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SUBJECT: Temporary Waiver of DoD Manual 8570.01-M Qualification Requirements

The qualification requirements of DoD Manual 8570.01-M are temporarily waived for any member of the information assurance (IA) or workforce (current or prospective civilian employee, assigned Military Service member, or person contracted to provide services) who are currently unable to meet the requirements of the policy as a result of closures due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

IA workforce members who are currently qualified will be expected to maintain qualification during this period (e.g., through continuing education). However, IA workforce members who are qualified through a baseline certification that requires a retest, and whose current baseline certification expires during the period of this waiver are covered under this waiver.

This waiver will remain in effect through October 31st, 2020. If COVID-19 closures are still impacting IA workforce qualification requirements, an extension of this waiver will be considered.

IA workforce members will be allowed six months after certification testing sites re-open to attain qualification, even if this date falls outside the period of this waiver stated in the paragraph above.

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