301.607–75 Maintenance of FAC–P/PM certification.

(a) FAC–P/PM certification lasts for 2 years. To maintain FAC–P/PM certification, HHS Program and Project Managers are required to earn 80 CLPs of skills currency every 2 years, starting from the date of their initial certification or recertification, and document completion of all training. If the required CLPs are not earned within each 2-year period, a FAC–P/PM certification will lapse. Lapsed certifications may be reinstated when 80 CLPs have been accumulated.

(b) Continuous learning activities related to FAC–P/PM include, but are not limited to—

1. Training activities, such as teaching, self-directed study, and mentoring;
2. Courses completed to achieve certification at the next higher level;
3. Professional activities, such as attending/speaking/presenting at professional seminars/symposia/conferences, publishing papers, and attending workshops;
4. Educational activities, such as formal training and formal academic programs; and
5. Experience, such as developmental or rotational assignments.


301.607–76 FAC–P/PM application process.

The P/PM Handbook contains application procedures and forms to be completed for basic certification; certification transfer; certification through fulfillment; recertification; and certification waiver. Applicants for HHS FAC–P/PM certification actions shall comply with the requirements and procedures specified in the P/PM Handbook and refer any questions to their OPDIV ACM for resolution.

301.607–77 Governance.

The Departmental ACM, in ASFR/OGAPA/DA, serves as the Departmental FAC–P/PM Program Manager and is responsible for administering the program. To support the overall management of the FAC–P/PM certification program at the OPDIV level, Executive Officers and their HCAs may either use their existing ACM or designate an additional ACM, whose professional background includes program and project management. See Appendix B, Federal Acquisition Certification—Program and Project Managers—Roles and Responsibilities, in the P/PM Handbook for additional information.

301.607–78 Contracting Officer designation of a Program/Project Manager as the Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative.

Personnel who are FAC–P/PM certified, at any level, meet the requirements for FAC–COTR certification and are, therefore, not required to obtain FAC–COTR certification to serve as a COTR for an HHS acquisition. However, for those individuals serving as a Program or Project Manager under a FAC–P/PM certification waiver—see 301.607–73, the Contracting Officer shall ensure that the individual meets the requirements of HHS’ FAC–COTR program before delegating authority to that individual to act as a COTR. See 301.605 for additional information regarding the Contracting Officer’s designation of a COTR.

301.608 Training requirements for purchase cardholders, Approving Officials, and Agency/Organization Program Coordinators.

Training requirements for purchase cardholders, Approving Officials, and Agency/Organization Program Coordinators are listed in the following table:

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| $3,001 to $25,000 | Prospective/newly appointed purchase card holders and Approving Officials. | • Basic purchase card training (HHS University course or an equivalent).  
• Basic simplified acquisition procedures (e.g., DAU’s CON 237).  
• Advanced simplified acquisition procedures or Appropriations law. |
| $25,001 to $100,000 | Prospective/newly appointed purchase card holders and Approving Officials. | Yearly refresher purchase card training.  
• Basic purchase card training (HHS University course or an OPDIV equivalent course).  
• Basic simplified acquisition procedures (e.g., DAU’s CON 237).  
• Advanced simplified acquisition procedures or Appropriations law.  
• CON 100 (Shaping Smart Business Arrangements).  
• CON 110 (Mission Support Planning).  
• Yearly refresher purchase card training (attendance at GSA’s annual training conference satisfies refresher training). |
| Not applicable | Prospective/newly appointed Agency/Organization Program Coordinators. | • CON 110 (Mission Support Planning).  
• Yearly refresher purchase card training.  
• Basic purchase card training (HHS University course or an OPDIV equivalent course).  
• Basic simplified acquisition procedures (e.g., DAU’s CON 237).  
• Advanced simplified acquisition procedures or Appropriations law.  
• CON 100 (Shaping Smart Business Arrangements).  
• CON 110 (Mission Support Planning).  
• Yearly refresher purchase card training (attendance at GSA’s annual training conference satisfies refresher training). |

*Cardholders and Approving Officials with authorized increases in delegation of procurement authority (DPA) have up to 3 months to complete the training requirements for the new DPA.

**CON 237, CON 100, and CON 110 are available at the DAU Web site at http://www.dau.mil/registrar/enroll.asp. CON 100 is also offered through HHS University (see Web site at: http://learning.hhs.gov).**

**Subpart 302.1—Definitions**

302.101 Definitions.

(a) Agency head or head of the Agency, unless otherwise stated, means the head of the OPDIV for: AHRQ; CDC; CMS; FDA; HRSA; IHS; NIH; SAMHSA; and ASFR for the Office of the Secretary (OS), including PSC. The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) is the head of the agency for BARDA contracting functions.

(b) Chief of the Contracting Office is typically a mid-level management official, usually an office director, division director, or branch chief, who manages and monitors the daily contract operations of an OPDIV or major component of an OPDIV. The CCO is subordinate to the HCA, except where the same individual is the HCA and CCO.

(c) Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative is a Federal employee whom a Contracting Officer has designated in writing to act as the Contracting Officer’s representative in monitoring and administering specified aspects of contractor performance after award of a contract.