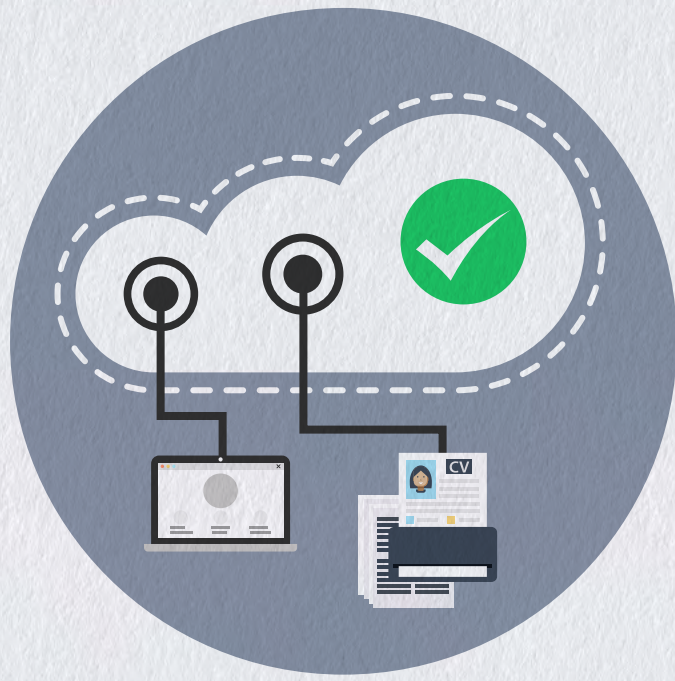


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## STEPS TO BECOMING A DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE SPECIAL AGENT

### STEP 1: REVIEW THE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT AND CONFIRM YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY ?

View the [Diplomatic Security Service Special Agent Vacancy Announcement](#).



### STEP 2: SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ?

Submit your online application at [www.personvue.com/DSSAT](http://www.personvue.com/DSSAT). The application includes a self-assessment, education and professional experience, Personal Narrative questions and a Statement of Interest. Your application must be complete and submitted in order to register for the DSSAT.

[Apply now to become a DSS Special Agent.](#)

### STEP 3: TAKE THE DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE SPECIAL AGENT TEST (DSSAT) ?

Register to take the DSSAT at a time and Pearson Vue location that is convenient to you.



### STEP 4: SUBMIT EDUCATION AND MILITARY DOCUMENTATION ?

After passing the DSSAT, you will receive an email with directions on how to submit your education and military documents (if applicable) by a specific deadline. You must submit your documents by the deadline to qualify for the Qualifications Evaluation Panel.

### STEP 5: QUALIFICATIONS EVALUATION PANEL ?

Your application, education documents, and DSSAT scores will be reviewed by a Qualifications Evaluation Panel. Successful candidates will be invited to the Oral Assessment.



### STEP 6: TAKE THE DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE SPECIAL AGENT ASSESSMENT ?

The Assessment is conducted in person at DSS Offices throughout the U.S. It consists of two portions: a timed, written test and a structured interview. This assessment measures your ability to demonstrate the **Dimensions** that are essential to a successful career in the Foreign Service.

[Learn more about the Dimensions](#)

**Download** the Diplomatic Security Service Special Agent Assessment Information Guide.



### STEP 7: CLEARANCES - MEDICAL & SECURITY ?

After you pass the oral assessment, you will receive instructions for obtaining medical and security clearances. Visit the Career Resources Download Center for a list of forms intended for those who have received conditional offers of employment after the Oral Assessment.



[Visit the Download Center](#)



### STEP 8: SUITABILITY REVIEW PANEL ?

A Suitability Review Panel will examine your completed file (except for medical records) to determine your suitability for a career in the Foreign Service.

### STEP 9: PHYSICAL READINESS TEST ?

The Physical Readiness Test (PRT) measures muscular endurance and aerobic capacity. You must achieve a passing score on the PRT to continue your candidacy.

[Prepare for the PRT.](#)



### STEP 10: REGISTER OF CLEARED CANDIDATES ?

After you've successfully passed all steps, your name is placed on the Register, which is a rank-ordered list of successful candidates.

