



WHAT IS CUI?

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) is defined in Section 2002.4 of Title 32 CFR as “information the government creates or possesses, or that an entity creates or possesses for or on behalf of the government, that a law, regulation, or government-wide policy requires or permits an agency to handle using safeguarding or dissemination controls.”

ABOUT CUI

Because there are fewer controls over CUI as compared to classified information, CUI is the path of least resistance for adversaries. Loss of aggregated CUI can be viewed as the most significant risk to national security, directly affecting the lethality of our warfighters.

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) — Policy Guidance

- DOD Instruction 5200.48, Controlled Unclassified Information
- 32 CFR Part 2002 “Controlled Unclassified Information”
- Executive Order 13556 “Controlled Unclassified Information”
- NIST Special Publication 800-171 Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Systems and Organizations
- DFAR Clause 252.204-7012, Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting

How Can Industry Prepare?

- Review existing contracts, engage with government customers, ensure CUI protection guidance is clearly articulated and applicable to current contracts.
- Review CUI resources and complete CUI training available on the CDSE website.
- Review requirements and understand the Cyber Maturity Model Certification (CMMC): <https://www.acq.osd.mil/cmmc/index.html>.
- Review the DOD CUI Registry at www.dodcui.mil to become familiar with CUI organizational index groupings and CUI categories.

CUI Training

Training for Government

- DOD Mandatory CUI Training (IF141.06)
- Unauthorized Disclosure (UD) of Classified Information and CUI (IF130.16)

Training for Contractors

- DoD Mandatory CUI Training for Contractors (IF141.06)
- Unauthorized Disclosure of Classified Information and CUI for Contractors (IF130.16)

Useful Tools

- The latest information on DCSA’s CUI oversight role is available at: <https://www.dcsa.mil/Industrial-Security/Controlled-Unclassified-Information-CUI/>

CUI CATEGORIES

CUI is a category of unclassified information within the U.S. federal government. CUI, depending on GCA requirements may replace terms such as: For Official Use Only (FOUO), Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU), and Law Enforcement Sensitive (LES). CUI includes, but is not limited to the following information categories:

- Critical Infrastructure
- Defense
- Export Control
- Financial
- Immigration
- Intelligence
- International Agreements
- Law Enforcement
- Legal
- Natural and Cultural Resources
- NATO
- Nuclear
- Patent
- Privacy
- Procurement and Acquisition
- Proprietary Business Information
- Statistical
- Tax
- Transportation

HOW TO DETERMINE WHAT IS CUI?

By understanding if the information meets standards for control according to DODI 5200.48, identified in the DOD CUI Registries, and if addressed within a law, regulation, or government-wide policy.

WHAT IS NOT CUI?

- CUI is not classified information.
- CUI is not everything that isn’t classified.
- CUI is not intellectual property, unless created for or included in requirements related to a government contract.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Your Local Industrial Security Representative or the DCSA Enterprise Security Operations CUI Mailbox at: dcsa.quantico.ctp.mbx.eso-cui@mail.mil.