

Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification

BACKGROUND

In an effort to focus on security and resiliency, the **Department of Defense (DoD)** is working with industry to enhance the protection of the following types of unclassified information within the supply chain:

FCI



Federal Contract Information

Information provided by or generated for the government under contract not intended for public release

CUI



Controlled Unclassified Information

Information that requires safeguarding of dissemination controls pursuant to and consistent with laws, regulations, and government-wide policies

DoD APPROACH

Contractors working with **FCI** or **CUI** will be required to be certified based on one or more of the five cybersecurity maturity model certification (CMMC) levels.

The levels build on one another. At a minimum, contractors must be **Level 1** certified. If a contract requires a higher level of certification, the contractor is required to meet that level and all lower levels. The level requirement will be specified in Requests for Information (RFI) and Requests for Proposal (RFP) coming from the DoD later this year.

PROCESSES

OPTIMIZING

5

REVIEWED

4

MANAGED

3

DOCUMENTED

2

PERFORMED

1

PRACTICES

ADVANCED/PROGRESSIVE

PROACTIVE

GOOD CYBER HYGIENE

INTERMEDIATE CYBER HYGIENE

BASIC CYBER HYGIENE

CERTIFICATION LEVEL

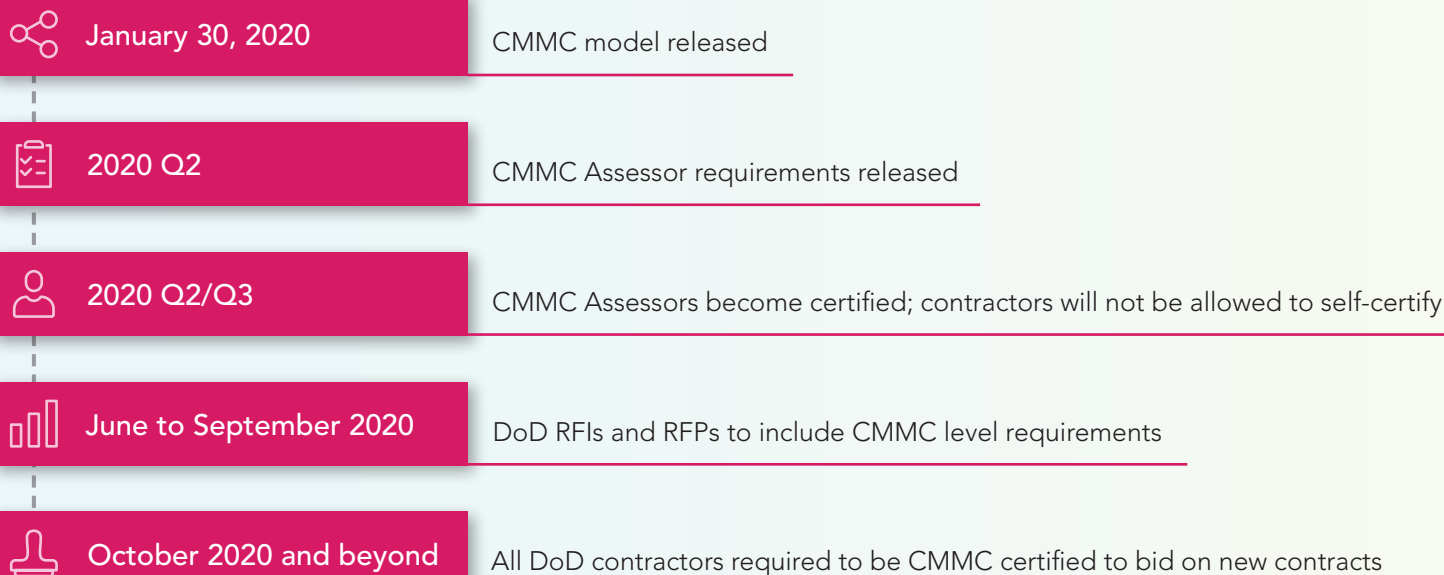
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DoD TIMELINE

A CMMC timeline has been established with important milestones scheduled in mid to late 2020. These milestones were established prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and may be revised. For now, the guidance we have is:



ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE NOW

Until the CMMC Assessor requirements are released, it is not possible to receive a certification. Contractors may not have sufficient time to become certified *unless preparation begins now*.

Complete a CMMC readiness assessment and remediation now to prepare for certification as soon as it becomes available; otherwise, you may not have sufficient time to become certified.



Using Dean Dorton's IT Audit and Compliance team to perform the CMMC readiness assessment and remediation now will shorten the certification process needed later and ensure you are prepared in time for CMMC deadlines.



CONTACT US

to schedule your compliance readiness assessment, assistance with remediation, or both:

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