## Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC)

How PECB CMMC Training Course Benefits Your Career PECB

## CMMC Overview

The United States Department of Defense (DoD) initiated the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) to enhance and strengthen the cybersecurity posture of DoD contractors across the Defense Industrial Base (DIB).

Compliance with CMMC requires that DoD contractors undergo a detailed cybersecurity audit and certification at a level that is equal with the risk to the information within their care.

DoD, by developing the CMMC, is essentially informing the defense contractors that security is crucial and that they have to meet specific cybersecurity standards to be taken into account for a contract in the future.



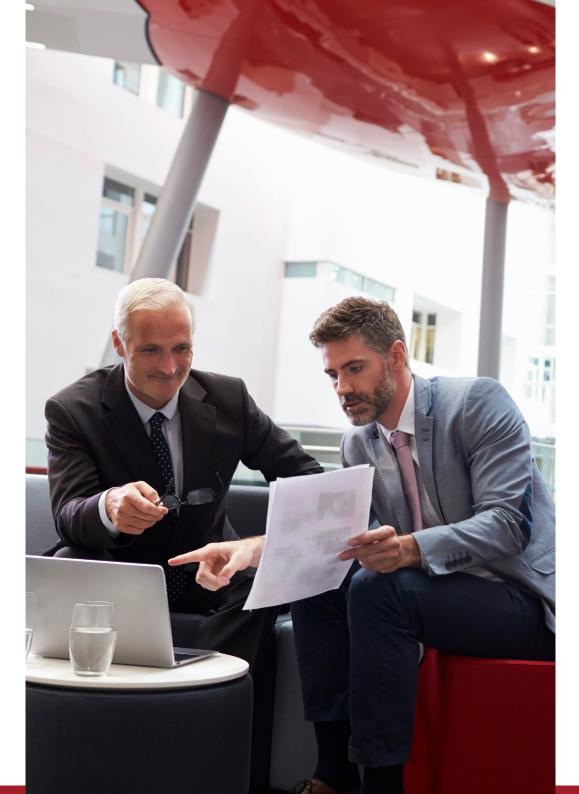
## How Can PECB Help You with Its CMMC Training Course?

PECB is among the first organizations approved as a Licensed Partner Publisher (LPP) for Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC), and it will develop training curricula based on the CMMC-AB's Body of Knowledge.

The professional experience and extensive, subject-matter expertise of our experts add to the value and quality of the training materials as well as assessment capabilities. The integration of the CMMC-AB program, joint together with the PECB team's wide compliance expertise, brings together a unique and comprehensive training curriculum for the CMMC standard.

As an official LPP, PECB is eligible to develop CMMC-AB Approved Curriculum based on CMMC-AB's Body of Knowledge learning objectives for online or in-person consumption.

PECB will soon announce its LTPs and will start to offer this training course to all the interested candidates.



## The Benefits of aking the PECB CMMC Training Course

One of the main benefits associated with attending the PECB CMMC training course is having expert instructors who provide the masterful training you need to absorb information quickly and implement important steps in your daily operational activities. Our trainers have considerable years of experience in delivering training courses in various industries. That being said, our CMMC training curriculum and our experts are capable of offering you the knowledge and skills you need to thrive in your job position.

Our Licensed Training Provider (LTP) partners are experts at pinpointing the exact requirements put by CMMC and embracing those requirements through the PECB training curriculum. Considering that the DIB partnership consists of more than <u>300,000</u> companies and their subcontractors who perform under contract with the DoD, the demand for Certified CMMC Professionals, Certified CCA-1, CCA-3, and CCA-5 will be enormous.

To find out more about each of the benefits of the above-mentioned position, please click <u>here</u>.



## **CMMC Level Types of Certifications**

#### **CERTIFIED CMMC PROFESSIONAL**

This type of certification is the essence for anyone who will be performing any level of CMMC assessment. Certified CMMC Professional (CCP) can be part of an assessment team under the supervision of a Certified CMMC Assessor. In order to become a CCP, the respective candidate must successfully complete a CMMC-AB Certified CMMC Professional Training from a PECB Licensed Training Provider. Taking the exam is optional for those who wish to operate as Certified CMMC Professionals only. More information on becoming a Certified CMMC Professionals can be found here.

### **CERTIFIED CCA-1 ASSESSOR**

The Certified CCA-1 Assessor is the baseline certification for candidates who wish to conduct CMMC Maturity Level 1 standard assessments. In order to achieve this certification?, candidates need to be Certified CMMC Professionals first. After passing the CCA-1 certification exam, Assessors must schedule and conduct their first assessment under the supervision of an AB staff or an AB-contracted senior assessor.



### **CERTIFIED CCA-3 ASSESSOR**

Candidates who wish to perform CMMC Level 3 assessments must become CCA-3 Assessor certified.

There are a few additional requirements with regards to citizenship and background screening:

- Level 3 Assessors must be U.S. citizens, unlike CCA-1 Assessors who only need to demonstrate legal residency.
- Level 3 Assessors must pass a National Agency Check, DHS Suitability credential, or other DoD accepted clearance. CCA-1 Assessors may operate with a commercial background check.

#### **CERTIFIED CCA-1 ASSESSOR**

In order to conduct CMMC assessments at all maturity levels, candidates are required to have a CCA-1 certification. A significant requirement for this level is that candidates should possess experience performing CMMC assessments. CCA-1 certification requires that they perform 15 CMMC Level 3 assessments as well.

## Who should attend the PECB CMMC training course?

- Employees of DoD contractors that make up the Defense Industrial Base (DIB)
- Regulatory compliance officers and legal team members
- Cybersecurity managers
- Consultants looking to provide CMMC guidance
- Individuals starting the CMMC-AB Certified CMMC Assessor or Certified CMMC Instructor career path
- Anyone looking to build a foundation of knowledge and skills around the new CMMC requirements



# What are the prerequisites to get certified?

Certified CMMC Professionals and Certified CMMC Assessors must meet citizenship requirements as defined by the CMMC-AB:

- Certified CMMC Professionals and CCA-1
  Assessors: The candidate must be a U.S. person (U.S. citizenship is required to participate as a team member on ML-2 assessments.)
- CCA-3 and above: The candidate must have a U.S. citizenship.
- International C3PAOs: The candidate must be a citizen of the country where the C3PAO is based, and will be authorized only to assess contractors based in that country. The U.S. Government must establish bilateral agreements with other countries with respect to CMMC prior to the issuance of any authorizations related to CMMC.

## PECB's Role and Responsibility to CMMC and Its Clients

PECB, as an official Licensed Partner Publisher, will offer the training course to the candidates through its Licensed Training Providers.

The exam and certification will be managed by CMMC-AB only.

Thus, PECB will not offer exam and certification services for CMMC. Candidates who complete the PECB training course will need to go directly through CMMC-AB for the next steps.

If you are interested to take this training course, please contact <u>marketing@pecb.com</u>.

