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

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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. This book was adopted as a textbook in 2012 for an upper division security course at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ. It was previously 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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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.

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 ExamInsider’s Guide to Security Clearances

This book is a must have for anyone thinking about getting security clearance or, more importantly, someone just about to start the process. The reference material is amazing. It will be the best $20 you spend on trying to get the ever valuable security clearance. $20 for a book that can help you get a position that has unlimited job security-how can you not buy the book? The author is not some guy who researched the material and put it in a book- he is a lifelong investigator who provides valuable insight into one of the greatest impediments to getting a job in the intelligence community. I really can’t say enough about the book.....Great gift for the college student who is thinking about a career in the intelligence community. The mistakes we make in college can certainly affect you getting clearance. Writing a bad check? Underage drinking? Overextending on your credit cards? Overseas travel? Getting arrested? Read about all the barriers to getting clearance and how you can navigate them. Buy the book you will not be sorry...

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.

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.

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