

CMMI Intellectual Property (IP) Permissions Policy Changes and Information Summary

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What and When?

- ✓ This communicate summarizes all of the previous communications and changes regarding the [CMMI IP Permissions policy](#) which was updated, approved and published and effective as of October 28, of 2024. ***As previously noted in Partner Webinars and newsletter, the deadline for Partners to become compliant with this new policy is February 28, 2025.***

Who?

- ✓ ISACA is sending this communicate and related links to all Partner BPOCs, Certified ATLs and Instructors, and ATMs. Partners are also encouraged to share it with their customers.

Why?

- ✓ Feedback from PAG and other sources indicate some members of the community are still not aware of the changes or their potential impacts. ISACA wants to be sure everyone is made aware of these changes and the reasons for them. This, along with all previous communications, and including the [CMMI and MDDAP Intellectual Property Policy Updates deck](#) that contains the eight most common use cases, FAQs, and related policy update information are all part of the change management efforts to help the community in navigating this change and adhering to the new policy.

What Else?

- ✓ The reason for the IP Policy change is explained more on the [IP policy page](#), accompanying deck with use cases and FAQs. The PAG recommended that the ISACA CMMI Quality Management team monitor appraisal submissions that include custom appraisals tools from Jan-Feb, and ISACA/QM has agreed to do this. However, to date in 2024 and previous years, the vast majority of appraisal submitted use the MDD Toolkit Appraisal tool, which was specifically designed for use and upload into CAS and is the preferred approach and aligns to the IP Policy.
- ✓ Note also that the planned 2025 CMMI V3.1 release will include updates to both the Sponsors Roles and Responsibility (SRR) agreement and MDD to align the relevant SRR and MDD language with the new CMMI IP policy.

How Many IP Permissions Requests Has ISACA Received?

- ✓ Since we announced the changes in Oct, we've had a total of 22 permissions requests, with 16 of those being requests for Appraisal or PIID tools. This is the most requested permission use case since the announcement in October.

What Are My Options for Using My Own Appraisal Tool?

- ✓ ISACA has identified 3 options for appraisal tool use that align to the new IP Policy. They are described in detail in the [IP Policy Update deck](#) previously mentioned above.

How Much For Custom Appraisal Tool Use?

- ✓ Use of customized tool (Option 3) will require a license agreement and accompanying per appraisal fee. This will be a flat fee per appraisal of \$500 (over and above the normal appraisal fee) to cover the costs of additional review, potential IT/systems development bug resolutions, impact, and appraisal audits. This also aligns and is consistent with existing active CMMI Model license agreements we already have in place with CMMI Partners.

Anything Else I Should Know?

- ✓ A friendly reminder to everyone that the permissions form needs to be completely filled out in detail to be accepted and reviewed. Incomplete forms cannot be processed and will be returned to requester.

Where Else Can I Go for More Information?

- ✓ [CMMI IP Permissions policy](#)
- ✓ [CMMI IP Permissions form](#)
- ✓ Recent Partner Webinar recordings, and Newsletter