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Cybersecurity course now required every two years for all CU employees [1]



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We each play a crucial role in keeping University of Colorado data and resources secure. This month, CU implements a new cybersecurity training requirement [3]to help employees recognize potential risks, apply proper safeguards and promptly report suspicious activities.

Access new required course

Starting Oct. 2, all faculty, staff and student employees must complete the Information Security Awareness Skillsoft course [4] every two years. The course content and quiz are updated annually. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring employees are trained to fulfill their IT security responsibilities. The current requirement to complete the course within 60 days of hire remains.

Prize drawing opportunity

In recognition of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, employees who complete the training course between Oct. 2 and Nov. 30, 2023, will be entered into a prize drawing. Even if you completed the course in the past two years, you may take it again to be entered in the drawing. On Dec. 1, the Office of Information Security will randomly select six employees who completed the course in the previous 60 days to win $100. The cash prize will be directly deposited into the same account you use for payroll and OIS will pay the taxes, so the winners receive the full $100 prize!

Visit the Information Security Course Compliance FAQs [3] to learn more about the training course requirement, prize drawing and other security-related courses.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Cybersecurity Awareness Month is championed by each CU campus throughout October. Visit 2023 Cybersecurity Awareness Month [5] to learn about the webinars and safety tips being offered.

Cybercrimes continue to rise annually. Since our university runs on data, we rely on strong cybersecurity to protect that data. Every CU employee contributes to that security — by employing multi-factor authentication [6] and using strong passwords [7], being vigilant about phishing emails

[8], and staying knowledgeable by completing the Information Security Awareness course [3] every two years.

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