

8. CSIS Name Indices Check (Vetting)

Part C, Box 5

To determine whether there are national security reasons for denying an applicant employment.

Box 5 is used only where prior to Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat approval has been obtained.

According to the GSP: access to classified information and assets is limited to those individuals who have undergone a security assessment and are granted a security clearance at the appropriate level. HE OR SHE MUST NOT be appointed to a position requiring access to Classified information and assets until the security clearance has been granted.

The Security Clearance

A security clearance is required for anyone who has access to classified information or assets, regardless of the type of employment. This security assessment process is completed in addition to the Reliability Check. It may include a check of:

- your character references;
- your personal background which may cover a period of 10 years or more; and
- the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) indices.

Three levels of security clearances, which correspond to the three levels for classified material:	
Level I	Access up to CONFIDENTIAL
Level II	Access up to SECRET
Level III	Access up to TOP SECRET

A Level II - SECRET clearance is generally required for employment at HQ.

A Level III - TOP SECRET clearance is the mandatory requirement for members of the rotational foreign service posted abroad.