

Department of Defense's (DoD) new Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Framework

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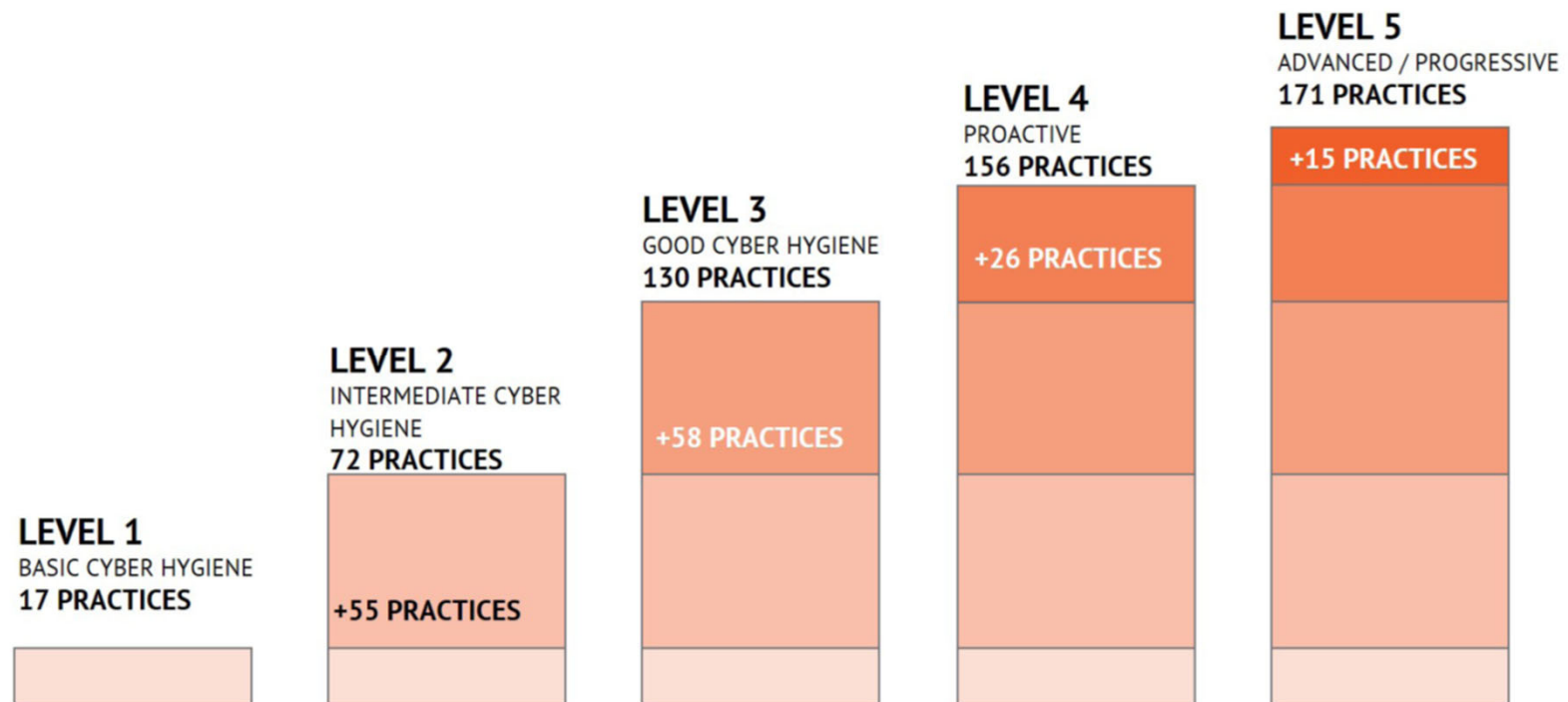
What is CMMC?

- An initiative lead by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition.
- A set of policies and practices that pertain to organizations that support or feed into the Defense Industrial Base (DIB).
- The outcome of this audit process will be a neutral party verification of the “level” of their cybersecurity readiness.
- Main goal of the program is to validate the safeguards and practices that ensure the protection of controlled unclassified information (CUI)

Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC)

- Measures an organization's ability to protect Federal Contract Information (FCI) and Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)
- Will significantly impact eligibility requirements and restrictions in solicitations
- Applies to all DoD contractors and researchers, including university-based research labs and facilities
- Required to obtain third-party certification
- Flow down of the appropriate CMMC level requirement to subcontractors

Five Maturity Levels



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UNM Working Group

- Determine the appropriate CMMC levels for the DoD research being conducted by UNM
- Examine the current state of our cybersecurity
- Identify gaps between UNM's capabilities and the requirements for the CMMC level we seek

TimeLine

- Expect new solicitations from the DoD to include CMMC requirements in sections L and M so review these sections carefully when preparing new proposals to the DoD.
- CMMC is being phased in over five years.
- All new DoD contracts will include CMMC requirements by Fall 2026.

Resources and FAQs

- No immediate action is needed, we strongly encourage you to review the resources and FAQs concerning CMMC here:
<https://research.unm.edu/research-data-security>
- Email any questions or concerns you have regarding these requirements to osp@unm.edu
- Official sites that serve as the primary source for information on implementation of: CMMC-AB and CMMC.