

Defense Security Service (DSS) Assessment and Authorization Process Manual (DAAPM) Version 1.3 Summary of Changes

The following is a comprehensive list of changes to the DAAPM version 1.3, released June 4, 2018 from the previous version released November 17, 2017.

While the majority of content has not changed, this manual has been revised to better assist users in the implementation of the Risk Management Framework (RMF). This version update revolves around two specific areas of interest.

First, is the inclusion of a recommended 90 day submission period for RMF packages. This change is located at the beginning of Section 6 which has been renamed to "Assessment and Authorization Implementation Guidance". The rationale for the change is to ensure that both industry and DSS allow time to sufficiently work the packages before and after submission.

Next, is defining who (Cleared Industry or DSS) has responsibility for each step of the process. Contained in Section 6 is a walk-through of each RMF step with tasks and who is responsible for those tasks. In summary, Industry is responsible for Step 1, Step 2, Step 3, the first part of Step 4 and the first part of Step 6. DSS is responsible for the second part of Step 4, Step 5 and the second part of Step 6. Additionally, the flowchart in Section 5 is updated to reflect ownership of each step. Finally, the Concurrence Form has been eliminated. The intent of these updates is to eliminate confusion.

The following sections have been updated:

- Section 5.1 – Introduction to the Risk Management Framework, Page 16
- Section 6 – Assessment and Authorization Implementation Guidance, Page 17
- Section 6.1 – RMF Step 1, Categorize, Page 19
- Section 6.2 – RMF Step 2, Select, Pages 20-21
- Section 6.3 – RMF Step 3, Implement, Page 22
- Section 6.4 – RMF Step 4, Assess, Pages 22-25
- Section 6.5 – RMF Step 5, Authorize, Page 25