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SUBJECT: Department of Defense Financial Management Certification Program – Decoupling
from the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Certification

References: (a) DoDI 1300.26, “Operation of the DoD Financial Management Certification
Program,” May 2018
(b) DoDI 5000.66, “Defense Acquisition Workforce Education, Training,
Experience, and Career Development Program,” March 25, 2022

Financial Management (FM) workforce members assigned to positions coded for both the Defense Financial Management Certification Program (DFMCP) and the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Certification must complete both certification requirements. Reference (a), as currently published, authorizes FM workforce members in these positions to complete the DAWIA requirements first and are assigned a reduced curriculum in the DFMCP system of record.

In March 2022, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment revised DoDI 5000.66 “Defense Acquisition Workforce Education, Training, Experience, And Career Development Program” incorporating significant changes to the DAWIA certification curriculum and extended grace periods for completion beyond the DFMCP two-year requirement. Due to the substantial DAWIA program changes, FM workforce members occupying both DFMCP and DAWIA coded positions must achieve both certifications independently and meet all DFMCP certification requirements in accordance with reference (a).

Effective immediately, Section 7, “FM and Acquisition-Coded Positions,” of reference (a) is no longer in effect. This policy change will be included in the next DoDI 1300.26 update.

FM workforce members who have already achieved initial certification will not be impacted. New DAWIA courses may be aligned, as appropriate, to the DFMCP competencies in order to satisfy many of the DFMCP requirements.

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