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After a fairly long delay, the U.S. Defense Security Service has received enough funding to start processing candidates for Secret-level clearances, but not higher levels. On ClearanceJobs.com, job postings for positions requiring a minimum of a Top Secret clearance **rose by 12%** in the past 30 days. Hopefully, [newly appointed Director](#) of the DSS can secure funding to process Top Secret clearances again in a timely manner.

Reviewing jobs posted on ClearanceJobs.com, highly skilled engineers make up the top two **most wanted job industries**, with software developers rounding out the rest of the list. This month's ClearanceJob Report highlights the demand and average salary for security cleared engineers.

This month's **Job Spotlight** reviews one of the most frequently seen job positions posted on ClearanceJobs.com - Java Software Developers to work on-site in northern Virginia. This job requires both a high-level security clearance and prerequisite of U.S. citizenship.

Focus on Security Clearance

3,837	Number of jobs posted to ClearanceJobs.com in the past 30 days
74,225	Current number of job seekers registered on ClearanceJobs.com
250,000	Approximate number of individuals leaving military service in 2006
\$69,221	Average salary of individual cleared at the Top Secret level or higher, as polled in the ClearanceJobs.com Security Clearance Salary Survey

Most Wanted Job Industries






1. Engineering-Aerospace and Aviation
2. Systems Engineer
3. IT Software-Java/J2EE
4. Software Development
5. IT Software-Programming

[View all posted jobs](#)

Job Seeker Poll Results

This month's poll of 497 job seekers asks a question that security-cleared candidates are faced with when contemplating a new career.

What is most important to you in a new career?

Salary		33% (166)
Benefits		4% (19)
Commute		4% (18)
Opportunity for advancement		10% (51)
Enjoyable work		49% (243)

Spotlight on Engineers

Since security-cleared engineers make up the top most requested candidates on ClearanceJobs.com, our spotlight shines on these important jobs. Highly skilled defense engineers with security clearances are in demand, and often more difficult to recruit and hire. In many cases, defense engineers work on long-term projects which they like to see to fruition. A ClearanceJobs.com poll in 2005 showed that the majority of working defense engineers left their jobs for more challenging projects and only a few left for higher salaries.

- \$74,428 – Average salary of polled engineers
- \$74,815 – Average salary of polled telecommunications engineers
- \$72,500 – Average salary of polled military software engineers
- \$79,615 – Average salary of polled military hardware engineers

Job Spotlight

(Description of unique security-cleared position currently posted on ClearanceJobs.com)

Job Title: Java Developer
Employer: Wallach Associates, Inc.
Job Location: Chantilly, VA

Clearance: Minimum Top Secret level security clearance with Sensitive Compartmentalized Information access (TS/SCI)

Salary: \$100,000 - \$150,000 per year

Java Developers are responsible for the full life cycle design and development of web applications using Java, Java Server Pages, XML/XSL and Oracle on Unix platforms. They work directly with customers to develop requirements, architect the solution and implement designs. Ideally, candidates have strong web development skills using Java, JSP, XML and XSL and an expertise with J2EE.

Top Requested Locations for Security-Cleared Candidates:

6. VA-McLean/Arlington
7. DC-Washington/Metro
8. VA-Fairfax/Reston
9. VA-Chantilly
10. VA-Northern
11. CA-San Diego
12. VA-Herndon
13. CA-EI Segundo
14. VA-Norfolk/Hampton Roads

ClearanceJobs.com Salary Survey

(Average yearly salaries of security-cleared individuals by gender, according to the Q1 2006 ClearanceJobs.com [Salary Survey](#))

- \$68,840 – Male
- \$58,076 – Female

[Read the entire salary survey](#)

Upcoming Security-Cleared Career Fairs:

Los Angeles, CA	7/11/06
Cocoa Beach, FL	7/13/06
Albuquerque, NM	7/25/06
Ft Monmouth, NJ	8/8/06

[View all upcoming career fairs](#)

Security-Cleared Question of the Month:

(From the ClearanceJobs.com [Security Clearance FAQ](#))

Can I obtain a security clearance on my own?

No. You must be sponsored by a government contractor or government entity.

Can non-US citizens obtain security clearances?

Very rarely. In extremely special circumstances and only with the permission of the government entity owning the classified information a non-U.S. citizen could obtain a clearance. This person would be a world class scientist, dignitary, or other high level friend of the U.S. government.