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New DFARS Interim Rule & CMMC Requirements

There has been a new release of the [DFARS Interim Rule](#) under DFARS 2019-D041 that will go into effect on **November 30, 2020**. This rule will authorize a mandatory construct of the DCMA Assessment Methodology to serve as a certification process for DIB suppliers. Three new regulations will be added to further define contractor obligations to protect Department of Defense (DoD) Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI):

- DFARS 252.204-7019, Notice of NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirements
- DFARS 252.204-7020, NIST SP 800-171 Assessment Requirements
- DFARS 252.204-7021, Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Requirements

In addition to the DFARS 252.204-7021 clause, which is the DoD's official adoption of the [Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification](#) (CMMC), DFARS 252.204-7019 and DFARS 252.204-7020 require that all contractors have and maintain a current assessment score (less than three years old), using the [DCMA assessment methodology](#) in the DoD [Supplier Risk System \(SPRS\)](#), and that prior to awarding contracts/subcontracts involving CUI, the contracting organization must confirm that a current assessment score is in SPRS. These obligations will flow to all prime contractor and subcontractor within the supply chain who handles/manage CUI.

As the requirements begin to phase in starting December 2020 (expected to be fully rolled out by government FY 2026), contracts containing CMMC requirements will require prime contractors and subcontractors to have the appropriate CMMC level certification (or NIST DoD Assessment) in SPRS prior to contract award. It is important for DIB suppliers to be cognizant of these changes and prepare their organizations to meet the new compliance requirements set forth by this interim rule.

Please visit CyberAssist website for resources on CMMC practices and maturity process:

<https://ndisac.org/dibsc/cyberassist/cybersecurity-maturity-model-certification/>

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