



# FedRAMP Online Training Review and Approve (R&A) Process

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# Today's Training

- Welcome to part three of the FedRAMP Training Series:
  1. Introduction to the Federal Risk and Authorization Program (FedRAMP) – 100A
  2. FedRAMP System Security Plan (SSP) Required Documents – 200A
  - 3. FedRAMP Review and Approve (R&A) Process – 201A**
  4. Third Party Assessment Organization (3PAO) New Requirements
  5. Rev 3 to Rev 4 Transition
  6. Security Assessment Report (SAR) and Security Assessment Plan (SAP) Overview
  7. Significant Change Training for CSPs
- Goal of the FedRAMP Training Series is to provide a deeper understanding of the FedRAMP program and how to successfully complete a FedRAMP Authorization Package assessment

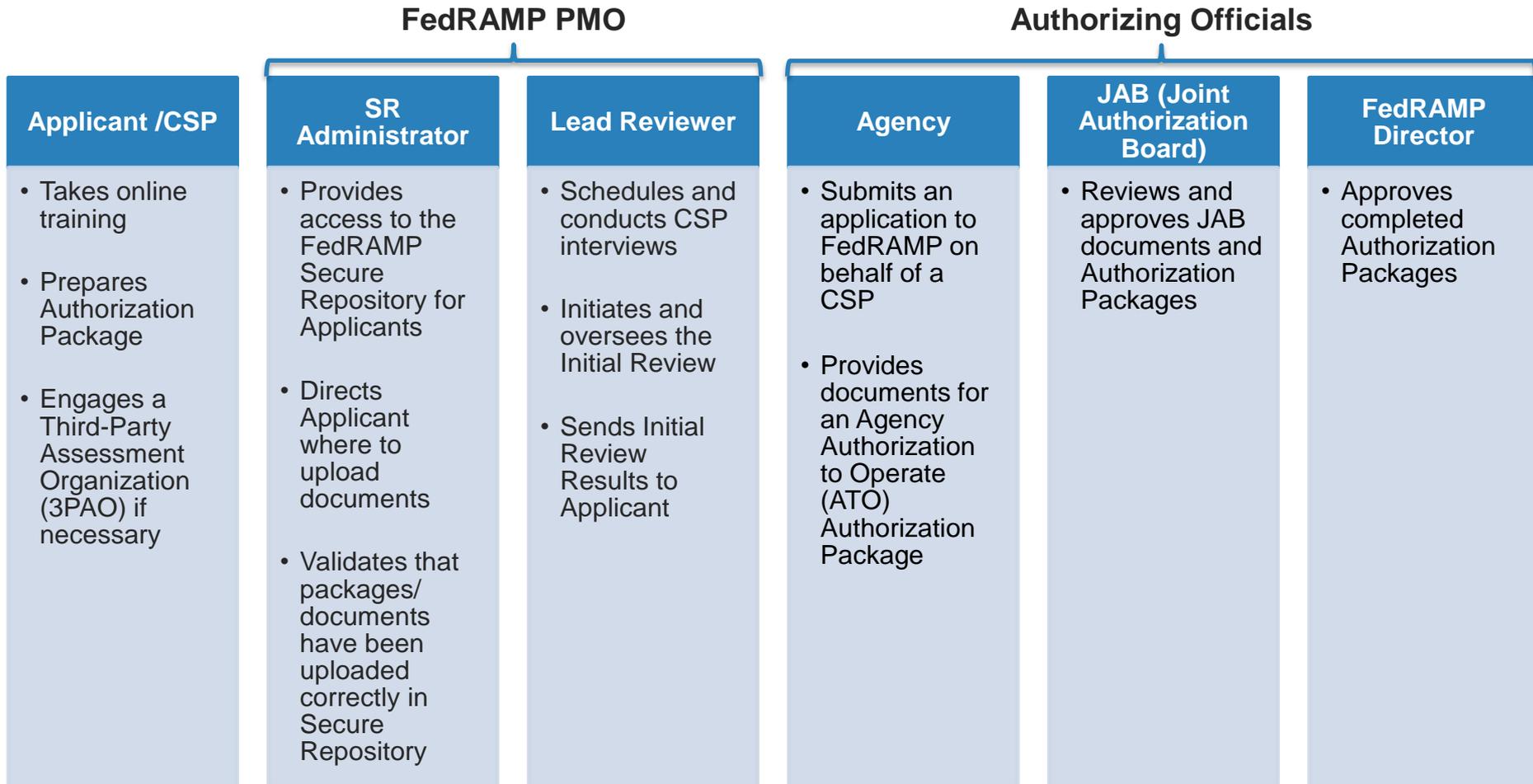


# Training Objectives

- At the conclusion of this training session the participant should understand:
  - The roles and responsibilities of the FedRAMP PMO, CSPs, and Authorizing Officials
  - The designations given to Authorization Packages throughout the R&A Process
  - The actions an Applicant must take to properly prepare and apply for a FedRAMP Authorization
  - How the FedRAMP PMO conducts the Initial and Detailed Reviews of Authorization Packages
