



# DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY

## VOICE OF INDUSTRY DCSA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear FSO (sent on behalf of your ISR),

This monthly newsletter contains recent information, policy guidance, and security education and training updates. Please let us know if you have any questions or recommendations for information to be included.

### WHERE TO FIND THE "VOICE OF INDUSTRY" (VOI) NEWSLETTER

VOI Newsletters are posted for Facility Security Officers (FSOs) in the National Industrial Security System (NISS) Knowledge Base. Look for a monthly announcement on your NISS dashboard for each new VOI. VOI Newsletters are also found with important forms and guides on the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) website [Industry Tools Page](#) (VOIs are at the bottom). For more information on personnel vetting, industrial security, and other topics in the VOI, visit [www.dcsa.mil](http://www.dcsa.mil).

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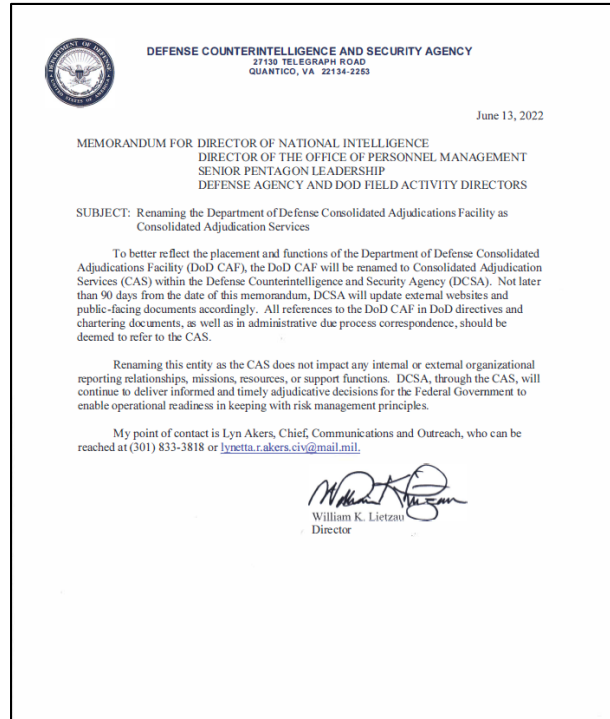
# CONSOLIDATED ADJUDICATION SERVICES (CAS)

## RENAMING OF THE DOD CAF

DCSA renamed the Department of Defense Consolidated Adjudications Facility (DoD CAF) to better reflect personnel vetting into the future. DoD CAF is now Consolidated Adjudication Services (CAS).

The renaming to DCSA CAS does not change any internal or external organizational reporting relationships, missions, resources, or support functions. DCSA, through the CAS, will continue to deliver informed and timely adjudicative decisions for the Federal Government to enable operational readiness in keeping with risk management principles.

DCSA CAS executes 99% of all DoD National Security Eligibility determinations, 92% of federal government-wide National Security Eligibility determinations, and 10% of federal government-wide Civilian Suitability and Credentialing decisions. DCSA CAS is the largest adjudication agency across the Government and the only adjudications one covering all three branches of Government.



## CAS ANNOUNCES FY21 YEAR IN REVIEW ANNUAL REPORT

The CAS is proud to share with you our second annual report covering FY21, highlighting our many accomplishments and continuous efforts to improve DoD-assigned adjudications and related personnel security eligibility determinations through enhanced business processes and streamlined security clearance process timelines. Our goal and commitment to you is to remain focused on continuous improvement through FY22 and beyond. Please take a moment to read our [FY21 Year in Review Annual Report](#).

## CAS CALL CENTER

The CAS Call Center is available by telephone or email for inquiries. For more information, please call 301-833-3850 or email the [CAS Call Center](#). We look forward to hearing from you.



## COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PARTNERSHIP TELECONFERENCE

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DCSA invites cleared industry and academia personnel to participate in the August secure video teleconference (SVTC). On August 11, the DCSA Counterintelligence Partnership Branch will host a SVTC presented by the Office of Counterintelligence Analysis Division on "FY21 Targeting U.S. Technologies: An Assessment of Threats to Cleared Industry." The entire briefing is SECRET//NOFORN. This event is for cleared personnel including but not limited to: executive officers, key management personnel, FSOs, engineers, business development personnel, industrial security personnel, and cyber security professionals. The SVTC will be held on August 11, 2022, from 1:00 – 2:30 PM ET at your local DCSA office. Please register [here](#).

