



CMMC Certified Assessor (CCA) Training Guide

1. Comprehensive Curriculum

Hold an active CMMC Certified Professional (CCP) Certification; and
Obtain or have a Tier 3 determination from DoD; and
Apply & Remain in good standing with the CAICO; and
Sign and Comply with agreements as part of the application process
Pay Fees (initial application and annual renewal fees)
Complete CMMC Certified Assessor class/course offered by an Approved Training Provider (ATP), formerly referred to as a Licensed Training Provider (LTP); and
Pass CMMC Certification Assessor examination; and
Have at least three (3) years of cybersecurity experience; and
One (1) year of assessment or audit experience; and
Hold at least one baseline certification aligned to the Intermediate and/or Advanced Proficiency Level for the Career Pathway Certified Assessor 612 from the DoD Manual 8140.3 Cyberspace Workforce Qualification & Management Program. <https://public.cyber.mil/dcwf-work-role/security-control-assessor/>

2. Training Providers and Delivery Methods

Authorized Training Providers (ATPs): CCA training is delivered by ATPs authorized by the CMMC Accreditation Body (Cyber AB).

Instructor-led Training: Most CCA courses are delivered in an instructor-led format, either in-person or virtually, providing interactive learning and expert guidance.

Self-study Options: Some ATPs may offer self-paced online courses with comprehensive materials, self-study guides and resources.

3. CCA Training Curriculum

Once you meet the certification requirements you can enroll in a Cyber AB-approved CCA training course delivered by Approved Training Provider (ATP) listed in the CyberAB MarketPlace.

The topics include:

CMMC Assessment Process (CAP): Deep dive into the official assessment methodology, including scoping, documentation, and reporting requirements.

Assessment Practices: Hands-on training in applying assessment procedures and evaluating an organization's implementation of CMMC practices.

Technical Deep Dives: In-depth exploration of specific CMMC domains and practices, including technical controls and security requirements.

Legal and Ethical Considerations: Understanding the legal and ethical aspects of conducting CMMC assessments.

4. Certification Exam

Proctored Exam: After completing the training, you'll need to pass the CCA exam administered by Measured Learning. The exam is proctored and will last 4 continuous hours of 150 questions. Your passing score is 80%. This is a high stakes exam.

5. Benefits of CCA Training

High Demand: CCAs are in high demand as the DoD implements CMMC requirements across its contracts.

Career Advancement: CCA certification opens doors to new career opportunities and leadership roles in cybersecurity.

Increased Earning Potential: CCAs command competitive salaries and consulting fees.

Contribution to National Security: You play a vital role in protecting sensitive information and strengthening the defense industrial base.

Professional Recognition: CCA certification is a mark of distinction in the cybersecurity field.

If you're a cybersecurity professional with the required experience and a passion for protecting national security, becoming a CMMC Certified Assessor can be a rewarding and challenging career path.

6. Choosing a CCA Training Provider

When selecting a CCA training provider, consider the following factors:

Cyber AB Authorization: Ensure the provider is an authorized ATP and is listed in the CyberAB Marketplace and is in good standing.

Curriculum and Content: ATPs use ONLY training content provided by CyberAB Authorized Training Material (CATM) published by Authorized Publishing Partners (APP) listed in CyberAB Marketplace.

Instructor Qualifications: CMMC instructors are authorized to teach CMMC CCP and CCA classes by CAICO. They are listed in the CyberAB Marketplace.

Delivery Method: CAICO mandates Virtual Live or Live Instructor led training. Supplemental training and material can be in any form delivered by ATP. Many ATPs provide hybrid training, self study training, elearning and so on.

Reputation and Reviews: Research the provider's reputation and read reviews from past participants. Also look at what each ATP offers in their training - key deliverables for every training. These are the core differentiators that matter in the effectiveness of CMMC training.

Investing in CMMC Certified Professional training is an investment in your future and a valuable contribution to the security of our nation.



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