

From the Desk of Denise Spiller, Director

Office of Research Security

ORS has transitioned all internal forms to Kualibuild. This includes the Visit Authorization Request, Personnel Security Clearance Request (including the Justification and Personal Data Sheet), Foreign Travel Notifications (Notification and Debriefing), Requests for NASA Access, and Requests for NSSTC/Cramer Hall Access forms.

The link to the new forms is <https://uah.kualibuild.com/>. Once you log in through Single Sign On, you can either search for ORS forms or scroll to our department's category on the left column.

Time is dwindling for you to complete Annual Refresher Training! Please make sure to attend one of the following trainings. Please send your RSVP to April McMeans (april.mcmeans@uah.edu) to reserve your spot.



IN PERSON 2023 Annual Security Refresher trainings

Wednesday, November 8, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Von Braun Research Hall (VBH) , Room M-50
Wednesday, November 15, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Von Braun Research Hall (VBH) , Room M-50
Wednesday, November 29, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Von Braun Research Hall (VBH) , Room M-50

Global Export Controls Tightened with Five Eyes Agreement

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According to an official press release, the agreement between the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, “leverages enforcement resources to expand each country’s capacity to take action to prevent and deter evasion of export controls.”

Matthew Axelrod, the Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement at the U.S. Department of Commerce, said: “By formalizing our coordination, we hope to drive additional enforcement outcomes in each of the Five Eyes countries, including detentions, penalties, and public identification of diversionary actors.”

See also the article on Axelrod and his appointment in 2022 as part of the U.S. government’s bid to step up enforcement actions to crackdown on export controls violations.

The development is set against an increasingly interconnected global economy, where international trade plays a pivotal role in driving growth and profitability for organizations. However, along with the vast opportunities, there comes significant challenges, particularly in the realm of export compliance and export control processes. To navigate these complexities effectively and safeguard their operations, businesses require robust denied party screening software solutions. This article explores the business benefits of implementing such solutions and how they strengthen an organization’s export compliance, with a specific focus on the recent Five Eyes Agreement.

To read the full article, use the link below: <https://www.visualcompliance.com/blog/global-export-controls-tightened-with-five-eyes-agreement/>

Visual Compliance at UAH

UAH currently is under contract with Descartes Visual Compliance and is being utilized by many departments across campus. It can be critical in reducing UAH’s exposure to export control and compliance risk. Visual Compliance is used for integrating denied party screening into your daily business processes. The software is easy-to-use and can automatically re-screen records against daily changes made to denied parties lists. Anyone needing access can request an account through ORS. Please contact us for additional information.



Maintaining Eligibility: Common Factors That Could Impact Your Security Clearance

Obtaining your security clearance is one thing, retaining it is another. While the road to a cleared career is largely paved by the choices of your past, maintaining eligibility requires a continuous commitment to standards set by the U.S. federal government. Whether you work for a government agency or defense contractor, here are a few factors that could impact your clearance status.

FINANCIAL CONCERNS

Financial issues are the top cause of security clearance denials and revocations. Excessive debt or defaulting on loans are major red flags to the government, as they increase your chances of being a target of foreign espionage. This includes paying your taxes and, with payments resuming in October, paying your student loans. Ensure your payments are on time, and don't spend beyond your means.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

If you're a clearance holder, you know drug use is not tolerated, and that continues so long as your clearance is active. Developing a drug or alcohol problem or associating closely with those who do can be detrimental to your eligibility. If you or a loved one are struggling with substance abuse, seek help and keep your FSO informed.

More factors are listed in the full article. To read the full article, use the link below:

<https://news.clearancejobs.com/2023/08/31/maintaining-eligibility-common-factors-that-could-impact-your-security-clearance/>

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