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CIPP Plan System: Frequently Asked Questions

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The Comprehensive Integrated Primary Prevention (CIPP) Plan System maintains registration data and stores community CIPP Plans. The CIPP Plan System allows Integrated Primary Prevention Workforce (IPPW) personnel to register, upload, and review CIPP Plans, and provides authorized individuals with access to these plans.

This document contains a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the CIPP Plan System and is intended to provide users with a high-level overview. For assistance with any questions not contained here, please reach out to the help desk using the points of contact listed at the end of this document.

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General

What is a CIPP Plan?

A CIPP Plan is a tool used to document planned integrated primary prevention-based activities to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors to promote healthier command climates across communities in the Department. The CIPP Plan for a community is informed by a variety of data, including administrative records, reports, interview data, focus group data, and survey data such as the Defense Organizational Climate Survey (DEOCS). For more information on CIPP Plans, see the following:

- [DoD Prevention Tools](#)
- [DoD Instruction \(DoDI\) 6400.11, DoD Integrated Primary Prevention Policy for Prevention Workforce and Leaders](#)
- [Development of a Comprehensive Integrated Primary Prevention Plan](#) Joint Knowledge Online (JKO) Training
- [The CIPP Plan Extended Template](#) (developed by the Office of Force Resiliency Violence Prevention Cell [OFR VPC])
- [CIPP Plan Example](#)

What is a community?

A community consists of a community leader and the units/organizations represented in a CIPP Plan. Units and organizations can be grouped into communities along varying dimensions, such as geography or mission. Each Service defines how communities are organized.

What is a Command Climate Assessment (CCA)?

A CCA is a review of the command climate and leadership characteristics within a unit/organization. There are two types of CCAs—the Annual CCA and the Change of Command (CoC) CCA. Annual CCA activities must include administration of the annual DEOCS and consideration of additional data collection such as administrative records, reports, interview data, focus group data, or other existing data. The incoming commander's/leader's CoC CCA activities include a review of the previous DEOCS results, an assessment of the previous commander's/leader's progress in implementing the CIPP Plan, and other data sources. A CoC CCA does not include fielding a DEOCS outside of the annual DEOCS fielding period, although a Defense Organizational Climate Pulse (DOCP) may be administered.

What is the Defense Command Climate Portal?

The [Office of People Analytics \(OPA\) Defense Command Climate Portal \(DCP\)](#) is a DoD website that includes the DEOCS, DOCP¹, CIPP Plan, and Tracking systems. The DEOCS and DOCP systems are used to register, create, and field command climate surveys and view results of those surveys. The CIPP Plan System is used to register and upload CIPP Plans. The Tracking System is used to track survey and CIPP Plan registrations, providing data on all relevant information a user has access to.

How do I get an OPA Defense Command Climate Portal account?

To create an OPA DCP account, please go to the OPA DCP account self-registration page (<https://www.drcedirect.com/all/eca-security-ui/#!/deocs-register>) to create your account.

What is the CIPP Plan System?

The CIPP Plan System is a centralized hub for the registration and upload of CIPP Plans within the OPA DCP. The CIPP Plan System is where IPPW personnel register and upload CIPP Plans for their communities. The CIPP Plan System also allows community leaders and unit/organization leaders to view and download CIPP Plans associated with their communities/units/organizations.

To access the CIPP Plan System, navigate to the OPA DCP:

<https://www.drcedirect.com/all/eca-portal-v2-ui/#/login/deocs>

and then click the “CIPP Plan” tile.

Welcome to the OPA Defense Climate Portal (DCP)



DEOCS

Access the Defense Organizational Climate Survey (DEOCS) System

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DOCP

Access the Defense Organizational Climate Pulse (DOCP) Survey System

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CIPP Plan

Access the Comprehensive Integrated Primary Prevention (CIPP) Plan System

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Tracking

Access the Tracking System and generate a compliance table

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¹ The DOCP is an agile, fully customizable survey tool available to unit commanders and organization leaders that can contain up to 16 selected questions. You can [learn more about the DOCP here](#).

Who has access to the CIPP Plan System?

All DCP users have access to the CIPP Plan System, including CIPP Plan administrators, IPPW personnel, community leaders, unit/organization leaders and their proxies, and those performing IPPW duties. However, each of these groups will have different levels of access.

