

*From the Desk of Denise Spiller, Director*

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### **Important message notification to prevent your inconvenience for all Common Access Card (CAC) holders.**

DMDC message reference, RAPIDS Requirement - Two Forms of Identification (ID), other than a CAC.

There are two valid forms of ID required for obtaining a DoD CAC. If there are not two valid forms of ID present or on file in RAPIDS you will be instructed to retrieve an additional valid form of ID for issuance.

BLUF: RAPIDS scans your proof of ID for file reference. There must be two valid forms of ID on file in RAPIDS that is not your CAC ID. Any previous service where you only presented one primary ID e.g., driver's license and your expired CAC as secondary has been rescinded.

To be clear and redundant; you are now required to present two forms of ID that are not your CAC or USID. Please do not assume your previous file ID is current.

For information on what qualifies as valid identification, please visit:

<https://dwp.dmdc.osd.mil/dwp/app/id-management/id-cards> or <https://www.cac.mil/> or [https://www.cac.mil/Portals/53/Documents/List\\_of\\_Acceptable\\_Documents.pdf](https://www.cac.mil/Portals/53/Documents/List_of_Acceptable_Documents.pdf)

### **2025 Annual Security Refresher training:**

**Tuesday, June 24 at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, UAH Olin King Technology Hall, S105, Speaker: Special Agent (SA) Selena Golden, Redstone Arsenal Field Office, U.S. Army CI (first training of 2025)**

**Tuesday, July 22 at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, UAH Olin King Technology Hall, S105, Speaker SA Selena Golden**

**Thursday, August 7 at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, UAH Olin King Technology Hall, S105, Speaker SA Selena Golden**

## The nation needs a 'security clearance ready reserve'

By Lindy Kyzer, May 19, 2025

A list of cleared, vetted people would serve as a strategic hedge against attrition, espionage and workforce volatility.

Who gets to hold a security clearance? And more importantly, what happens to that eligibility when someone steps out of federal service?

Security clearances are the gatekeepers of the nation's secrets – powerful tools of trust wielded exclusively by the federal government, as delegated by the Executive Branch. That authority has never been more visible than during the Trump administration, when high-profile actions were taken to revoke clearances based on perceived threats or disloyalty. It is a clear reminder: your clearance is not your own.

For decades, the clearance process has been driven by agencies, for agencies. Individuals are granted eligibility, “read into” classified programs, and “read out” again if they switch employers, change contracts, or exit service. That’s an optimistic view of the off-boarding process. All too often quick turnaround layoffs, agency shifts, or shifting priorities mean that off-boarding might come in the form of an email – that you may be lucky to access. That leaves laid off cleared workers in limbo, and often concerned about what will happen to their clearance.

Just because you're out of a contract doesn't mean your clearance eligibility goes away. The push toward a more efficient security clearance process has been a push to better reciprocity. But policy is one thing and reality is another. Even with efforts toward reciprocity and “transfer of trust,” the process often defaults to redundant reinvestigations and bureaucratic bottlenecks. When the focus is on the agency, and not the individual, the investment the government has made in a clearance (\$5,410 for a Top Secret clearance investigation conducted by the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency) isn't treated as the resource it is.

But what if the government approached this challenge with workforce resilience in mind? What if, instead of starting over every time someone separates from federal service, we maintained a pool of trusted, vetted individuals ready to re-enter classified work when the mission demands?

To read the full article: <https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2025/05/its-time-security-clearance-ready-reserve/405433/>



## Group of six convicted of spying for Russia jailed for total of 50 years

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A group of six Bulgarians living in the UK have been jailed for a combined total of more than 50 years for being part of a spying operation across Europe on behalf of Russia.

Following a three-month trial at the Old Bailey, two women and a man were found guilty of conspiring to obtain information intended to be directly or indirectly useful to Russia.

Three other men pleaded guilty to Official Secrets Act charges before the trial started.

Commander Dominic Murphy, Head of the Met's Counter Terrorism Command, said: "The strength of the investigation into the group's surveillance operations left the ringleaders – Orlin Roussev and Bizer Dzhambazov – with no option but to plead guilty to the charges they faced.

"As shown in footage from his initial interviews, Roussev firmly denied carrying out any espionage activity for Russia. However, before he was due to stand trial, he admitted that he had been part of the conspiracy to spy.

"This was in large part due to the detailed analysis of more than 200,000 digital messages and hundreds of items seized from Roussev's home address.

To read the full article: <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/group-of-six-convicted-of-spying-for-russia-jailed-for-total-of-50-years/>

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