

Levels of Security

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| Sensitive government information and assets | Protected Unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause injury to a non-national interest; that is, an individual interest such as a person or an organization. | | | Classified Unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause injury to the national interest – defence and maintenance of the social, political and economic stability of Canada. | | |
| | Protected A Injury to an individual, organization or government | Protected B Serious injury to an individual, organization or government | Protected C Extremely grave injury to an individual, organization or government | Confidential Injury to the national interest | Secret Serious injury to the national interest | Top Secret Exceptionally grave injury to the national interest |
| Personnel | Reliability status (RS) Required by an employee working on a sensitive government contract to access Protected (A, B, and C) information and assets. | | | Personnel security clearance (PSC) Required by an employee working on a sensitive government contract to access Classified (Confidential, Secret, Top Secret) information and assets (may also access Protected information). | | |
| Private sector organization | Designated organization screening (DOS) Allows an organization to send appropriately security screened personnel with a need-to-know to restricted work sites to access protected information and assets. | | | Facility security screening (FSC) Allows a company to send appropriately security screened personnel with a need-to-know to restricted work sites to access Protected and Classified information and assets. | | |

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): Canadian classified security levels correspond to those of NATO but require a special briefing and agreement to NATO terms.

Additional organization screenings may be granted to organizations with a DOS or FSC.

Document safeguarding capability (DSC): the authorization for organizations to store, handle and protect Protected or Classified information or assets at their work site(s). **Production:** the authorization for organizations to manufacture sensitive assets. **Physical Security for IT Security or COMSEC/ INFOSEC:** may be required for specific contracts.