

CMMC-AB CREDENTIALING UPDATES

For Potential Certified Professionals (CP), Certified Assessors (CA), C3PAOs and Organizations Seeking Certification (OSC – Companies in the DoD Supply Chain)

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GLOSSARY

Certified CMMC-AB Professional (CP) - Gateway certification that is a pre-requisite for becoming a Certified Assessor or Instructor. Also used as recognition for a professional who may provide internal or external CMMC consulting, or who want to be part of a CMMC Assessment Team led by a CA.

Certified Assessor (CA) - A person who has successfully completed the background, training, and examination requirements as outlined by the CMMC-AB and to whom a License has been issued. Authorized to conduct CMMC assessments for Maturity Levels 1 through 5 and to award Maturity Levels subject to CMMC-AB Quality Auditor approval. Background checks will be performed prior to being authorized to participate in training, and increase in depth as maturity level increases.

Certified 3rd Party Assessment Organization (C3PAO) -An entity that is licensed by the CMMC-AB to enter into a contract to deliver a certified CMMC Assessment conducted by a Certified Assessor (CA) that is either an employee or contractor under a written agreement. C3PAOs must be registered to ISO 17020 and adhere to a code of ethics.

Certified CMMC-AB Instructor (CI) - Authorized to serve as an instructor to deliver CMMC Model Training and CMMC Assessor Training at a Licensed Training Provider (LPP)

GLOSSARY

Certified CMMC-AB Master Instructor (CMI) - CMMC-AB Team Member (initially) authorized to train the instructors that work for LPPs teaching CMMC-AB Professional and Assessor classes

Certified CMMC-AB Quality Auditor (CQA) - CMMC-AB Team Member authorized to review and approve assessments submitted by Certified Assessors using criteria and a baseline

Licensed Training Provider (LTP) - A commercial or academic organization licensed by the CMMC-AB to leverage materials produced by Licensed Partner Publishers to deliver training that leads to the certification of CMMC-AB Professionals, Assessors and instructors.

Licensed Partner Publisher (LPP) - A commercial or academic organization licensed by the AB to produce training curriculum and materials based on AB Learning Objectives and exams, and subsequently used by a Licensed Training Provider.

Organization Seeking Assessment (OSC) - An Accreditation provided to organization or unit that has achieved CMMC Maturity Level 1-5 when performed by a qualified CA.



JOURNEY TO BECOME A **CMMC-AB Certified Professional**

CYBER-KNOWLEDGE

The CMMC Certified Professional is a true resource to a consultancy providing CMMC preparation, a C3PAO providing certified assessor support, or an organization interested in having in-house CMMC trained resources.

START



Apply to become a CMMC-AB Certified Professional

- Verify that all prerequisites are met
- Apply online

2
Step



Attend public CMMC-AB Certified Professional Class

- Basic understanding of CMMC
- "Gateway" class for assessors/instructors

3
Step

RECEIVE CERTIFICATION

- Candidate becomes Certified
- Name is added to the CMMC-AB Marketplace
- CP Logo provided by AB



CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

FINISH

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START



Apply to become a CMMC-AB Certified ML-1 Assessor

- First become a CMMC-AB Certified Assessor
- Verify that all other prerequisites are met
- Apply online

2
Step



AB Conducts Background Check

- Not required if valid NAC, DHS Suitability or Other DoD Accepted Clearance

3
Step



Attend public CMMC-AB ML-1 Assessor Class

- Learn the requirements for an ML-1 Assessment
- Learn how a Level 1 Assessment differs from higher level assessments
- Learn how to document the assessment adequately

4
Step



CMMC-AB ML-1
Assessor Exam

5
Step



Activate CP Certification

- Pay Annual ML-1 Certification Fee
- Sign License Agreement

6

Step

7

Step



CMMC-AB ML-1
Assessor Exam



Schedule Observation with AB (first set of assessors)

AB Staff member or independent senior assessor contracted by AB is selected to observe the candidates first assessment

8
Step



Conduct First Assessment

- Candidate Assessor conducts first assessment under contract with C3PAO
- Observer attends and provides coaching
- Observer reports candidates performance to AB

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CERTIFIED ASSESSOR
ML-1

FINISH



C3PAO

Certified 3rd Party Assessment Organization

Contract with OSCs

Connect with Organizations
Seeking Certification on the
CMMC-AB Marketplace



Schedule Assessments

Schedule assessments on
the CMMC-AB portal



Hire and Train Certified Assessors

Only Certified Assessors supported
by Certified Professionals may
deliver assessments



Manage Assessments

C3PAO manage assessments that
are delivered by certified assessors
to contracted clients, and provide
advisory services to other OSCs





Trained.
Only by CMMC-AB Licensed
Training Providers



Tested.
Certified only by
the CMMC-AB



Professional.
A Career Path from
CP to ML-5 Assessor



Ready.
Suitable for hire
and deployment
by a C3PAO



C3PAO

**Provide Consulting
Services***



**Deliver CMMC
Assessments***

*Assessments may not be performed by
the same C3PAO that provides
consultative assessment preparatory or
remediation services.

Path to become a C3PAO

01

- Apply to be a C3PAO via the link below.
- Pay application fee

02

- AB reviews application
- Pre-requisites are confirmed
- Executive team interview is scheduled with AB member



03

- Sign License Agreement
- Sign Code of Professional Conduct
- Sign Conflict of Interest Agreement
- Pay Annual license fee

04

- Publish C3PAO Listing in the CMMC-AB Marketplace
- Listing used by Certified Assessors to associate with the C3PAO
- Listing used by OSCs to engage C3PAO for an assessment

FROM A SUPPLIERto a..... CMMC SECURE SUPPLIER

THE CMMC ASSESSMENT ROADMAP



YOUR
ANTICIPATED
START DATE

**You should begin planning your
certification at least**

6 MONTHS



Recognize that all DoD Suppliers Need CMMC Certification



Understand your desired Maturity Level to bid on DoD Contracts

Engage a CMMC-AB Certified Professional for guidance and prep

Meanwhile... the Assessment Ecosystem prepares...

To be licensed, LTP's use materials provided by LPPs following CMMC-AB learning objectives



Candidate Assessors receive extensive training from Certified Instructors at Licensed Training Providers

Before being certified as an assessor, all candidates must be certified as a CP (CMMC Certified Professional)

To be certified all assessors must pass rigorous CMMC-AB exams

Schedule and Complete the Assessment

C3PAO's must adhere to a Code of Professional Conduct and be ISO 17020 certified.

Did you know?



Go to the CMMC-AB Marketplace to find an available C3PAO

C3PAO schedules assessment with a Certified Assessor

Finalize the Assessment



The CMMC-AB reviews the assessment with Quality Auditors

OSCs have up to 90 days to resolve any findings with the C3PAO

Issue your CMMC-AB Certification!



The CMMC-AB reviews the assessment with Quality Auditors

CMMC Maturity Level Certificate is issued!

The CMMC-AB Certificate is
good for 3 years



CERTIFIED SUPPLIER

The Certificate allows your
organization to bid on DoD contracts
up to the identified Maturity Level