## DCSA FORM 147 PROCESS GUIDE

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DCSA has replaced the DSS Form 147 for closed areas with the OMB-approved Open Storage Approval Checklist, DCSA Form 147. This enables National Industrial Security Program (NISP) contractors to provide information describing a facility's classified holdings, the types of safeguards employed, and construction methods and materials to ensure compliance with the 32 CFR Part 117, NISPOM Rule; Part 2001.43, Storage of Classified Information; and Part 2001.53, Open Storage Areas.

The collection of this information is approved under OMB No. 0705-0006. Upon approval and signature by a DCSA Industrial Security Representative (ISR), DCSA Form 147 becomes the official document of record that the Open Storage Area meets safeguarding requirements, and it permits the use of the designated space.

DCSA will approve the use of all Open Storage Areas under DCSA cognizance in accordance with current published policy. Contractors do not have self-approval authority at this time.

DCSA Form 147 can be found at [NISP Resources](#) under the "FSO Forms" tab.

The DCSA Form 147 Process Guide has been released to aid Industry in completing the form. The Process Guide can be found at [NISP Resources](#) under the "FSO Guides" tab.

## NATIONAL ACCESS ELSEWHERE SECURITY OVERSIGHT CENTER (NAESOC)

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### TEAM PROFILE: THE NAESOC OPERATIONS TEAM

The NAESOC Operations Team is the centerpiece of the NAESOC's Access Elsewhere facility oversight capabilities. Staffed by ISRs and Industrial Security Support Researchers, this group conducts traditional NISP oversight to include Security Compliance engagements, Security Inquires and Investigations, and advice and assistance related to facility security clearance (FCL) reporting requirements and complex NISPOM compliance issues. The Operations Team uses an enhanced risk identification processes to support the prioritization of compliance engagements with Industry.



In addition, this team provides a “Tier 2” function on the NAESOC Help Desk. That is, members of the Operations Team directly engage with FSOs and cleared industry if their issues or concerns are complex or higher risk. The NAESOC’s approach to risk elevation, which includes appropriate issue escalation, response, and continuous communication, ensures that the NAESOC functions seamlessly to mitigate FCL risk for our Industry and Government Contracting Activity partners.

## NAESOC WEB SITE HIGHLIGHTS

Be sure to keep up to date on the latest at the [NAESOC web site](#):

- Catch up on the [NAESOC Best Practices](#) presentation from the NCMS 58th Annual Training Seminar
- Download your own [Security Incident Job Aid](#) and [Threat Baseball Cards](#) from the Reporting Tab
- Download COMSEC, CNWDI, and NATO Briefing documents and instructions from the FAQ Tab.

## NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (NISS)

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### HAVE YOU NOTICED THE ENHANCEMENTS TO NISS YET?

The NISS Team has been hard at work bringing you much-needed system enhancements.

NISS Version 2.6.1.2 was released on June 15. This update resolved issues with the in-system messaging functionality, to include correcting DCSA recipients receiving an email notification when a new message is sent from Industry, and appropriately updating message statuses from “unread” to “read.”

NISS Version 2.6.1.3 was released June 29. This update resolved an issue preventing Industry users from deleting Subcontracts on Industry Facility Profile Update Requests. Industry will now be able to update, edit, and delete Subcontracts within these packages to submit to DCSA for review.

NISS Version 2.6.1.4 was released on July 20. This update incorporated a fix for previously terminated facilities in process for an FCL. The system will now update the Category on the Facility Profile to show previously Terminated Facilities’ Status as “IP” (In-Process) when a Sponsorship Package is submitted and approved.

For any technical questions with NISS, please contact the DCSA Knowledge Center at 888-282-7682 and select Option 2, then Option 2. The DCSA Knowledge Center hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM ET.



## NBIS INDUSTRY ONBOARDING REGIONAL STRATEGY

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In preparation of onboarding the initial Industry Org and User Managers into National Background Investigation Services (NBIS), please review the below information to learn more about onboarding strategy and how you will be notified to begin onboarding.

NBIS onboarding for Industry will be incrementally rolled-out based on a facility's regional designation as identified in NISS. Using this incremental approach allows for an orderly flow to the onboarding process for Industry organizations. The regional order is as follows:

1. Western Region
2. Eastern Region
3. Central Region
4. NAESOC & HQ Region
5. Mid-Atlantic Region

We recognize some multiple facility organizations may have cleared facilities in multiple regions. If this is applicable to your organization, please refer to the Industry Onboarding Fact Sheet and FAQ housed on the Resources Tab of the [NBIS Industry Onboarding](#) website for additional details.

Industry Organizations will receive notification no later than two weeks prior to the start of their designated region onboarding to NBIS and will include resources that will provide an introduction and overview of the process. Also, on the onboarding date, initial Industry participants will receive additional specifics and resources to guide the start of this process.

As always, for additional information and updates on NBIS Industry Onboarding, please visit the [NBIS Industry Onboarding](#) website.

