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PERSONNEL VETTING

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### SUBJECT: Changes to the Five-Year Update Criteria

This Guidance supersedes the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) Vetting Risk Operations (VRO) guidance dated Aug. 8, 2022, and incorporates the changes from Defense Information System for Security (DISS) Release 14.5.

Key updates to note:

- Periodic reinvestigations for National Industrial Security Program (NISP) contractor national security personnel will no longer be conducted.
- An updated Personnel Vetting Questionnaire (PVQ or SF-86 eApp and releases) must be submitted every five years, regardless of the individual's eligibility level.
- The five-year submission period is now determined by the "PVQ Date" in DISS (equivalent to the SF-86 date).

To identify personnel requiring the five-year update, organizations must use their DISS Subject Report and submit it to PSMO-I. **The PVQ Date is the basis for this update.**

### Frequently Asked Questions for DOW Guidance on Continuous Vetting (CV) and Five-Year Updates

- 1. DCSA's previous guidance mandated that Industry use the Continuous Vetting enrollment date to calculate the five-year periodicity. This guidance is now superseded, requiring the use of the Periodic PVQ date instead. What is the reason for this change?**

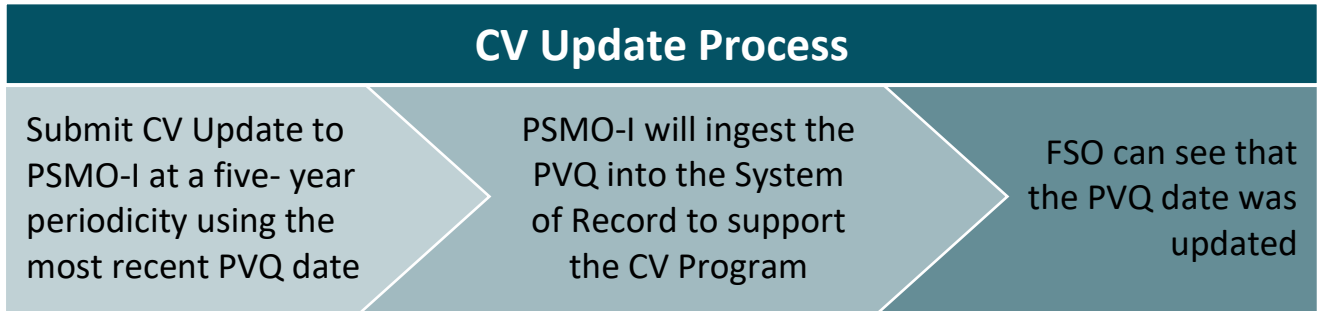
Due to recent changes in DISS regarding CV statuses, the PVQ date is the appropriate indicator to determine when the next PVQ is due.

- 2. Why is the PVQ or SF-86 eApp and release collection required every five years, which is more frequent than before? Has the impact on mission performance been considered?**

The requirement for collecting the PVQ every five years is mandated by the Security and Suitability Executive Agents in the *Executive Correspondence for Transforming Federal Personnel Vetting: Continuous Vetting and Other Measures to Expedite Reform and Transition to Trusted Workforce 2.0 (TW 2.0)*.

This updated periodicity is a critical element for (TW 2.0) and ensures that the government collects the most current information directly from the individual. Maintaining up-to-date individual data significantly enhances the effectiveness of both automated record checks and periodic time-based checks. Furthermore, having current information reduces the investigative resources to locate a subject, thus improving investigative mission performance.

**3. What are the steps involved in the PVQ update process?**



**4. How can I determine the periodicity for collection of the PVQ and signed release pages?**

To calculate the five-year periodicity, refer to the date of the most recent PVQ recorded in the CV section of DISS Subject Details. If a PVQ date is not available, the individual must complete a PVQ to enroll in CV.

**Important Note for Transfers/Reciprocity:** If a subject is transferring from another company or is part of a Reciprocity/Transfer of Trust action, the criteria above must still be followed to determine if a new PVQ and signed releases are required.

**5. IC CV enrollment is not always visible in DISS. What do I do about the five-year update?**

Currently, CV enrollment reciprocity among agencies is not established. If DCSA cannot verify CV enrollment in DISS, DCSA will request an updated PVQ. If a Facility Security Officer (FSO) observes that an individual's CV enrollment is not visible in DISS, they should proactively submit a PVQ.

**6. What should I put in the contract number in DISS when the PVQ update is submitted?**

Please enter this in the contract number field: CVUpdate.

**7. When will DCSA make available the report outlining the five-year requirement for submitting a PVQ or SF-86 eApp and releases, as well as the certification process? Also, will this be a recurring publication or a one-time report?**

The need for this information is logged as NBIS-20138, the "Five-Year Update Report." While the availability date for this report is still pending, you should use the DISS Subject Report and the provided criteria to proactively identify individuals who are due for these updates.

**8. What action should a cleared contractor take if an Intelligence Community (IC) or Special Access Program (SAP) customer requires a PVQ submission *before* the scheduled five-year update?**

Cleared contractors are directed to adhere to the specific guidance provided by their Government Contracting Activity regarding the submission of the PVQ in such situations.