



CMMI® Certification – Certified CMMI Professional Policy

Purpose

This policy outlines the eligibility requirements, exam details, and renewal requirements for the CMMI Professional certification.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all individuals currently certified or interested in becoming certified as a CMMI Professional.

Requirements to receive a CMMI Professional Certification:

To receive a CMMI Professional Certification a candidate must:

- Hold a CMMI Practitioner Certification in good standing.
- Successfully complete the High Maturity Concepts course.
- Successfully complete the Advancing Organizational Capability: Applying CMMI course.
- Take and pass the CMMI Professional Exam

Registering and Scheduling for the CMMI Professional Certification Exam

- The CMMI Professional Certification Exam is bundled with the Applying CMMI course, and the exam may be scheduled at CMMI Institute’s test delivery vendor, PSI, as soon as the course has been successfully completed.
- To schedule a CMMI Professional exam at PSI, please refer to the PSI [Scheduling Guide](#) (please note that this guide is for CMMI Institute’s certifications but also applies to CMMI exams). The applicant will receive a scheduling confirmation email from no-reply@psiexams.com confirming the exam appointment.
- The CMMI Professional Certification Exam remains valid for 30 days from the first day of attending the Applying CMMI course. If candidates do not take their exam within those 30 days, they must purchase a new exam voucher. Exam vouchers are valid for 30 days upon purchase. To purchase an exam voucher, please contact CMMI Institute’s [Customer Experience Center](#).

The CMMI Professional Certification Exam Details

- The CMMI Professional Certification Exam contains 120 multiple-choice exam questions testing knowledge, skills, and abilities outlined in the [Exam Content Outline](#).
- Candidates may only utilize the CMMI model within the PSI secure browser by clicking the "Reference" button on the right side of the exam screen. The use of other materials during the exam is not permitted.
- The exam is a multimodal exam administration allowing the exam to be taken at a PSI testing center or via live remote proctoring. Please refer to the [PSI Scheduling Guide](#) and the [PSI Remote Proctoring Guide](#) for details on how to schedule an exam and for tips on taking a PSI live online remote proctored exam.
- Candidates will have four hours to complete the exam.
- The Professional Certification Exam is currently available in English only.

Exam Day Rules

The exam rules provide guidelines for what is acceptable during the exam. The exam rules apply to tests administered at PSI Test Center locations and remotely proctored exams.

Prohibited Items:

The examinee's workspace must be completely clear of all other items and materials during the exam. The examinee is prohibited from having the following items during the exam:

- Calculators
- Multiple monitors
- Any type of communication, surveillance, or recording devices including but not limited to:
 - Mobile phones, electronic devices, or recording devices
 - Tablets
 - Smart watches or glasses
 - Headphones / earbuds
- Baggage of any kind including handbags, purses, or briefcases
- Weapons
- Tobacco products or vaping
- Food or beverages (except for water in a clear container, and applies to both on-site and remotely proctored exams)
- Visitors

If exam candidates are viewed with any such communication, surveillance, or recording devices during the exam administration, their exam will be voided, and they will be asked to immediately leave the exam site if applicable. Candidates are not permitted to take screenshots or photos of any portion of the exam, including the exam results screen.

Unacceptable behavior

The following activities are prohibited:

- Creating a disturbance.
- Giving or receiving assistance during the exam; use of unauthorized study materials
- Talking, reading the questions out loud, or moving your lips while reading silently
- Copy, photograph, record, memorize, or otherwise attempt to retain or recreate any exam

content, or assisting anyone to retain, recreate, or reconstruct exam content for any purpose

- Attempting to take the exam for someone else or having someone else take the exam
- Possession of communication, surveillance, or recording devices, including but not limited to cell phones, tablets, smart glasses, smart watches, mobile devices, etc., during the exam administration.
- Attempting to sell, license, distribute, exchange, give away, share, comment on, disclose, or discuss, either directly or indirectly, any exam content to any person or entity before, during, or after the exam verbally, in writing, or through any other method of communication including but not limited to the Internet, email, or through any live or online forum or media.
- Leaving the testing area without authorization. (These individuals will not be allowed to return to the testing room). Two breaks, each no longer than ten minutes, are permitted with permission of the proctor. Your exam will be paused, but the timer will not stop during approved breaks.

Consequences

If you violate the Exam Day Rules or engage in any kind of misconduct you will be subject to the following:

- Dismissal or disqualification
- Voiding of exam
- Revocation of any CMMI certifications currently held
- Banned from taking any CMMI exam

PSI Test Centers

PSI testing is either located at a testing center or proctored online remotely.

PSI Testing Centers



The exam may be administered in a room with other test takers. Please note that some noise should be expected and is considered normal.

Here is a [video of the PSI Test Center Experience](#).

Online Remote Proctoring

CMMI Institute also offers the ability to take exams at home via online remote proctoring. Please review the [Remote Proctoring Guide](#) prior to taking an exam using this delivery modality.

Here is a [video of the PSI Online Remote Proctoring experience](#).

Identification Requirements

To enter the testing center or check-in for the online exam, the examinee must present an acceptable form of identification (ID). An acceptable form of ID must be a current, valid, and original government-issued ID that contains:

- Candidate's name (as it appears on the Notification to Schedule email from CMMI Institute).
Please note, the first and last name shown on your ID must match the name used to register for the exam, or the Candidate may not be permitted entry to the exam. Middle names are not required for registration.
- Candidate's signature (Driver's Licenses issued in Japan without a signature will be accepted.)
- Candidate's photograph

All information must be demonstrated by a single form of ID (cannot be a copy or handwritten). Any candidate who does not provide an acceptable form of ID will not be allowed to sit for the exam and will forfeit their registration fee.

