

# Framework for CMMC-AB Credentialed Professionals and Accredited Organizations

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# AB Credentialed Professionals



*Credentialed professionals are individuals who have completed AB-prescribed coursework and examinations and are authorized to deliver AB certified CMMC services.*

- **Certified CMMC AB-Professional (CP)**
  - An 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 CMMC-AB Assessor (CA)**
  - A professional authorized to conduct CMMC Assessments for ML1-ML5 and to award Maturity Levels subject to CMMC-AB QA approval
- **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)
- **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

# Provisionally Credentialed Professionals

Provisional Assessments will occur during the “beta” period.



*Provisionally Credentialed Professionals are individuals who are part of the “Beta” group of individuals authorized to conduct CMMC assessments during the short-term beta period, and are limited to providing services to organizations that are bidding on specific contracts identified by the DOD.*

- **Provisional Assessor (PA)**  
An AN authorized CMMC Assessor who has completed the initial CMMC Model and Assessment training and examination. They will carry the full authority of a Certified Assessor for a limited period of time, and will participate in retrospective reviews and improvement workshops based on their experience. PAs will be limited to conducting CMMC Assessments with organizations identified by the DOD during the “beta” period.
- **Provisional Assessment Team Member**  
An experienced individual that is authorized to assist an Assessor as an assessment team member during an Assessment. PATMs must complete training provided by the Provisional Assessor that includes CMMC model and Assessment content provided by the CMMC-AB to the C3PAO. Qualified PATMs can participate in assessments for as long as the PA’s Credential is valid.

# AB Accredited Organizations



*Accredited Organizations are companies, institutions, or agencies licensed to deliver AB certified CMMC services such as training and assessments.*

- **Certified 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) or Authorized Provisional Assessor (APA) that is either an employee or contractor under a written agreement.
- **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 (OSA)**  
An Accreditation provided to organization or unit that has achieved CMMC Maturity Level 1-5 when performed by a qualified CA.

# Glossary

- **Accredited**
  - A designation for an organization that has been licensed by the CMMC-AB to contract and manage the delivery of CMMC-AB services or solutions (C3PAO, Licensed Training Providers, Licensed Partner Publishers, etc). Accredited organizations must sign license, CoI, and CoPC with agreements with the CMMC-AB.
- **Assessment Team Member (ATM)**
  - A designation given to an individual who will be part of a CMMC Assessment Team led by a Certified Assessor during an assessment of an Organization Seeking Certification (OSC). ATMs must hold a CMMC Certified Professional Credential.
- **Assessment**
  - An assessment is a formal, evidence-based examination led by a Certified CMMC-AB Assessor that results in a determination of the CMMC Maturity Level of the assessed organization. A successful assessment results in a CMMC Maturity Level Rating.
- **C3PAO**
  - An accreditation provided to an organization that is licensed by the CMMC-AB to enter into a contract with both a Certified Assessor (CA) or Authorized Provisional Assessor (APA) to conduct and report the results of a CMMC Assessment to the CMMC-AB.
- **Certified Assessor (CA)**
  - A credential provided to a trained, tested, and certified professional who is authorized by the CMMC-AB to assess OSCs under a contract or employment agreement with a Certified Third-Party Assessment Organization (C3PAO).
- **Credentialed**
  - A designation given to an individual who has earned ~~an~~ a CMMC-AB Certification by completing the required coursework, examinations, and observations; signing the CoPC; and paying any fees that are required to maintain their credential. The credential is assigned to an individual, and therefore is portable.

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- **Licensed Training Provider (LTP)**
  - An Accreditation provided to a commercial or academic organization licensed by the CMMC-AB to use the CMMC-AB's intellectual property and materials produced by Licensed Partner Publishers to deliver training that leads to the certification of CMMC-AB Assessors and instructors.
- **Licensed Partner Publisher (LPP)**
  - An Accreditation provided to a commercial or academic organization licensed by the AB to produce training curriculum and materials based on AB Learning Objectives and exams, and subsequently employed by a Licensed Training Provider.
- **Provisional Assessor (PA)**
  - A credential applied to an authorized, but not certified, CMMC Assessor who has completed the initial CMMC Model and Assessment training and examination. and delivered by the AB. They will carry the full authority of a Certified Assessor for a limited period of time.
- **Provisional Assessment Team Member**
  - An experienced individual that is authorized to assist an Assessor as a team member during an Assessment. PATMs must complete one day of training provided by the Provisional Assessor that includes CMMC model and Assessment content provided by the CMMC-AB to the C3PAO. Qualified PATMs can participate in assessments for as long as the PA's Credential is valid.
- **Certified QA Auditor**
  - An AB employee that validates assessment results and performs remediation assessments. Must be a Certified CMMC-AB Assessor.