FREE STUDY RESOURCE

CCP READINESS GUIDE

A checklist, exam guide, and study planner for future CMMC Certified Professionals. Built from the official requirements and the CCP exam outline.

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WHAT A CCP DOES

A CMMC Certified Professional (CCP) understands the CMMC rules, the 110 Level 2 requirements, and how official assessments work. CCPs advise companies getting ready for CMMC and can take part in Level 2 assessments led by a CMMC Certified Assessor (CCA).

Who takes CCP

You are	CCP helps you
A consultant or MSP	Explain the requirements and scope client environments with confidence
On a defense contractor team	Build CMMC know-how in-house
A future assessor	Take the required first step toward the CCA
New to CMMC	Go from "what is CMMC?" to reading evidence like an assessor

Words to know

FCI	Federal Contract Information: contract details not meant for the public.
CUI	Controlled Unclassified Information: sensitive government information the law says you must protect.
NIST SP 800-171	A NIST Special Publication with 110 security requirements. CMMC Level 2 is built on it.
C3PAO	A company authorized by The Cyber AB to perform official CMMC assessments.
ISACA	Runs the CCP and CCA exams and grants the certifications.

> Requirements, fees, and exam rules are set by the CMMC program rule (32 CFR Part 170) and by ISACA, and they can change. Always confirm the latest on isaca.org before you register or apply.

SELF-CHECK

REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

CCP has no experience requirement. Here is everything you need, in order.

	Requirement	Notes
☐	**Complete CCP training** with an approved provider	Live boot camp or self-paced Guided CCP. You receive a certificate of completion.
☐	**Register for the exam** in your MyISACA account	You then have six months to take it. A one-time extension is $75.
☐	**Pass the CCP exam**	450 on a 200-800 scale.
☐	**A favorable Tier 3 background check**	Not needed for class or the exam. Needed before ISACA grants the CCP.
☐	**Agree to the code of ethics**	Every CMMC professional follows the Code of Professional Conduct.
☐	**Apply for certification** within one year of passing	$200 application fee.

My to-do list

Sources: 32 CFR Part 170 (CMMC program rule) and ISACA's CCP pages, isaca.org/credentialing/ccp.

THE PATH

FROM CLASS TO CERTIFICATE

Take the class
Five live days online, or Guided CCP on your own schedule.
$3,295 live, $1,899 guided

Register
Pay the exam fee in your MyISACA account. You then have six months to test.
$575 members, $760 others

Take the exam
With PSI, at a test center or at home with a live proctor. Book 48 hours to 90 days ahead.
170 questions, 3.5 hours

Apply
Within one year of passing, once your Tier 3 result is in.
$200 application fee

Key dates to plan

Milestone	Target date	Done
CCP class week, or Guided CCP start		☐
Exam registered (six-month window starts)		☐
Exam day		☐
Tier 3 background check complete		☐
Certification application sent		☐

Exam day

- ☐ Arrive 30 minutes early. At home, you show your room and desk on camera first.
- ☐ Bring one government photo ID with your signature. Military and digital IDs are not accepted.
- ☐ Up to two 10-minute breaks, with permission. The clock keeps running.
- ☐ Phone, notes, watch, and water stay away from your desk.

If you don't pass

You get four tries in 12 months. Wait 30 days before the second try and 90 days before each try after that. Each try is a new exam fee.

Source: ISACA 2026 CCP and CCA Exam Candidate Guide.

STUDY PLANNER

RATE YOURSELF ON THE EXAM TOPICS

The CCP exam has six topics. Two of them make up 60% of your score. Rate yourself honestly, then study the weakest high-percent topic first.

Exam topic	Share	My rating
CMMC model construct and implementation evaluation	35%	☐ Strong ☐ Somewhat ☐ New
CMMC assessment process	25%	☐ Strong ☐ Somewhat ☐ New
CMMC governance and source documents	15%	☐ Strong ☐ Somewhat ☐ New
Scoping	15%	☐ Strong ☐ Somewhat ☐ New
CMMC ecosystem	5%	☐ Strong ☐ Somewhat ☐ New
CMMC Code of Professional Conduct	5%	☐ Strong ☐ Somewhat ☐ New

Source: ISACA CCP Exam Content Outline, isaca.org/credentialing/ccp/ccp-exam-content-outline.

My study weeks

Week of	Topic and source to study	Done
		☐
		☐
		☐
		☐
		☐

CORE IDEAS

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The three levels

Level 1: 15 requirements for FCI, yearly self-assessment. **Level 2:** 110 requirements for CUI, most often a C3PAO assessment every three years. **Level 3:** 134 requirements, assessed by the government.

Source: 32 CFR Part 170.

FCI or CUI?

FCI is contract information not meant for the public. CUI is sensitive information the law says must be protected, and it needs Level 2.

Source: National Archives CUI Registry, archives.gov/cui.

Scoping

Decide which systems, people, and places are in the assessment, and sort them into the official asset categories.

Source: CMMC Level 2 Scoping Guide.

Who does what

The Cyber AB authorizes C3PAOs. **ISACA** runs the exams. **C3PAOs** perform assessments. **RPOs** help companies prepare.

Source: 32 CFR Part 170.

Notes

FREE OFFICIAL SOURCES

WHERE TO STUDY

Source	Where to find it
CMMC Level 2 Assessment Guide (DoD)	dodcio.defense.gov/Portals/0/Documents/CMMC/AssessmentGuideL2v2.pdf
CMMC Level 2 Scoping Guide (DoD)	dodcio.defense.gov/Portals/0/Documents/CMMC/ScopingGuideL2v2.pdf
CMMC Level 1 Scoping Guide (DoD)	dodcio.defense.gov/Portals/0/Documents/CMMC/ScopingGuideL1v2.pdf
32 CFR Part 170, the CMMC program rule	ecfr.gov (Title 32, Part 170)
CUI Registry (National Archives)	archives.gov/cui
CCP exam content outline (ISACA)	isaca.org/credentialing/ccp/ccp-exam-content-outline
CCP and CCA Exam Candidate Guide (ISACA)	isaca.org/credentialing/exam-candidate-guides

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