

ALL DOD CLEARANCE HOLDERS WILL BE UNDER CONTINUOUS VETTING BY YEAR'S END

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The implementation of Continuous Vetting (CV) is ramping up through FY 2021, with the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency noting that all security clearance holders will be under its CV/Continuous Evaluation program by year's end.

CV enrollment remains the key as both the DoD and Intelligence Community work to enroll current clearance holders and new applicants and refine their vetting procedures.

DCSA said they are enrolling all new applicants post-adjudication and have 675,000 industry applicants currently enrolled, with approximately 350,000 industry subjects pending enrollment, according to Marrianna Martineau, assistant director for adjudications at DCSA.

The push forward for CV is made possible by IT advancements within DCSA, and the need for speed is fueled by the program's current success. Martineau noted that 48% of CV alerts were for issues that weren't previously known, with criminal and financial issues being the most likely to trigger an alert.

DCSA emphasized the need to continue to push security clearance holders to self-report information. Just because (or perhaps because) information is being flagged by CV, the self-reporting requirements are NOT eliminated. Candidates will improve their chances of maintaining eligibility by self-reporting potential issues, rather than failing to disclose them.

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As all security clearance holders move into CV status through the remainder of the year, ensuring adverse information is self-reported will be key. Just as some initial security clearance eligibility determinations go south with applicants try to hide information that should have been listed, current clearance holders could face personal conduct issues if they fail to self-report issues that should have been reported.

TOP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

REPORTING CATEGORY	EXAMPLE(S)
Espionage, Terrorism, Sabotage	The incident with the Tesla employee in August 2020 is an extreme example of a foreign actor approaching an employee with a sabotage attempt. But espionage can come find you at many points.
Adverse Information	Reporting in this category is based on the SEAD 4 Adjudicative Guidelines, so this reporting focuses on an employee’s ability to safeguard classified information. Items that fall under scope of adverse information are personal conduct issues, financial considerations, substance abuse, criminal conduct, allegiance to the U.S., foreign influence, and IT mis-use. It should go without saying, but if you happen to over hear a rumor, that does not constitute a reportable incident for you to submit.
Change in Status	Any changes in name, citizenship, employment termination, or death of an employee need to be documented. If you go through any legal name changes, don’t forget to ping security so that your records line up.
Disregarding Security Clearance Requirements	Perfection is not expected in national security. But the reality is that mistakes can cost lives. Cleared professionals are expected to have an overall pattern of reliability, truthfulness, and carefulness. While there may not be a tally board for someone’s whoopsies, a pattern of negligence or carelessness does require reporting.

For more information relating to your reporting requirements, please follow instructions outlined here:

https://www.dcsa.mil/mc/pv/mbi/self_reporting/

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