



# CMMC VS. FedRAMP: KEY DIFFERENCES

 <b>CMMC</b> CYBERSECURITY MATURITY MODEL CERTIFICATION	<b>VS.</b>	 <b>FedRAMP</b> FEDERAL RISK AND AUTHORIZATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)	<b>MANAGED BY</b>	General Services Administration (GSA)
DoD contractors & subcontractors in the Defense Industrial Base (DIB)	<b>APPLIES TO</b>	Cloud service providers (CSPs) serving any federal agency
Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) & Federal Contract Information (FCI)	<b>DATA TYPE IT PROTECTS</b>	Any federal data stored, processed, or transmitted in cloud environments
On-premises, hybrid, & cloud	<b>ENVIRONMENTS IN SCOPE</b>	Cloud-only (SaaS, PaaS, IaaS)
Compliance levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 1: Foundational</li> <li>• Level 2: Advanced</li> <li>• Level 3: Expert</li> </ul>	<b>APPLICABLE LEVELS</b>	Impact levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low</li> <li>• Moderate</li> <li>• High</li> </ul>
NIST SP 800-171 (171 practices)	<b>NIST-BASED STANDARDS</b>	NIST SP 800-53 Rev 5 (broader & deeper)
C3PAO (Certified Third-Party Assessment Org) for Levels 2-3; self-assessment for Level 1	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	Accredited 3PAO required for all assessments; federal agency sponsors ATO
CMMC certificate tied to specific contract scope	<b>RESULTING DELIVERABLE</b>	ATO or P-ATO; listed in FedRAMP Marketplace

## CMMC VS. FedRAMP: WHICH DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION NEED?

### CHOOSE **CMMC** IF...

You're a DoD contractor or subcontractor handling CUI or FCI — regardless of your environment.

### CHOOSE **FedRAMP** IF...

You're a cloud service provider selling to any federal civilian agency & your product processes government data.

### YOU MAY NEED **BOTH** IF...

You're a CSP that also stores or processes CUI for the DoD. FedRAMP Moderate Equivalency may satisfy part of CMMC's cloud requirements.

Read the full [CMMC vs. FedRAMP comparison guide here](#) or [contact us](#) today to learn more.



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