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## Ready to be Certifiable

Dear Editor:

What is the current status for implementing the Product Assurance Certification Program? What criteria will be used to make the final determination on who will need to pursue the professional certifications (employees within a certain window of retirement eligibility)? Will there be any “grandfathering” of employees? Will funding be available for those who may need to take courses to meet certification requirements? Will there be a priority established for those who require training funds? Will duty time be made available for employees who are taking courses or are preparing for the certification examinations?

## — Desperately Seeking Certification

*The Product Assurance Certification Program continues to progress. The DCMA Headquarters Product Assurance Division is finalizing the appropriate competencies in the technical areas with the product divisions. It also is selecting the courses that will close gaps when appropriate. In that process, a course catalog is being developed that will be published soon. Determinations are also being made in the area of professional certifications. DCMA will require new hires to achieve professional certification from a recognized professional society or organization within a specified*

*time period, depending on the certification program. At this time there is no requirement for the current workforce to achieve professional certification. We do offer and encourage our current quality assurance specialists, software specialists, industrial specialists and engineers to take advantage of the courses required to achieve professional certification within budget constraints, but it is not required at this time.*

“What’s on your mind?”



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