  - The criteria for approving an Authorization Package



# R&A Process Roles and Responsibilities





# FedRAMP Authorization Paths and Designations

## JAB P-ATO

CSP Authorization Packages are reviewed by an accredited 3PAO and then reviewed by both FedRAMP ISSOs and the JAB

## Agency ATO

Agencies can submit an Authorization Package on behalf of a CSP

## CSP Supplied

CSPs may independently submit an Authorization Package to FedRAMP for prospective Agency use

Meets the FedRAMP PMO's minimum quality and security standards

A CSP passes the FedRAMP Initial Review (SSP and all attachments).



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A CSP is working actively with an Agency on a FedRAMP Authorization but does not have an Agency ATO yet

A CSP passes the FedRAMP Initial Review, an ISSO is assigned, and a kickoff meeting is held.



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A CSP has successfully worked with an Agency to meet FedRAMP security requirements

A complete package is delivered to the PMO and has an Agency ATO but hasn't completed an Initial Review



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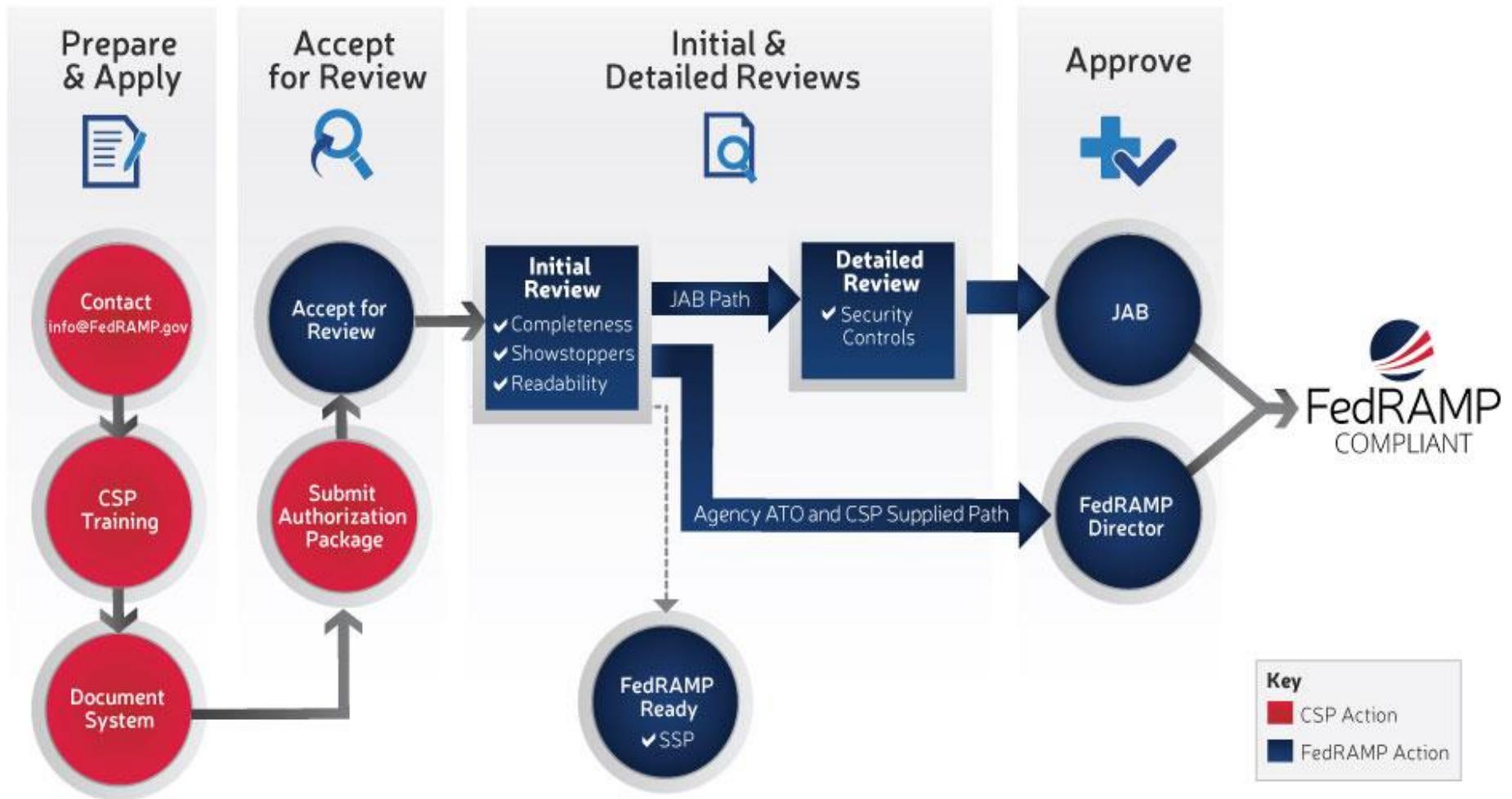
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# Process Overview





