

Changes to the Classification System

The Commonwealth's *Protective Security Policy Framework* (PSPF) updated Australia's protective markers and classifications in October 2018.

These changes simplify the assessment and protection of Official Information. They also align with the Australian Government *Information Security Manual* (ISM).

Defence is working to update all ICT systems, applications and infrastructure platforms to implement the new updates by October 2020.

The updated classification system now has six* levels:

- UNOFFICIAL – no change
- OFFICIAL replaces UNCLASSIFIED
- OFFICIAL: Sensitive replaces FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (FOUO)
- PROTECTED – no change
- SECRET – no change
- TOP SECRET – no change.

***Note:** Use of the CONFIDENTIAL classification has been discontinued. More information on CONFIDENTIAL can be found on page 20.

Old to New Mapping Guide

OLD		NEW
Non-Classified Markings		
UNOFFICIAL	▶	UNOFFICIAL
UNCLASSIFIED	▶	OFFICIAL
For Official Use Only	▶	OFFICIAL: Sensitive
Classified Markings		
PROTECTED	▶	PROTECTED
CONFIDENTIAL	X	(DISCONTINUED)
SECRET	▶	SECRET
TOP SECRET	▶	TOP SECRET