

CMMC Level 1 – What Customers Need to Know

PlexHosted Guide

WHAT IS CMMC LEVEL 1?

CMMC Level 1 represents the foundational cybersecurity requirements mandated by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) for organizations handling Federal Contract Information (FCI). It includes 17 basic practices designed to ensure protection of sensitive federal information.

WHO NEEDS CMMC LEVEL 1?

Any organization—U.S.-based or international—that performs work for DoD contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers and handles FCI within its operations.

KEY PRACTICE AREAS

- Access Control (AC)
- Identification and Authentication (IA)
- Media Protection (MP)
- Physical Protection (PE)
- System and Communications Protection (SC)
- System and Information Integrity (SI)

WHAT DOES A READINESS ASSESSMENT INCLUDE?

PlexHosted evaluates:

- 1) Microsoft 365 security configuration
- 2) Identity and access controls
- 3) Device and endpoint security (Intune)
- 4) Data governance and protection settings
- 5) Microsoft Secure Score baseline
- 6) Compliance alignment with the 17 practices
- 7) Gaps and remediation recommendations

WHY IT MATTERS

Failure to meet CMMC Level 1 may result in:

- Loss of DoD-related business opportunities
- Inability to participate in future contracts
- Increased security risks and vulnerabilities

BENEFITS OF PLEXHOSTED CMMC L1 ASSESSMENT

- Fast and accurate evaluation of your Microsoft 365 environment
- Clear roadmap to achieving full CMMC Level 1 alignment
- Industry-experienced Microsoft CSP Direct partner
- Ready-to-implement recommendations
- Smooth transition to ongoing Managed Security Services

NEXT STEPS

After completing your assessment, PlexHosted can assist with implementing recommended controls, monitoring your environment, and preparing for ongoing compliance requirements.

OFFICIAL DOD CMMC WEBSITE

<https://dodcio.defense.gov/CMMC/>



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