

CMMI® Institute and ISACA®

FAQs

When was CMMI Institute acquired and made a subsidiary of ISACA?

- 1 March 2016.

What is ISACA?

- ISACA is a global association that helps professionals worldwide keep pace with the dynamic tech landscape and better understand and apply technology to transform their organizations. Through its comprehensive knowledge, standards, credentials and education, ISACA defines and advances the roles of information systems assurance, governance and cybersecurity professionals worldwide. The association developed and administers industry-leading certifications, including:
 - Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
 - Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)
 - Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT)
 - Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control™ (CRISC)
- ISACA also established Cybersecurity Nexus (CSX) a holistic resource of cybersecurity research, guidance, education and credentialing, including the first vendor-neutral, performance-based cybersecurity certification—CSX Practitioner. Additionally, ISACA is the creator of COBIT, a business framework for managing and governing enterprise information and technology.
- ISACA is based in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, USA, a suburb of Chicago.

Will the Government still be able to support and require CMMI in RFPs?

- Yes. CMMI Institute is still owned by a not-for-profit—just like Carnegie Mellon University. ISACA, CMMI Institute's new owner is a not-for-profit professional association. Therefore, this will not affect the ability of the government to cite CMMI in RFPs.

Why is CMMI Institute now a subsidiary of ISACA?

- ISACA and CMMI Institute share a vision for advancing organizational performance that centers on supporting excellence in the IT, information systems governance, data management governance, software, and systems engineering functions in organizations across a spectrum of industries. Joining forces will allow both entities to raise the level of enterprise-wide performance of existing and prospective members and clients.

Together, we can offer holistic solutions for current and future customers. CMMI has strong brand recognition and a record of success in the government and enterprise segments, while ISACA excels in helping practitioners, enterprises and governments. The portfolio synergies will help ISACA and CMMI Institute improve value and delivery by leveraging the strengths of each organization.

How will this impact the future of the CMMI and CMMI Institute?

- ISACA and CMMI Institute will continue to operate separately and retain their current names and brands. CMMI Institute will continue to operate out of Pittsburgh, PA, USA, and there will not be any changes in leadership or staffing. ISACA is a not-for-profit professional association that has a mission to serve and support the IT profession and industry. It is ISACA's intention to continue to help accelerate CMMI and the Institute's mission to build and improve capability and support the Partner organizations that help make that happen. With shared resources, we have the opportunity to better serve our customers and members.

Is CMMI Institute no longer going to operate under Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)?

- Yes, CMMI Institute has transitioned from CMU to ISACA. CMU and the Software Engineering Institute will always be a part of CMMI's history. CMMI Institute continues to maintain active relationships with top research universities around the world.

I am a CMMI Institute Partner. How will this change my Partner relationship with the Institute?

- It won't. CMMI Institute will continue to operate independently as a stand-alone subsidiary of ISACA.

As an organization that has earned a CMMI maturity level rating, how will this affect my maturity level rating?

- It won't. CMMI Institute will continue to operate as always to support the appraisal review and quality assessment process for assigning maturity level ratings for organizations that earn them. Please continue to work with your CMMI Institute Partner and the CMMI Institute quality team to manage your CMMI maturity level rating.

What changes can I expect to see in CMMI Institute in the near-term?

- In the near term, you can expect to see the CMMI Institute continuing to raise the bar on the advancement of best practices through the CMMI and DMM. And, we will continue to make the state of the practice more accessible to practitioners in all industries.