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Driver's license
- State identity card (non-driver's license)
- Passport
- Passport card
- Green card
- Alien registration
- Permanent resident card
- National identification card

The testing center reserves the right to ask for additional forms of identification for verification purposes. If there is any doubt surrounding an examinee's identity, the examinee will be turned away from the test, and CMMI Institute will be notified. This will be considered a no-show, and the examinee forfeits the exam fees.

Achieving Certified CMMI Professional Certification

- Individuals with a passing exam score may view and print their CMMI Professional certificate by selecting "Achievements" within the CMMI Training Center.
- Certified CMMI Professional status is valid for three years after successfully passing the exam. Certified CMMI Professionals must remain in good standing to be eligible for renewal; "good standing" is defined as having no outstanding invoices and having no [Code of Professional Conduct](#) or program requirement violations.

Maintaining the CMMI Professional Certification

All individuals who simultaneously hold a CMMI Professional certification and are a Certified CMMI Lead Appraiser (LA) and/or CMMI Instructor will have their CMMI Professional certification renewed by virtue of meeting the requirements of the *CMMI Certification - Partner-Sponsored Renewal Policy* (PC003). The validity period for a CMMI Professional certification will

be aligned to:

- The CMMI LA certification validity period or
- The CMMI Instructor certification validity period

For CMMI Professionals who do not hold certification as either a CMMI LA or a CMMI Instructor, the following criteria apply:

- Certified CMMI Professional status is valid for three years after successfully passing the exam.
- Those holding the CMMI Professional Certification must remain in good standing to be eligible for renewal.
- To maintain the CMMI Professional Certification, certified individuals must retake and pass the CMMI Professional exam every three years.
- All individuals who simultaneously hold a CMMI Practitioner and a CMMI Professional Certification will have their CMMI Practitioner and/or Associate Certification(s) renewed by virtue of meeting the renewal requirements of the CMMI Professional Certification.

Additional References

- Questions regarding this policy should be submitted via support.isaca.org
- Published Policies are available at [cmminstitute.com](https://cmminstitute.com/partners/policies) on the policy page:
<https://cmminstitute.com/partners/policies>

Revision History

Version Number	Date Published	Date Effective	Changes
V2.2	11 July 2025	1 April 2023	Updated with CMMI Institute branding
V2.1	20 September 2024	1 April 2023	Updated to clarify permissible CMMI model usage terms
V2.0	4 December 2023	1 April 2023	Updated all language to reflect updates to the CMMI Professional exam, Exam Day Rules, PSI Testing Centers, PSI Online Remote Proctoring, Renewing CMMI Professional Exam, CMMI Professional ECO.
V1.2	9 November 2021	30 June 2019	Updated CPE language to align to ISACA certifications; added Safety and Security references; removed outdated references; updated to ISACA branding
V1.1	30 September 2019	30 June 2019	Updated format & structure.
V1.0	30 June 2019	30 June 2019	Initial release.

Appendix A: CMMI Professional Certification Exam Content Outline

CMMI PROFESSIONAL EXAM		
Topic	Topic Level	Percentage of Questions
Content Area 1	CMMI Core Practice Areas	23%
1	Connect the CMMI Model with business value	
	1.1.1 Practice Areas (Practice Area value, additional required information, and explanatory information)	
	1.1.2 Practice Intent and Value, Required and Additional Information, Example Activities and Work Products	
	1.1.3 Context-Specific Model Application	
	1.1.4 Practice Group Level capability (Capability Levels and Maturity Levels)	
Content Area 2	CMMI for Development	23%
1	Best Practices in Engineering and Development	
	2.1.1 Practice Areas (Practice Area value, additional required information, and explanatory information)	
	2.1.2 Practice Intent and Value, Required and Additional Information, Example Activities and Work Products	
	2.1.3 Context-Specific Model Application (Development, Agile Development, DevSecOps)	
	2.1.4 Domain application	
Content Area 3	CMMI for Services	25%
1	Best Practices in Delivering and Managing Services and Managing Business Resilience	
	3.1.1 Practice Areas (Practice Area value, additional required information, and explanatory information)	
	3.1.2 Practice Intent and Value, Required and Additional Information, Example Activities and Work Products	
	3.1.3 Context-Specific Model Application (Services)	
	3.1.4 Domain application	
Content Area 4	CMMI for Security and Safety	10%
1	Best Practices in Managing Security and Safety	
	4.1.1 Practice Areas (Practice Area value, additional required information, and explanatory information)	
	4.1.2 Practice Intent and Value, Required and Additional Information, Example Activities and Work Products	
	4.1.3 Context-Specific Model Application (Security, Safety)	

	4.1.4 Domain application	
Content Area 5	CMMI for Supplier Management	5%
1	Best Practices in Selecting and Managing Suppliers	
	5.1.1 Practice Areas (Practice Area value, additional required information, and explanatory information)	
	5.1.2 Practice Intent and Value, Required and Additional Information, Example Activities and Work Products	
	5.1.3 Context-Specific Model Application (Supplier Management)	
	5.1.4 Domain application	
Content Area 6	CMMI for Data Management	7%
	Best Practices in Managing Data	
	6.1.1 Practice Areas (Practice Area value, additional required information, and explanatory information)	
	6.1.2 Practice Intent and Value, Required and Additional Information, Example Activities and Work Products	
	6.1.3 Context-Specific Model Application (Data Management)	
	6.1.4 Domain application	
Content Area 7	CMMI for People Management	7%
	Best Practices in People Management, Flexible/Agile Workforce	
	7.1.1 Practice Areas (Practice Area value, additional required information, and explanatory information)	
	7.1.2 Practice Intent and Value, Required and Additional Information, Example Activities and Work Products	
	7.1.3 Context-Specific Model Application (People Management)	
	7.1.4 Domain application	
	Total	100%