



CMMC READINESS SERVICES BRIEF

Compliance. Contracts. Confidence.

SPECIALIZED **S|3** SECURITY SERVICES

COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT SERVICES

Your compliance journey shouldn't feel like a maze.

At S3 Security, we translate complex frameworks like NIST, PCI, ISO, and CMMC into clear, actionable steps that align with your business priorities.

Whether you're responding to new regulatory demands or strengthening existing controls, our team provides the insight and confidence needed to move forward strategically.

EXPERTISE YOU CAN TRUST

Our team of seasoned Assessors brings deep experience in third-party cybersecurity and compliance. With extensive experience across regulated sectors including healthcare, finance, retail, and other highly regulated industries, they understand how to navigate complexity and deliver results that withstand scrutiny.

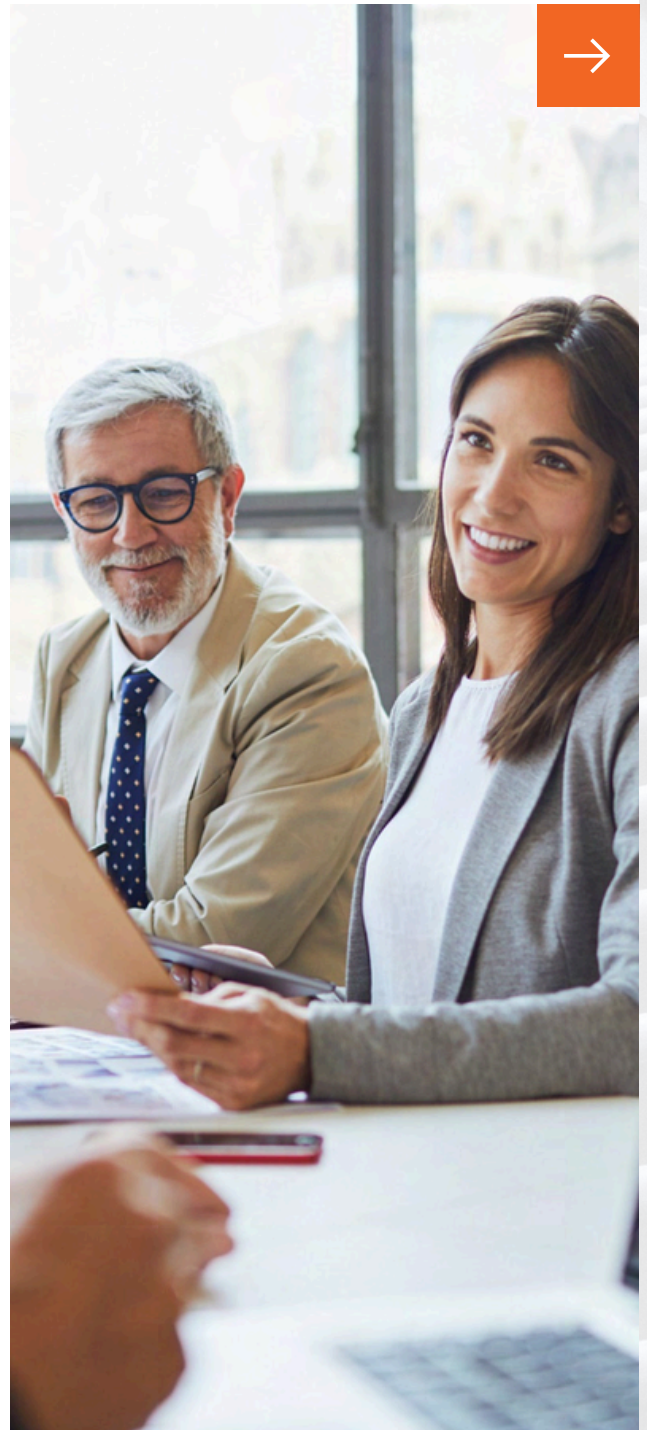
THOUSANDS OF SUCCESSFUL ASSESSMENTS

As a compliance leader, we've guided organizations across industries through thousands of regulatory assessments and validations.

TAILORED TO YOUR BUSINESS

No two organizations are alike. We take time to understand your risk profile, operational needs, and data protection priorities—delivering recommendations that are both strategic and practical.

We don't just help you meet compliance standards; we help you use them to strengthen your business.



CYBER MATURITY MODEL CERTIFICATION (CMMC)

The Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) helps defense contractors safeguard Federal Contract Information (FCI) and Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) by setting clear, enforceable cybersecurity expectations.

Aligned with NIST SP 800-171, CMMC uses a tiered model to directly link cybersecurity maturity to contract eligibility. It's not just a compliance requirement; it's a business imperative for securing and retaining DoD contracts.

S3 Security delivers official CMMC assessments and customized readiness support to help you close gaps, strengthen controls, and achieve certification with confidence.

