

# AVNET RECEIVES CMMC LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATION

The Department of Defense's (DoD) Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity Assessment Center (DIBCAC), together with a Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) certified third-party assessment organization (C3PAO), conducted a voluntary DIBCAC High assessment at the request of Avnet. Together with our Newark and USI Electronics business units, Avnet was awarded a provisional CMMC Level 2 certification with a perfect assessment score of 110.

Designed to enforce the protection of Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), this distinction will automatically transition to a full certification when the DoD completes its final rulemaking for CMMC, which is anticipated in 2024.

As a key distributor and supply chain provider for U.S. defense industry contractors, Avnet is committed to protecting the country's intellectual property by securing Avnet's systems and processes.

The DoD requires CMMC certification as an imperative for the entire supply chain to defend against and defeat current and future cyber threats to our nation. Avnet recognized that quickly obtaining the certification was vital for the continuous success of our customers as part of the Defense Industrial Base (DIB).

## A quick refresher:

### - What is Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC)?

The certification ensures appropriate levels of cybersecurity practices and processes are in place to protect sensitive CUI data from falling into the wrong hands.

### - What is Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)?

CUI is an umbrella term that encompasses many different document types, including International Traffic in Arms (ITAR) and Export Administration Regulations (EAR), used to identify information that is not classified but must be protected.

### - Why is this important?

U.S. Government Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will gradually begin requiring CMMC compliance. Adhering to the new DoD standards is mandatory. The program is intended to allow businesses with valid CMMC certification to bid on and win contracts with the U.S. Government.

The CMMC 2.0 framework has three levels of certification. The required certification level is based on the products and services that are being provided to the DoD. Avnet achieved a Level 2 certification based on the products supplied by our defense/aerospace business.

LEVEL 1: Basic cybersecurity foundation appropriate for all suppliers

LEVEL 2: Advanced processes and controls maintained and followed

LEVEL 3: Expert cybersecurity practices with defense responses performed in real time

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