BACK-TO-BASICS: CONTRACTING

Why Modernize?

The Contracting (CON) Functional Area updated training, education, and experience requirements for their community as part of the initiative to modernize the implementation of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification framework. At the core of BtB is lifelong learning – required training will be streamlined and supplemented by a rich array of role-specific training to meet individual needs.

Proposed Certification Requirements:

Training
• CON 1100V, CON 1200V, CON 1300V, CON 1400V, CON 3900V (Optional), CON 3990V (Exam)

CON Acquisition Experience
• 12 months full time experience applying Contracting Common Competencies

Education: No degree required for certification

CLP Requirement: 80 hours every two years

What’s New in February ‘22?

• The updated framework features a single tier of certification: Foundational.
• Certification training hours have been reduced by approximately 72%.
• After certification, the Defense Acquisition Credential Program provides job-relevant, point-of-need training in specific acquisition topics.

More Time to Complete…

Planning is underway to potentially expand the current two year grace period to complete certification requirements to three years for Foundational.

What’s Next?

Full implementation of the Back-to-Basics framework is planned for February 2022. For more information, refer to: https://www.hci.mil/btb.html

Already Certified?

Previously earned DAWIA certifications will remain on an individual’s training history. For CON, workforce members may be eligible to transition to Contracting Professional if a position is coded into the Contracting Functional Area and if currently certified at any level in CON, Purchasing (PUR), or Industrial Contract Property Management (ICPM).

More resources coming soon!

"Why Modernize?" Video

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