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Level 1: Foundational

- Protects Federal Contract Information (FCI)
- Requires annual self-assessment and compliance with 15 FAR 52.204-21 controls

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Level 2: Advanced

- Protects Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) through 110 NIST 800-171 controls
- Requires self-assessment or authorized C3PAO certification every three years, based on contract sensitivity

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Level 3: Expert

- Applies to the most sensitive CUI environments
- Requires select NIST 800-172 controls and triennial DIBCAC-led assessments

WHY IT MATTERS

Without CMMC certification, contractors may lose eligibility for current and future DoD contracts. Compliance is no longer optional; it is essential to protect revenue and remain competitive.

A successful assessment demonstrates your organization's commitment to cybersecurity, operational resilience, and long-term federal partnerships.

YOUR PATH TO CMMC CERTIFICATION STARTS HERE



At S3 Security, we provide support in two distinct ways — either as a Registered Practitioner Organization (RPO) to help you prepare, or as a Certified Third-Party Assessment Organization (C3PAO) to conduct your official certification assessment. These roles are kept separate to maintain independence and uphold the integrity of the CMMC program.



Path 1: Readiness Services (Consulting Engagement)

(Performed as an RPO)

- Gap Analysis & Readiness Assessment
- Remediation Roadmap & Implementation Support
- Policy, Procedure, SSP & POA&M Development
- Advisory Support Throughout

Important: If S3 Security provides readiness consulting, we cannot also conduct your formal Level 2 certification assessment.



Path 2: Level 2 Assessment (C3PAO Engagement)

(Performed as an Authorized C3PAO)

- **Mock Assessment (Optional):** A full C3PAO-led trial run, not reported to eMASS, to confirm readiness and reduce risk.
- **Formal Level 2 Assessment:** The official CMMC Level 2 certification assessment with results submitted to eMASS.

Important: S3 Security can conduct both a Mock Assessment and the Formal Assessment for the same client.

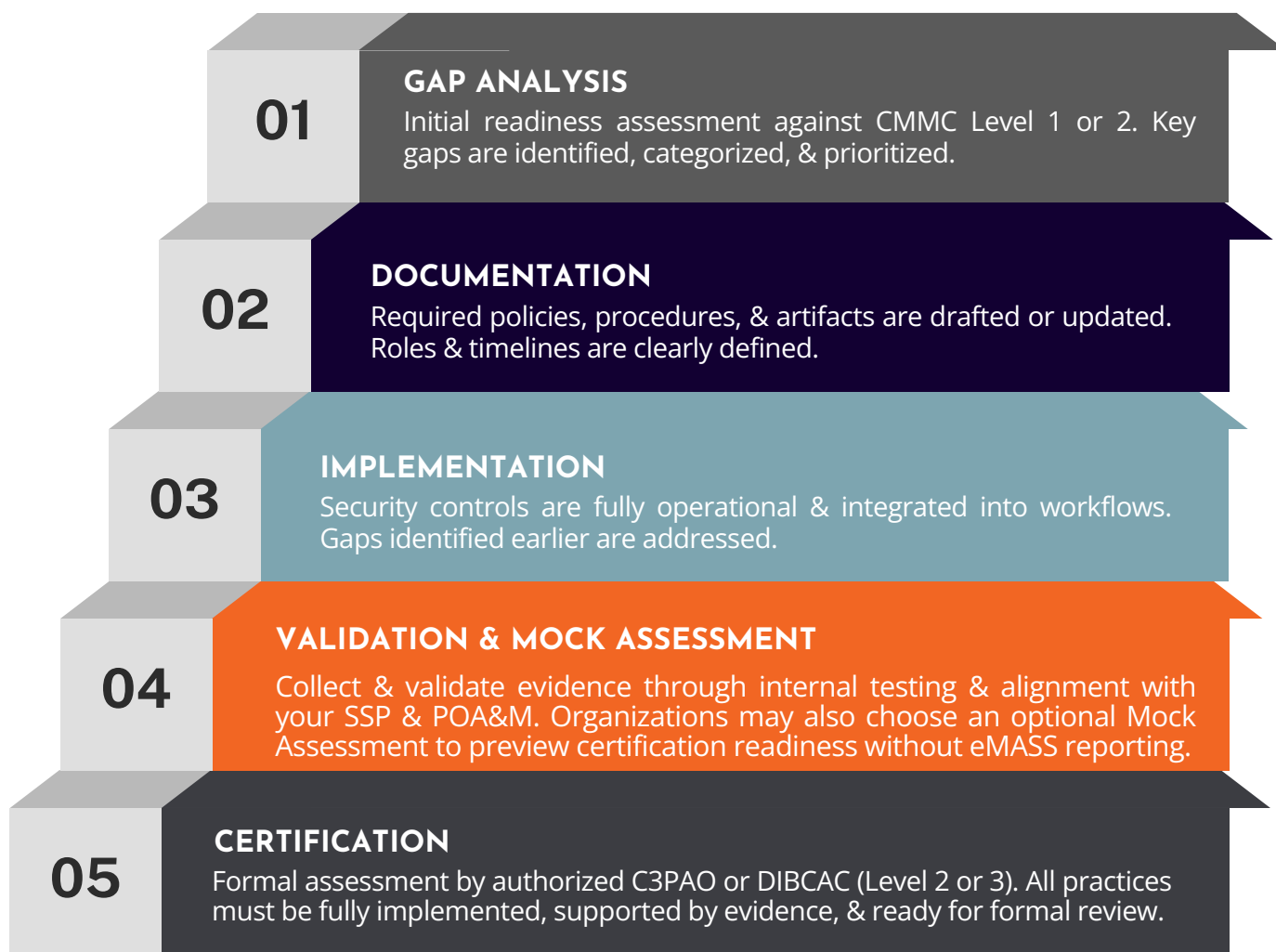
Smart certification starts with a plan. Let's build yours.

