12 weeks depending on individual circumstances
<b>9. How long does my clearance last?</b>	A: Your interim clearance will last only for the duration of your internship program.