IPPW personnel and others performing IPPW duties are responsible for registering and uploading CIPP Plans. These CIPP Plans are to follow the CIPP Plan Templates provided on <https://www.prevention.mil/Climate-Portal/Defense-Climate-Portal-Comprehensive-Integrated-Primary-Prevention-Plan-System-Resource-Center/#plantemplates> or the template or format provided by their Service.

Community leaders and unit/organization leaders have permissions in the system to view CIPP Plans and registrations for communities they are associated with. In other words, all unit/organization leaders within a CIPP community will be able to see the uploaded CIPP Plan and registration for the community they belong to. Additionally, community leaders and unit/organization leaders can assign proxies in the CIPP Plan System. A named proxy may act on behalf of the user they are associated with, allowing for continuity of operations in the event an individual is on leave, ill, or otherwise indisposed.

What is the relationship between a DEOCS and a CIPP Plan?

A CIPP Plan is informed by the most recent DEOCS data for the units/organizations in a community, in addition to other data sources. An annual CIPP Plan is typically created after the previous annual DEOCS fielding period.

What is the difference between an annual and updated CIPP Plan?

An annual CIPP Plan is due at the end of May each year and synthesizes DEOCS results and other information to further primary prevention in a community. Registering an updated CIPP Plan is an optional step that can be completed to reflect CIPP Plan document changes, registration edits, or a review of annual CIPP Plan progress. A review of progress may identify additional prevention activities or changes to prevention activities for the community.

When does an annual CIPP Plan need to be uploaded?

An annual CIPP Plan for a community needs to be registered and submitted in the CIPP Plan System no later than May 31 according to DoDI 6400.11.

When does an updated CIPP Plan need to be uploaded?

An updated CIPP Plan is optional. An updated CIPP Plan can be uploaded after the annual CIPP Plan is submitted and can be registered one time. Because a CIPP Plan can only be updated one time, it's important to ensure accuracy of the registration information and uploaded PDF file.

Registering a CIPP Plan

What is a “registration” in the CIPP Plan System?

Registration is the process of creating a database record of a community’s CIPP Plan in the CIPP Plan System. Within the system, a user enters information about the community and the CIPP Plan. The CIPP Plan registration process is complete when a PDF of the final CIPP Plan is uploaded, then submitted.

Who can register a CIPP Plan?

All OPA DCP users can register a CIPP Plan. While any user can register a CIPP Plan, IPPW user permissions exist in the OPA DCP that allow IPPW personnel to view all DEOCS or DOCP registrations and reports for their Service component, providing maximum visibility of DEOCS and DOCP data to inform CIPP Plan development. If IPPW user permissions are needed, users can be assigned the necessary privileges by a Service-Level Administrator before registering a CIPP Plan. These Service-Level Administrators are listed in the “CIPP Plan Registration Help” section below. Please see the guidance in the “Registering, Uploading, and Submitting an Annual CIPP Plan” document found under the [“Create Annual CIPP Plan”](#) tab on the CIPP Plan System Resource Center for more information on how to create an account.

How do I register an annual CIPP Plan?

The first step is to [navigate to the OPA DCP](#), log in to the CIPP Plan System, and then click “Create Annual CIPP Plan.” You will then be asked to enter CIPP Plan registration information before uploading a PDF of the plan to the system. For step-by-step instructions on how to complete the annual registration, see the resources found under the [“Create Annual CIPP Plan”](#) tab on the CIPP Plan System Resource Center.

A CIPP Plan may be developed and finalized prior to registration in the CIPP Plan System.

How do I register an updated CIPP Plan?

The first step is to [navigate to the OPA DCP](#), log in to the CIPP Plan System, and then click “Create Updated CIPP Plan.” You will then be asked to input updated CIPP Plan registration information and upload a copy of the updated plan to the system. For step-by-step instructions on how to complete the updated registration, please see the resources found under the [“Create Updated CIPP Plan”](#) tab on the CIPP Plan System Resource Center.

A CIPP Plan may be developed and finalized prior to registration in the CIPP Plan System.

If there are no changes to my annual CIPP Plan, do I have to register and upload an updated CIPP Plan?

