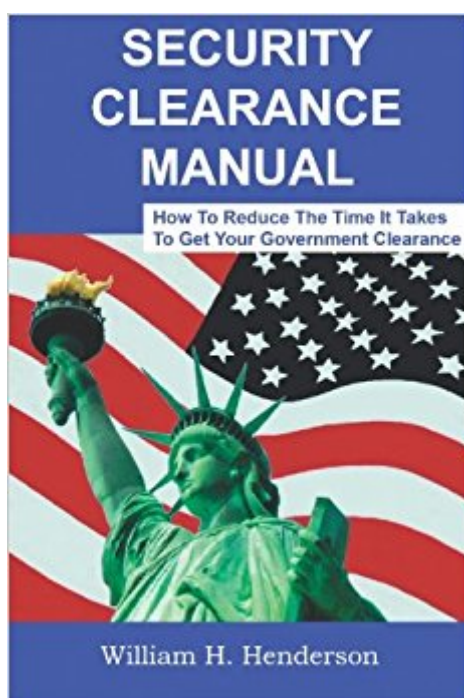


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# Security Clearance Manual: How To Reduce The Time It Takes To Get Your Government Clearance



## Synopsis

Security Clearance Manual is an indispensable guide for security clearance applicants, personnel security specialists and military recruiters. It provides detailed explanations of the investigative and adjudicative processes with step by step instructions for completing the security application form, tips on mitigating suitability issues and numerous case examples.Â This book was adopted as a textbook in 2012 for an upper division security course at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, AZ.Â It was also adopted (from 2008 to 2011) as a textbook for a graduate level personnel security course at the University of New Haven, New Haven, CT.

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Must-read information for anyone hoping to obtain a security clearance for work in the US defense industry. -- Evan Lesser, Director, ClearanceJobs.com[5 stars] This book is a must-read for clearance applicants. In addition security professionals . . . would be well-served by the advice. -- Security Management, April 2008[This book] demystifies the security clearance process, and lays out the road to getting a clearance without the normal detours or roadblocks. -- Roger P. Denk, Ph.D., former director, Defense Personnel Security Research Center

SECURITY CLEARANCE SECRETS REVEALED -- This book will: 1. Explain the security clearance process. 2. Guide you in filling out the security form properly. 3. Prepare you for your personal interview. 4. Show you what you can do to speed up you clearance. 5. Explain issues that could result in a clearance denial. 6. Help you mitigate unfavorable information and avoid clearance

denial. 7. Explain the security clearance appeal process.

If you aren't concerned about how to fill out one of these forms, you haven't been paying attention. Jobs are tough to come by these days. Screw up a government security clearance and a placement firm might have second thoughts about placing you in a non-government job. The older you are, the more likely you have run into things that might not look so great. The younger you are, the more likely you may have a youthful indiscretion or you aren't experienced enough to understand this is way different than filling out a job application. I mentioned we were doing this task to more than one person. Each said, "Oh, you don't have to worry about anything, you need to understand that employers can't ask about 'blah blah blah.'" I would shoot back... "This isn't about an employment application... think HOMELAND SECURITY." If these answers set off flags to investigators, they have the right to go out to your neighborhood, show a federal badge and ask your neighbors questions! It may be unlikely, but the government has the right. This book clarified how much detail to use so you don't write too much or too little. The REALLY BIG HELP was that this book was also available on line. We paid for it and started reading right away. We were on a deadline to get this form turned in and we could not have waited for it to be mailed to us. We did also have a hard copy mailed to us. This was so valuable, we will keep the hard copy in case ever decides not to have it online and we could not access it online.

This book could use a lot more editing, particularly in the format. I found the book hard to use and hard to understand. It was difficult to penetrate the government legalese. I understand that this topic is difficult, but the author's job is to explain these difficult issues in terms that anyone can understand. Unfortunately, this author appears to just be another policy wonk speaking wonkish. A good editor could have helped make this a lot better. Large portions of the text appeared to just be text that the author had copied and pasted from Federal Websites. That said, if you are getting a Security Clearance, there is some decent information contained in this text, so it might be your only choice, even if it is hard to understand.

I read this book cover to cover. I didn't know a lot of details about the process of going through a government clearance before reading this book. I decided to get this book and it has helped me clarify some important points. In fact, my investigator called me and commended me my application and how easy it has been for her. This book does not guarantee clearance but I believe it does increase your chances. Most importantly be honest when answering questions because it will make

things that much easier.

This book was recommended by a friend who does the security checks for a living. This book tells you what's going on and why. It's not a manual on how to pass but rather what they are doing and why. It takes some of the mystery away but lets you know about the process.

This book is a good source of information and education about the process. It gives the reader an understanding of the process that will help streamline your efforts when applying for clearances.

Really useless thing. What they don't tell you is that if you have any sort of foreigners in your immediate family, your file will get marinated for years until the sponsoring company simply drops your sorry rear end. Don't waste your time.

This book is timely and a gem. As an FSO, I find the information very helpful for answering security clearance related questions. Mr. Henderson's experience and know how give great insight in how the investigations work and what the subjects should expect. The persons undergoing background checks now have a clearer picture of what they can do to help get faster results. I highly recommend this book both to security specialists and to those obtaining security clearances. Author of: ISP Certification-The Industrial Security Professional Exam Manual or How to Prepare for and Pass the Industrial Security Professional Certification Exam Insider's Guide to Security Clearances

Having been involved for the past 40 years as a field investigator in the Federal Security Clearance Program for many Governmental agencies, I rated this Manual "five star" for its masterful and professional presentation of the Federal Security Clearance Program. It also covers many agencies and the idiosyncracies of adjudicative processes by DOD, DOJ, DOS, OPM, etc. Mr Henderson's Security Clearance Manual is a professional approach to explain the Federal Security Clearance process to the individual who has been nominated for a Security Clearance and for security managers who process these requests. It is thoroughly detailed and addresses various misunderstanding involved with completing the SF86 and the much used e-QIP for today's submissions. Basically, it takes the imposed mystery out of the process, helps the individual understand what is requested and provides mitigating circumstances to help negate any fears of not being eligible for a Top Secret Clearance due to past mistakes. Mr. Henderson, I give you a Naval "Bravo Zulu" or "Well Done" for this much needed manual. It is a must read category for candidates

and professionals in the Program. It will definitely shorten the process (time) for granting access.

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