

# DCSA SECURITY REVIEW & RATING PROCESS UPDATES

The DCSA conducts regular security reviews of NISP contractors to ensure classified information is protected and in compliance with NISPOM standards. The aim: help contractors strengthen their security program.

Recently, DCSA revamped its Security Review and Rating Process to standardize and objectify evaluations. Previously reliant on individual judgment, the new system uses numerical values to better pinpoint gaps and strengths, ensuring fair, consistent audits and clearer insights into compliance.








## DCSA's Security Review evaluates contractors' compliance with NISPOM, focusing on these key areas:

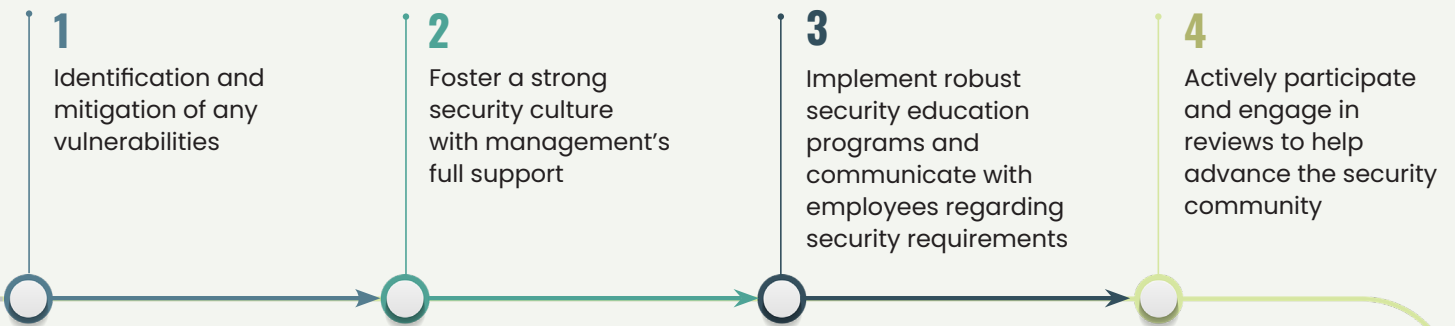
- Proper implementation
- Senior leadership support
- Employee security awareness
- Engagement with the broader security community

## SECURITY RATINGS

After the review, contractors are rated on a scale of five levels:

-  **Superior:** Demonstrates best-in-class security practices, proactive measures, and minimal vulnerabilities
-  **Commendable:** Above-average compliance with room for improvement in certain areas
-  **Satisfactory:** Meets the necessary security standards
-  **Marginal:** Significant gaps in security that need immediate improvement
-  **Unsatisfactory:** Critical failures in compliance, putting classified information at risk

## PATH TO A HIGHER RATING



This process change aligns with evolving security demands, ensuring national security remains the priority.

For more details, visit DCSA's official page on the [Security Review and Rating Process](#)