No. Updated CIPP Plan registration is an optional step starting in 2026.

What kind of CIPP Plan should I upload if I didn't meet the annual CIPP Plan deadline?

An annual CIPP Plan should still be submitted even if it is past the May 31 deadline. If changes are needed after the annual plan is registered, an updated CIPP Plan can be registered.

What are the different sections of the registration process in the CIPP Plan System?

The registration process consists of six sections: (1) Community Information, (2) Community Priorities; (3) Community Unit/Organization Information; (4) CIPP Plan Upload; (5) Link CIPP Plan; and (6) Review and Submit.

What file types can be uploaded?

The CIPP Plan must be saved as a single PDF to upload to the system.

What is meant by unit type in a CIPP Plan registration?

The unit type is an optional field in the CIPP Plan registration that can be identified for each unit or organization that comprises a community. The type of unit should draw from the following list according to Service.

If your unit type is not listed below, please type out the unit type in the open text field in the OPA DCP.

Department of War

- Communications/Cyber
- Force Development
- Force Structure, Resources & Assessment
- HQ/Staff
- Intelligence Office
- Logistics
- Manpower & Personnel
- Operations
- Strategic Plans & Policy
- Other

Joint Service

- Communications/Cyber
- Force Development
- Force Structure, Resources & Assessment
- HQ/Staff
- Intelligence Office
- Logistics
- Manpower & Personnel
- Operations
- Strategic Plans & Policy
- Other

[ACTIVE DUTY] US Army (USA)

- Acquisitions
- Adjutant General
- Air Defense Artillery
- Airborne
- Armor
- Aviation
- Cavalry
- Chemical
- Engineer
- Field Artillery
- Finance
- HQ Staff/Element
- Infantry
- Logistics
- Maneuver and Multifunctional Support
- Medical
- Military Intelligence and Language
- Military Police
- Operations
- Ordnance
- Recruiting
- Signal
- Special Forces
- Training
- Transportation
- Other

[ACTIVE DUTY] US Navy (USN)

- Air
- Aircraft Carrier
- Amphibious
- Construction
- Expeditionary
- HQ Staff/Element
- Information Dominance
- Medical
- Reserve Forces
- Shore
- Special Forces
- Submarine
- Submarine Shore
- Surface Combatant
- Training
- Other

[ACTIVE DUTY] US Marine Corps (USMC)

- Artillery
- AVN Support Units (MWSS, MALS, MWCS, MWCG, VMU, etc.)
- Deputy Commandants (DCI, P&R, PPO, M&RA, I&L, MCCDC, AVN)
- Fixed Wing
- Formal Learning Centers
- HQ Cmd (MARFOR, IPAC, LSSS, HQBn, and H&SvC Bn)
- Infantry
- Logistics (CLR, CLB, ESB, CEB, Maint, Supply, TSB)
- MARSOC
- MCRC District Cmd
- MCRDs
- MEF HQ Group
- MEU
- Rotary Wing
- Other Combat Arms (Recon, LAR, Tanks, AAV, ANGLICO)

[ACTIVE DUTY] US Air Force (USAF)

- Air Mobility
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Civil Engineering
- Communications
- Contracting
- Dental
- Flying (Non-Training)
- Flying (Training)

- Force Support
- HQ Staff/Element
- Logistics
- Maintenance
- Medical
- Medical Operations
- Medical Support
- Operations
- Recruiting
- Rescue
- Security Forces
- Special Operations
- Training
- Training Support
- Weather
- Other

[ACTIVE DUTY] US Space Force (USSF)

- Air Mobility
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Civil Engineering
- Communications
- Contracting
- Dental
- Flying (Non-Training)
- Flying (Training)
- Force Support
- HQ Staff/Element
- Logistics
- Maintenance
- Medical
- Medical Operations
- Medical Support
- Operations
- Recruiting
- Rescue
- Security Forces
- Special Operations
- Training
- Training Support
- Weather
- Other

[ACTIVE DUTY] US Coast Guard (USCG)

- AIRSTA/AIRFAC
- Area/District
- BASE/IPF/IPD/CEU
- Cutter
- HQ (DIRECTORATES, DCO, DCMS)
- MSST/MSRT/MFPU/TACLET/PSU
- SECTOR/SFO/MSU/MSD/STATION.ANT
- Other Ashore Unit

National Guard (Army/Air/Joint)

- Not applicable

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- MSST/MSRT/MFPU/TACLET/PSU
- SECTOR/SFO/MSU/MSD/STATION.ANT
- Other Ashore Unit

Making Changes to a CIPP Plan Registration

Can I save my progress in the CIPP Plan System and complete the registration later?

