



NAESOC FAQ's

1) Who is Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA)?

Consistent with Executive Order 13869, "Transferring Responsibility for Background Investigations to the Department of Defense," the Acting Secretary of Defense has renamed the Defense Security Service to be the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA). This action became effective June 20, 2019.

DCSA will serve as the primary Federal entity for conducting background investigations for the Federal Government. DCSA will also, as a continuation of the former DSS, serve as the primary Department of Defense component for the National Industrial Security Program and will execute responsibilities relating to continuous vetting, insider threat programs, and any other responsibilities assigned to it by the Secretary of Defense.

2) What is National Access Elsewhere Security Oversight Center (NAESOC)?

The National Access Elsewhere Security Oversight Center (NAESOC) is a centralized DCSA Field Office providing consolidated and consistent oversight and security management over select access elsewhere companies in the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). This centralized office will handle communications, guidance, and education to NAESOC-assigned facilities and Government Partners. As a benefit to your facility being assigned to the NAESOC, we will provide continuous outreach and consistent direction. The relationships and partnerships created by the new oversight center will optimize communications, threat reporting, and vulnerability identification and mitigation.

3) What is an access-elsewhere facility?

An access-elsewhere facility is a facility that does not store classified information and all critical performance (classified or unclassified) related to their classified contract takes place at the government customer or prime contractor locations.

4) Will I be notified that my facility is assigned to NAESOC?

Yes. If your facility is assigned to the NAESOC, your Facility Security Officer (FSO) will be notified by an automated notification from National Industrial Security System (NISS). In addition, the NAESOC will send a "Welcome Letter" via email to the FSO.

5) Will my NISP requirements change under NAESOC oversight?

No. NAESOC provides oversight, support, and guidance consistent with NISPOM compliance requirements.

6) Do I have to change all the past DD-254s forms to reflect NAESOC as the Cognizant office?

No. However, all new DD-254s must reflect NAESOC as the Cognizant Office.

7) What is NAESOC mailing address?

NAESOC Field Office
Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA)
P.O. Box 644
Hanover, MD 21076

8) Who is my DCSA point of contact (POC) now that I am assigned to the NAESOC?

The NAESOC Team is your DCSA POC. The NAESOC Team can be reached at:

NAESOC Knowledge Center: 1(888) 282-7682, option 7 (NAESOC)

And/or email: **Include Facility Name & CAGE Code** on the **SUBJECT LINE:**

General Questions/Feedback: dcsa.naesoc.generalmailbox@mail.mil

Report Changed conditions: Create a changed condition package in the NISS. If you have an upcoming changed condition or have questions regarding submitting a changed condition package, email the General Mailbox above.

Report Security Violations: Please submit security violation reports through the NISS Messenger Box. If you have questions regarding a security violation, email the General Mailbox above.

9) Who should I contact if I cannot get a NISS account due to an unassigned Industrial Security Representative (ISR)?

Contact the NAESOC Knowledge Center for support: 1(888) 282-7682, option 7 (NAESOC)

10) Can I be reassigned to my former Field Office?

Yes, if necessary. Assignment to the NAESOC is based on many factors, including risk criteria. If thresholds of those criteria change, your facility will be considered for assignment to a local field office.