# Prepare and Apply



## Objective

- Applicants prepare for a FedRAMP assessment by gathering information, completing training, and documenting their cloud system in the System Security Plan (SSP)

## Actions

- Initiate contact with the FedRAMP PMO through [info@fedramp.gov](mailto:info@fedramp.gov)
- Complete CSP Training – SSP Required Documentation (200A)
- Document how the cloud system meets the FedRAMP baseline security requirements
- Submit application and attach the required pre-application documents

## Success

- Applicants satisfy all application and training requirements



## Objective

- FedRAMP PMO follows up with the Applicant to validate the received information, proposed path, and to discuss the review process
- FedRAMP PMO notifies the Applicant that the Authorization Package has been accepted for review

## Actions

- FedRAMP PMO validates the Applicant has completed all required training and approves access to the Secure Repository
- Applicant is responsible for providing all required package documentation with the proper file naming conventions

## Success

- Applicants use correct FedRAMP templates and file naming conventions when submitting documents or packages for review
- All documents are uploaded successfully to the Secure Repository



# Initial and Detailed Reviews



## Objective

- Initial Reviews validate an Authorization Package or document is complete, free from Showstoppers, include key critical controls, and readable
- Detailed Reviews (JAB Path Only) validate a package or document passes a rigorous, checklist-driven security review by a FedRAMP ISSO

## Actions

- FedRAMP PMO conducts a completeness, showstopper, and readability review
- FedRAMP PMO conducts a detailed security review by an ISSO

## Success

- Authorization Package is given a FedRAMP R&A process designation based on the path and level of review conducted



# Approve



## Objective

- JAB and FedRAMP Director validate Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) and FedRAMP requirements when deciding to approve an Applicant document or Authorization Package

## Actions

- JAB P-ATO: Results of the Detailed Review will be presented to the JAB for P-ATO approval
- Agency ATO: Complete agency supplied package will be presented to the FedRAMP Director for approval
- CSP Supplied: CSP presents a SAR briefing to the FedRAMP Director for approval for posting

## Success

- Authorization Package is posted as FedRAMP Compliant on the [fedramp.gov](http://fedramp.gov) website
- Point of Contact (POC) from the authorizing agency and the CSP are notified



## Course Recap

- Review and Approve (R&A) Process is more efficient, structured, and scalable
- FedRAMP Ready applies to CSP Supplied path, JAB P-ATO path, or Undecided Applicants
- FedRAMP In-Process applies to JAB P-ATO or Agency ATO paths
- FedRAMP Compliant (In PMO Review) applies to cloud systems that have been granted an ATO by an agency
- FedRAMP Compliance means that an Authorization Package meets all FedRAMP requirements
- CSPs are responsible for gathering necessary information and preparing for the FedRAMP review
- Initial Reviews are comprised of completeness, showstopper, and readability checks
- Detailed Reviews are rigorous technical checks conducted by a FedRAMP ISSO



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Federal Risk Authorization Management Program

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