## NISP CONTRACTS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NCCS)

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### NCCS? WHAT'S THAT?

The NISP Contracts Classification System (NCCS) established a centralized repository for the collection of classified contract security requirements and supporting data while automating the DD Form 254 processes and workflows.

A project is underway to refactor NCCS from the DLA PIEE application to one directly managed by DCSA. This effort will improve responsiveness and speed the development of upgrades through a streamlined management and common hosting approach with other DCSA systems.

The Minimum Viable Product was achieved on June 6. DCSA will be onboarding users in phases. In coordination with the Military Departments, the DCSA NCCS team began onboarding a limited number of Government users into the platform. Onboarding of Industry users will begin later in 2022. For more information, visit the [NCCS web site](#).



## UPDATED SECURITY RATING REFERENCE CARDS

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Based on feedback from DCSA field personnel and NISP security professionals, DCSA has updated the Security Rating reference cards located [here](#) under the "Resources" tab. You will notice the Satisfactory Security Rating Reference Card has been removed, as the general conformity determination has been made by the time such criteria are reviewed, and only caused confusion. The Commendable and Superior Security Rating Reference Cards have been reorganized to show that the criteria applies first to the rating level itself, and then has been secondarily bucketed into security posture categories for ease of communication. We hope these updates will help to remove any underlying confusion and help to improve the communication of review results.

## CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY EXCELLENCE (CDSE)

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### JULY PULSE: CDSE SECURITY AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

We recently released the CDSE Pulse, a monthly security awareness newsletter that features topics of interest to the security community. In addition, we share upcoming courses, webinars, and conferences. The July newsletter focused on "Completing the DD Form 254." Check out all the newsletters in CDSE's [Electronic Library](#) or subscribe/update your current subscription to get the newsletter sent directly to your inbox by submitting your email address to [CDSE News!](#)

### SEPTEMBER CYBERSECURITY INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE

The next "Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems" CS301.01 instructor-led course is scheduled to start September 12. This 5-day course provides students with guidance on applying policies and standards used throughout the U.S. Government to protect information within computer systems, as delineated by the Risk Management Framework (RMF) process. This course will also provide a comprehensive understanding of contractor requirements under the NISP. The target audience for this training includes Information System Security Managers, Information System Security Officers, and FSOs involved in the planning, management, and execution of security programs for cleared industry. To learn more, register, and view the required prerequisites, visit [Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems CS301.01](#).

### UPDATED RMF CYBERSECURITY COURSE NOW AVAILABLE

CDSE recently released the updated cybersecurity eLearning course "Introduction to the Risk Management Framework (RMF)" (CS124.16). This course identifies policies and regulations that govern the DoD RMF process, and defines DoD Information Technology and the categories of DoD information affected by the RMF. Additionally, it provides an understanding of the Seven Step Implementation process of RMF and the RMF's applicability to the DoD Acquisition Process.



This course was updated to introduce a new RMF Prepare Step because of major changes to Policy and Guidance. It also reflects updates to information flow, content, and graphics, and a terminology refresh to ensure alignment with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) 800-37 Rev 2, Risk Management Framework for Information Systems and Organizations: A System Life Cycle Approach for Security and Privacy.

To learn more and register for the updated course, visit [Introduction to the Risk Management Framework \(RMF\) CS124.16](#).

### CDSE WINS LEARNINGELITE AWARD

In June, CDSE won a Bronze Award for Learning and Development from the Chief Learning Officer's LearningElite program, honoring the best organizations for learning and development. For more than a decade, this robust, peer-reviewed ranking and benchmarking program recognizes those organizations that employ exemplary workforce development strategies that deliver significant business results. CDSE was recognized among major U.S. and international corporations and other U.S. Government agencies and Departments and was the highest-ranking U.S. Government organization.

### UPCOMING SECURITY CONFERENCE

Save the date for the 2022 Insider Threat Virtual Security Conference on September 1. Registration is not yet available but look for an announcement in future Pulse issues, the CDSE Flash, CDSE's social media, and on the [CDSE Webinars and Conferences](#) webpage.

### REGISTER NOW FOR UPCOMING WEBINARS

CDSE invites you to participate in all our upcoming webinars:

- NBIS: The Future of Personnel Vetting  
Thursday, August 18, 2022  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET
- Physical Security Posture: Security-In-Depth  
Wednesday, August 31, 2022  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Counter Insider Threat Resources for Your Organization  
Thursday, September 8, 2022  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Disinformation and Insider Threat  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Personnel Vetting Policy Overview with OUSD (I&S)  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET

Visit [CDSE Webinars and Conferences](#) to sign up for all three events and join the discussion!



## CDSE NEWS

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