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No More "Wait & See" for CMMC: DoD Releases Final Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification

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The Department of Defense (DoD) has released Version 1.0 of the [Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification \(CMMC\)](#), [Appendices A-F](#), and an [Overview Briefing](#). While Version 1.0 largely mirrors the [draft Version 0.7](#), the final version includes notable revisions, such as:

- Process and Practice Descriptions in Appendix B, which include discussions and clarifications for every “practice” within each CMMC Level, including the long-awaited examples for Levels 4 and 5; and
- Source Mapping in Appendix E, which maps each “practice” across all five Levels –171 in total – to other pre-existing cybersecurity frameworks.

Much, however, remains to be done. In anticipation of the DoD adopting “go/no-go” CMMC certification requirements later this year, a privately-run Accreditation Body is expected to begin training third-party assessors (3PAOs) this spring in conducting those certifications for contractors. Simultaneously, the DoD is expected to issue a proposed rule incorporating the CMMC into DFARS 252.204-7012, to be finalized this fall.

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