Yes. You can save your progress and return to the CIPP Plan System at a later time to complete the registration of a CIPP Plan. This can be helpful if your community has multiple units or if your plan is mostly complete with a few key pieces of information outstanding.

To edit an in-process CIPP Plan, navigate to “My Communities & CIPPs.” Once there, you will see the available CIPP Plans, which include in-process CIPP Plan registrations. For more information on how to edit in-process CIPP Plans, see the guidance in the “My Communities & CIPP Plans” document found under the [My Communities and CIPP Plans](#) tab.

Can I replace/edit/update my CIPP Plan registration or PDF after it's submitted in the OPA DCP?

An annual CIPP Plan registration cannot be edited once it has been submitted. However, the optional updated CIPP Plan registration now provides an opportunity to update the annual CIPP Plan or registration information and re-register. Keep in mind that you are only able to update an annual CIPP Plan submission one time.

I'm a community leader; can I edit a CIPP Plan registration for my community?

No. A community leader can only view CIPP Plan registrations in the OPA DCP after the CIPP Plan is complete, uploaded, and submitted to the system. The registration information and CIPP Plan in the system are locked and cannot be reopened once a CIPP Plan has been submitted.

I am a unit commander/organization leader; can I edit a CIPP Plan registration associated with my unit/organization?

No. A unit commander/organization leader can only view CIPP Plan registrations in the OPA DCP after the CIPP Plan is complete, uploaded, and submitted to the system. The registration information and CIPP Plan in the system are locked and cannot be reopened once a CIPP Plan has been submitted.

Viewing a CIPP Plan and Associated Registration

How do I view my unit's/organization's CIPP Plan?

Click “My Communities & CIPP Plans” on the CIPP Plan System home page. The system will provide the list of completed CIPP Plan registrations to which you have access.

CIPP Plan Registration Help

Who should CIPP Plan System users contact if they experience technical difficulties using the CIPP Plan System?

If you have technical questions about the CIPP Plan System or the registration process, please contact our help desk at:

- OPA_DCP@datarecognitioncorp.com
- 1-833-867-5674

Who should CIPP Plan System users contact if they have questions about the content of their CIPP Plan or need to be granted IPPW user privileges?

Below are points of contact for the Service-level IPPW. Please contact the appropriate persons via e-mail by searching for their name in your Service e-mail directory.

- U.S. Army
 - Beverly L. Fortson
 - Marjorie D. Dorak
 - Katherine C. Schaughency
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 - Amanda R. Braasch
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 - IPPW: cnic.ipp.hq@us.navy.mil
 - Reserve IPPW: CNRF_IPP@us.navy.mil
 - CCSs. CMOs: opnav-ippw@us.navy.mil
- U.S. Marine Corps
 - Robert Wilson
 - Aaron A. Bonner
 - Paul Corner
 - Kevin M. Thompson
 - Shanell Bell
 - Patricia L. Reynolds
 - Blanca E. Gonzalez-Phelps
 - Andrea Cole
 - Brendan M. Timmons
 - Donovan Saltergreen
 - Herman Hayes
 - Mika Haberlin-Sleppy
 - James Copeland
 - Sandra Morrison
 - Rose Barros
 - Jessica Thompson-Tyus
 - Nita Naschold
 - Kaylani Abejar
 - Ernest W. Rose
 - Abby Duran
 - Michelle Wozniak
 - Lauren Swinson
 - Anne Hickey
 - Jennifer Duhon
 - Jackson C. Green
- U.S. Air Force

- Vincent Howard²
- Jenna Lightfoot
- U.S. Space Force
 - Krystal Shiver
- U.S. National Guard
 - Emily L. Vernon

² Please reach out to the e-mail address that includes .6 to contact Vincent Howard.