

What is National Security?

Helping to maintain national security at all times is something that forms part of every civil servant's job. Even if your day-to-day work feels some way removed from the frontline of national security, we have a responsibility to understand how the various security agencies work to keep the country safe and to be alert to the signs of anything that could compromise our security.

Description

This course is designed to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the different aspects of national security. It will help you to realise the implications that national security has for your role and the contribution you can make towards protecting it. Aimed at all civil servants, regardless of grade or role, the course will help you develop the skills and knowledge required to be part of a concerted effort to strengthen our national security posture.

What does it involve?

After a short introductory animation, you'll work your way through a series of five modules, each lasting between 15 and 25 minutes and containing a mixture of online tutorials, videos and podcasts. The first of these explores how we define national security and how this has evolved over time. This is followed by a module that explores the organisations, agencies and committees that comprise our national security architecture.

In the next two modules, you'll learn about the main organisations involved with international security, the

complexity of dealing with security challenges on a global scale and the current and emerging security threats that we face. The series is rounded off by an interactive exercise in which you're asked to apply what you've learned to a realistic security scenario.

What's the outcome?

After completing this course, you'll be able to define national security, what it means to the country and the part you can play in helping to protect it. Aware of the critical elements of our national security infrastructure, you'll understand the roles that all the major departments and teams play within this.

You'll know which are the major organisations responsible for coordinating international security activities and what the most prominent threats to our national security currently are. You'll also be aware of the appropriate people or departments with whom you can raise any concerns you have about national security risks or policies.

Learning activities



Introductory animation



Five online tutorials



Three podcasts



Two videos

Delivery method:

DGTL 

Estimated learning time:

1 hour 50 minutes

How to book

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