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CMMC 2.0 in Action

What You Need to Know, Do, and Avoid

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ROAD TO CMMC

- DFARS 252.204-7012:
 - Requirement to implement NIST 800-171
 - Security requirements for cloud services storing CUI
 - Cyber incident reporting requirements
- DFARS 252.204-7019 & 7020:
 - Self-assess compliance with 800-171
 - Submit assessment score to SPRS (update within 3 years)
 - You must have a plan and timeline to become compliant.
 - Defines assessment types Low (self), Medium, & High
 - DoD Authority to assess company for Med/High assessments
- DFARS 252.204-7021 (PENDING FINAL RULE):
 - DoD will specify the required CMMC Level in each solicitations and the resulting contract.
 - Many prime contractors are requesting their subs work toward Level 2 Certification.
 - Can start going into solicitations & contracts 11/10/2025.

ONE PROGRAM - TWO RULES

32 CFR Rule - Details of CMMC Program

- Became Effective 12/16/2024
- C3PAO Assessments began 01/02/2025
- Self-Assessments in SPRS began 02/28/2025
- Recent DoD counts on program activity (as of 8/15/25):
 - ~ 3800 Level 1 Self-Assessments
 - ~ 850 Level 2 Self-Assessments
 - ~ 260 Level 2 C3PAO Assessments Completed

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48 CFR Rule - Details for DFARS Clause

- The rule goes into effect on 11/10/2025.
- Provides CMMC language and flow-down requirements to be included in contracts.
- The CMMC level specified in solicitation (level 1, level 2 self, level 2 C3PAO, level 3) must be achieved as a condition of contract award.

- Phase 1 Begins on the effective date of the CMMC revision to DFARS 252.204-7021 (48 CFR rule)
- Starts 11/10/2025
- Intend to include CMMC Level 1 or Level 2 Self-Assessment for all applicable DoD solicitations and contracts as a condition of award.
- *At DoD discretion, can include Self-Assessments as a condition to exercise an option period and/or can also choose to include Level 2 Certification in place of Self-Assessment.

- Phase 2 Begins 1 year after the start of phase 1
- 11/10/2026
- In addition to phase 1 requirements, Intend to include CMMC Level 2 Certification Assessment for all applicable DoD solicitations and contracts as a condition of award.
- *At DoD discretion, can delay the inclusion of Level 2
 Certification Assessment to an option period instead of as a condition of award. Can also include Level 3 Certification Assessment for applicable solicitations and contracts.

- Phase 3 Begins one year after the start of phase 2
- 11/10/2027
- In addition to phase 1 & 2 requirements, intend to include CMMC Level 2 Certification Assessment for all applicable DoD solicitations, contracts, and to exercise an option period as a condition of award. Also intend to include Level 3 Certification Assessment for all applicable solicitations and contracts.
- *At DoD discretion, can delay the inclusion of Level 3 Certification
 Assessment to an option period instead of as a condition of award.

- Phase 4 Begins one year after the start of phase 3
- 11/10/2028
- Full Implementation
- DoD will include CMMC Program requirements in all applicable solicitations and contracts, including option periods on contracts awarded prior to phase 4.

DOD ASSESSMENT ESTIMATES BY YEAR

All Entities

Year	Triennial Level 1 Self Assessment	Triennial Level 2 Self Assessment	Triennial Level 2 3 rd Party Assessment	Triennial Level 3 Assessment
1	945	27	517	4
2	4,720	136	2,599	50
3	15,748	453	8,666	169
4	30,184	894	17,127	327
5	30,179	1,003	19,205	373
6	30,179	1,320	25,272	492
7	27,246	1,677	32,121	622

REALIZE THE DIFFERENCE

KEY POINTS

- Level 2 Self-Assessments must follow the same CMMC program rules as a C3PAO assessment.
- Many primes are already asking and encouraging subs to be Level 2 compliant.
- Any cloud solution used to handle CUI must be FedRAMP authorized at a moderate level or equivalent.
- There is no technical solution that will meet 100% of CMMC requirements for you.
- Outsourced IT/Security resources will need to involved in your assessment.

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