

Frequently Asked Questions

2018 Implementation of Interim Backlog Mitigation Measures for Entities Cleared by DoD under the National Industrial Security Program

1. Is there still a requirement to submit investigation requests (SF86) for periodic reinvestigations?
 - Answer: Yes. You are required to submit completed Standard Form 86 and the reinvestigation request, six years from the date of last investigation for the T5Rs (in accordance with January 2017 guidance) and 10 years from the date of the last reinvestigation for the T3Rs.

2. Does the PR deferment and enrollment into Continuous Evaluation (CE) include TS/SCI?
 - Answer: Yes.

3. Does the deferment include investigation requests supporting non-DOD agencies/signatories within the NISP?
 - Answer: Yes, personnel performing on contracts for NISP signatories are included. The guidance within the memorandum, signed by the Director of National Intelligence, in his capacity as the Security Executive Agent, and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, in his capacity as the Suitability & Credentialing Executive Agent, provides direction to all federal departments and agencies.

4. Will I be notified when a submitted PR request has been deferred and enrolled in CE?
 - Answer: Yes. The Personnel Security Management Office for Industry (PSMO-I) will send a Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS) message advising when the Subject's investigation has been stopped in JPAS and the Subject has been enrolled in CE. In the future, the deferment of reinvestigations enrolled in CE will be recorded in the personnel security system of record.

5. What should I do if a government customer requests an open investigation date be reflected in JPAS?
 - Answer: The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence signed a memorandum on December 7, 2016, reminding DoD Components that personnel security clearances do not expire. Individuals with current eligibility in the JPAS, or its successor system, should not be denied access based solely on an out-of-scope investigation. That memorandum is posted on the DSS website for ease of reference. If you encounter any challenges with this process, please email dss.ncr.dss-isfo.mbx.psmoi@mail.mil for assistance.

6. What is the screening criteria for deciding who will be enrolled into CE or submitted for the traditional National Background Investigations Bureau (NBIB) investigation process?
 - Answer: PSMO-I will review the submitted SF-86s for completeness and identify information of potential adjudicative relevance, and will review the DoD personnel security system of record for any unresolved security incident reports or new information of adjudicative relevance.