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## PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF ONLINE PCI AWARENESS TRAINING

—Training provides PCI basics in flexible online format—

**WAKEFIELD**, Mass. June 13, 2011 —The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), a global, open industry standards body providing management of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)), [PIN](#) Transaction Security (PTS) requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard ([PA-DSS](#)), today announced that PCI Awareness online training is now available. An introductory level course, the four hour training is designed for anyone interested learning more about PCI and provides an overview of PCI security basics in a flexible online format.

Providing learning opportunities is critical to the Council's mission of enhancing payment account data security by driving education and awareness of the PCI Security Standards. As part of a growing portfolio of training programs that help stakeholders better understand and implement the standards, [PCI Awareness](#) training now offers the unique opportunity to learn about PCI DSS, its impact and benefits across an organization and the importance of PCI compliance, in a self-paced course that covers the following topics:

- What is PCI and what it means to companies that must meet compliance with the PCI Data Security Standard
- Roles and responsibilities of the key actors in the compliance process
- How the credit card brands differ in their requirements for PCI reporting and validation
- Overview of the transaction process, including infrastructure used by organizations to accept payment cards and communicate with the verification and payment facilities
- Real world examples of PCI challenges and successes

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The new easy online format allows access to the knowledge base of our official PCI trainers from the comfort of the home or office. Organizations looking to educate their employees across business functions about their role in maintaining PCI compliance are encouraged to take advantage of this course. The course may also be incorporated into an organizations security staff development portfolio, offering up to 4 continuing professional education credits. In addition, many security industry professional qualifications, as well as the PCI Data Security Standard itself, require organizations to provide security awareness training annually to staff. This official PCI Awareness online course is one flexible opportunity to help meet that commitment.

“PCI is not a finance issue, or an IT issue, or a risk issue, it is cross functional, and it fundamentally relies on people, not technology, driving it,” said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. “Our hope is that with PCI Awareness training online, organizations can ensure that they build a base level of understanding on how to best protect cardholder data across different business areas.”

To register for PCI Awareness online, please click here:

<http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=975639>

Please visit the Council website for a [full schedule](#) of the global training locations, dates prices and registration details.

### **About the PCI Security Standards Council**

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is an open global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)) and other standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc., the Council has over 600 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: [pcisecuritystandards.org](http://pcisecuritystandards.org).

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