CMMC READINESS JOURNEY

The CMMC assessment process begins with understanding your current cybersecurity posture and aligning your practices with the required certification level. Whether you're pursuing Level 1 or Level 2, success depends on how well your policies, processes, and controls are defined, implemented, and supported by evidence.

S3 Security helps you assess your current state, prioritize remediation, and confidently prepare for a successful certification outcome.

Our readiness journey outlines the typical stages organizations move through when preparing for certification.



Certification is the outcome. Readiness is the plan. We help you execute both step by step.

SUPPORT THAT MOVES YOU FORWARD

Knowing where you stand is just the beginning. At S3 Security, we guide you through each phase of the remediation process so you're prepared for certification and positioned to succeed.

We translate complex requirements into clear, achievable milestones. Our approach is tailored to your team structure, resources, and timeline to build a certifiable path to success.

OUR READINESS SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **Remediation Roadmap Development:** Prioritized action plans that align with CMMC requirements and business realities
- **Control Implementation Support:** Hands-on assistance deploying security practices across people, processes, and technology
- **SSP and POA&M Development:** Expert guidance in crafting documentation that meets assessor expectations
- **Policy & Procedure Creation or Review:** Customized, audit-ready artifacts tailored to your environment
- **Ongoing Advisory Support:** On-demand consultation as you progress toward certification

OPTIONAL MOCK ASSESSMENT

In addition to readiness consulting, S3 Security offers Mock Assessments conducted by our C3PAO team. A Mock Assessment is a full CMMC Level 2 assessment using the same rigor and methodology as certification, but results are ***not submitted to eMASS***.

Clients often choose a Mock Assessment when they want:

- **Assurance** that remediation efforts have closed all gaps before scheduling certification
- **A trial run** with the same C3PAO that will conduct their formal assessment
- **Risk reduction** by validating readiness without jeopardizing certification status

Unlike readiness consulting, a C3PAO may conduct both a Mock Assessment and your formal certification assessment for the same client.

Confidence comes from knowing you're prepared, supported, and in control. We'll help you get there.

Important Note on Certification Independence - As a Certified Third-Party Assessment Organization (C3PAO) and CMMC Ecosystem Member, S3 Security adheres to the CMMC Code of Professional Conduct. This code requires clear separation between consulting and certification activities, prohibiting any CMMC Ecosystem member from conducting a Level 2 certification assessment for an organization they prepared for assessment within the prior three years (32 CFR §170.8(b)(17)(ii)(G)). This approach safeguards impartiality and upholds the integrity of the CMMC certification process.

CERTIFIED. EXPERIENCED. TRUSTED.

S3 Security is both a Registered Practitioner Organization (RPO) and an authorized Certified Third-Party Assessment Organization (C3PAO) with deep experience guiding defense contractors of all sizes. Whether you're new to federal work or supporting complex prime contracts, we guide you efficiently through assessment and certification.

WHAT SETS US APART

Proven Federal Expertise

We specialize in frameworks like NIST 800-171, CMMC, and DFARS, and have worked across defense, aerospace, and high-risk industries.

Seasoned Assessors

Our team includes Certified CMMC Assessors (CCAs), Certified CMMC Professionals (CCPs), and experienced team leads. Each brings over a decade of cybersecurity compliance experience in regulated industries.

Start-to-Finish Support

From readiness assessments to final certification, we guide you through every phase of the process.

Client-Centered Approach

We align our services with your security maturity, internal capabilities, and business goals.

Assessment-Ready Documentation

We don't just check boxes; we ensure your evidence stands up to scrutiny and satisfies assessor expectations.



Partner with a team that understands what's at stake and delivers with precision, speed, and clarity.

YOUR CYBERSECURITY PARTNER



S|3 SPECIALIZED SECURITY SERVICES

FLOAT ON

Cybersecurity and compliance to ward off any threat.

Wherever you are in your cybersecurity journey, we help you move forward with clarity and confidence.

At S3 Security, we meet you where you are—whether you're building a new cybersecurity foundation or strengthening a mature program. We understand the pressure that comes with meeting compliance expectations and know that one of the greatest benefits of strong cybersecurity is the peace of mind it creates.

Our mission is to strengthen your organization's resilience and long-term success by aligning cybersecurity strategy with your business priorities.

With decades of experience guiding clients through evolving regulations and emerging threats, S3 Security is the trusted partner organizations rely on to navigate today's complex compliance and cybersecurity landscape.

QUICK LINKS TO S3 SECURITY CERTIFICATIONS

[CMMC Authorized C3PAO](#)

[CMMC RPO](#)



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