

CMMI® Stewardship

CMMI Institute, part of ISACA, is the sole owner of Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) and the sole entity that may affirm CMMI ratings. CMMI appraisals may only be delivered by certified or candidate Lead Appraisers (LAs) who have been trained by CMMI Institute and who work under the sponsorship of an officially licensed CMMI Partner organization. Likewise, official CMMI courses may only be delivered by certified or candidate CMMI Instructors trained by CMMI Institute and working under the sponsorship of an officially licensed CMMI Partner.

CMMI Certification

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CMMI Appraisals

Appraisal data packages for official CMMI appraisal deliveries are submitted to CMMI Institute in accordance with the Method Definition Document (MDD) and CMMI Institute policy. CMMI Institute reserves the right to audit all CMMI appraisals delivered by candidate and certified LAs.

Before the results of any CMMI Appraisal become public record, e.g., announced in a press release or on an organization's website, posted on the [Published Appraisal Results System \(PARS\)](#), or used in response to a request for proposal, the appraisal must first be accepted by CMMI Institute. Such acceptance indicates that:

- CMMI Institute has confirmed that the appraisal was conducted according to the MDD, e.g., that the team was led by an authorized/certified LA, that the team members had received required CMMI model and appraisal method training, and that all appraisal data had been submitted to CMMI Institute by the LA
- CMMI Institute will verify that the electronic entry of the appraisal disclosure statement data by the LA meets the compatibility criteria within the key fields of PARS (e.g., organization name, sponsor name(s), organization identification, and adheres to the rules for proprietary data hiding) prior to acceptance for entry onto the publicly viewable published listings in PARS

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