

C3PAO Assessment Services:

Your Official Partner for CMMC Certification

For defense contractors and their supply chains, CMMC certification is more than a requirement—it's a critical advantage in securing DoD contracts. Achieving certification calls for an objective, highly experienced assessment partner who understands the intricate demands of defense and cybersecurity. Coalfire Federal stands out as one of the few CMMC Third Party Assessor Organizations (C3PAOs) with direct, hands-on experience in official CMMC assessments having conducted multiple Joint Surveillance Voluntary Assessments. Our thorough, objective approach ensures that organizations across the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) meet rigorous CMMC standards with precision and confidence, so you're ready to compete and succeed.

What is the Official CMMC Certification Process?

Official CMMC Certification recognized by the DoD is achieved through a partnership with a C3PAO. A C3PAO is an independent service provider authorized by the Cyber-AB to assess DIB organizations' conformance with CMMC's requirements. Once an assessment is conducted, the C3PAO forwards its findings to the DoD and issues the certification.

10 Steps to CMMC Certification

- 1. Choose a C3PAO:** Select an authorized C3PAO, like Coalfire Federal, early to secure your assessment.
- 2. Meet Your Assessor:** A Lead Certified Assessor will guide you through the process.
- 3. Plan & Coordinate:** Our team handles scope, scheduling, and questions to streamline your assessment.
- 4. Readiness Review:** Confirm your preparedness with a Conformity Assessment Readiness Review (CARR).
- 5. Kick-Off & Assessment:** After readiness approval, we review evidence, conduct interviews, and provide preliminary results.
- 6. Practice Evaluation:** Each requirement is assessed as pass or fail based on compliance standards.
- 7. Findings Report:** Receive a detailed report of results and next steps.
- 8. Certification Submission:** If passed, results are submitted to the CMMC system for certification.
- 9. Re-Evaluation Option:** Submit additional evidence for unmet requirements within 10 days if eligible.
- 10. Stay Certified:** Schedule periodic reassessments and rely on Coalfire Federal for ongoing compliance support.

Why Choose Coalfire Federal for Your CMMC Certification?

When it comes to CMMC, not all assessments are created equal. The preparation process is rigorous and complex, and selecting an experienced, top-tier C3PAO assessor is essential to avoid delays and unexpected costs. With Coalfire Federal, you're choosing a trusted partner who brings precision, reliability, and expertise to streamline your path to CMMC compliance.

Coalfire Federal:

- Understands every environment requires a tailored approach to CMMC compliance.
- Ensures your readiness with mock assessments and delivers accurate, verifiable results
- Uses extensive expertise and commitment to excellence to guide you through an effective and accurate path to CMMC certification.

As a defense contractor navigating CMMC requirements, you need a C3PAO who's been where you're going. Coalfire Federal, one of the first authorized assessors and also subject to CMMC, brings firsthand experience to deliver accurate, objective assessments for your certification.

OUR TWO-STAGE PROGRAM:

We Guide You Toward CMMC Certification

CMMC Mock Assessment

Think of this as your practice run—a full-scale CMMC assessment, mirroring the official process without the pressure of reported results. This isn't advisory; rather, it's an unofficial, comprehensive review designed to give you a clear view of your readiness and likely outcome in a formal CMMC assessment.

C3PAO Assessment

Your official C3PAO assessment, recognized by the Cyber AB and the Department of Defense, that confirms your compliance with CMMC requirements. This is the final step, verifying that your organization meets the standards necessary to continue contracting with confidence.

Not Quite There Yet? If you're not fully confident in passing a CMMC Certification Assessment, it's worth taking a step back to ensure your organization is truly ready. Many contractors prepare by assessing their current security practices, identifying gaps, and optimizing readiness for certification. With deep expertise in cybersecurity and a compliance first approach, Coalfire Federal also brings a nuanced understanding of CMMC preparation processes to streamline your certification journey. We'll help you prepare effectively, so you approach the CMMC Certification Assessment with confidence and clarity.

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About Coalfire Federal

For 20 years, Coalfire Federal has provided cybersecurity services to a wide range of government and commercial organizations, enabling and protecting their mission-specific cyber objectives. Coalfire Federal is the leading FedRAMP 3PAO and an Authorized CMMC C3PAO and offers a full spectrum of cybersecurity risk management and compliance services.

