



CMMC is a program the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) proposed to establish a third-party certification regime to validate that defense contractors are meeting security requirements to protect controlled unclassified information (CUI) that is processed, stored, or transmitted on their internal information systems. Under the proposed program, third-party certification is only required if a contractor is handling CUI. CMMC is designed to replace or augment DoD's existing system, which relies on contractors' self-attestations of cybersecurity compliance. CMMC is designed to replace or augment DoD's existing system, which relies on contractors' self-attestations of cybersecurity compliance.

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