

ARMICS Certification System User's Guide

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INTRODUCTION

This guide provides step-by-step instructions for Agency Heads, Fiscal Officers, Managers, and Staff when accessing the Commonwealth of Virginia ARMICS Agency Self-Assessment System. The system provides a secure and accurate means of submitting information to DOA for yearly ARMICS Certification. The Commonwealth of Virginia entrusts each chief executive officer (agency head) with responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining an internal control program that complies with the *Agency Risk Management and Internal Control System Standards* and *CAPP Topic No. 10305, Internal Control*. Additionally, each agency must plan and take systematic and proactive measures to:

- a) Develop, implement, and maintain adequate and cost-effective internal control over the recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger, compliance with the Commonwealth's financial reporting requirements for the agency, compliance with laws and regulations, and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets;
- b) Annually assess the adequacy of internal control and identify needed improvements;
- c) Take corresponding preventative and corrective actions;
- d) Report annually on internal control to the Office of the Comptroller; and
- e) Take action to remediate any deficiency noted by the Department of Accounts or Auditor of Public Accounts.

Likewise, agencies must assess (test) internal control and supporting control activities to provide reasonable assurance of the ongoing efficiency and effectiveness of internal control within the agency and report annually to DOA its compliance via the ARMICS Certification Process.

This new management-reporting tool was created by DOA to aid agencies with assessments, streamline and provide accountability for the submission process for each agency's annual ARMICS Certification.

Logging Into the ARMICS Agency Self-Assessment System

Click on the link below to open the ARMICS Agency Self-Assessment Survey/Questionnaire.

https://armics.doa.virginia.gov

You will need a User ID and password to log into the system. Your User ID will be your agency email address.

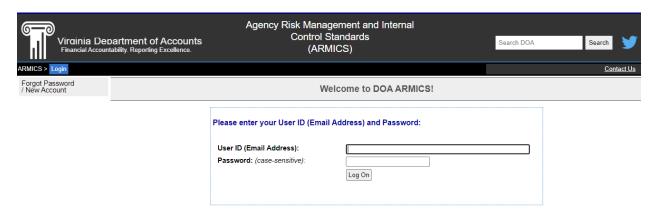
Fiscal Officers and Agency Heads follow the instructions below to create an account.

Fiscal Officers may designate other agency users for purposes of completing the assessment. To set up these designated users, provide a list of names, titles, and email addresses to ARMICS@doa.virginia.gov. These users will be created in the system and provided with temporary passwords. Once the temporary password is received agency users may proceed to page 5 of the User's Guide.

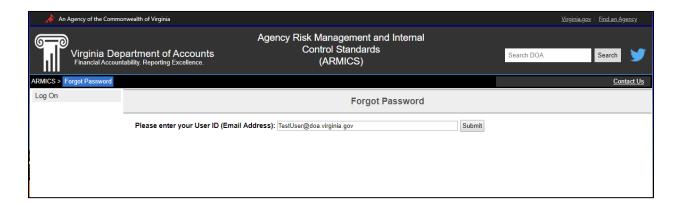
*Please note: if you are a Fiscal Officer who certifies for multiple agencies, please include the agency names and numbers when requesting access for designated users. See page (44) for more information on multiple agency selection.

*For best results, please use the Google Chrome browser when completing this survey.

To create a new account, click on the Forgot Password/New Account link in the upper left hand corner of the page.



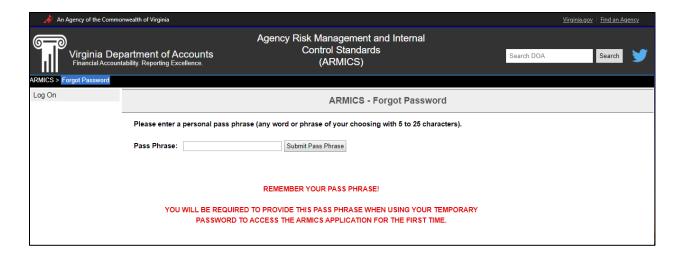
Once you click on the link, you will enter your e-mail address in the User ID box and click the "Submit" button.



This will take you to the ARMICS "Forgot Password" screen - Click "Send Password". This process will be used for new accounts as well as password resets.



You will be prompted to create a personal pass phrase (any word or phrase of your choosing with 5 to 25 characters). Remember your pass phrase! You will be required to provide this pass phrase when using your temporary password to access the ARMICS system for the first time. Click "Submit Pass Phrase".



You will receive an email stating that your new temporary password has been sent.



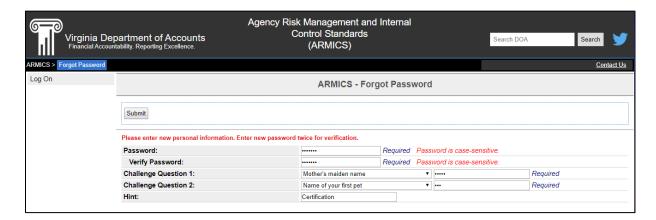
Once you receive the temporary password, return to the home page to login (shown below)



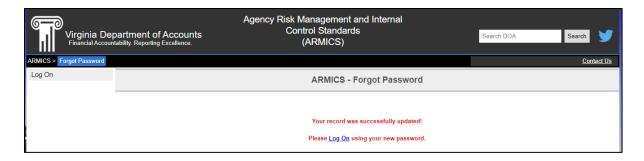
You will now create your new, secure password and select security questions.



Complete security questions and answers, then click submit.



You will receive a message that "Your record was successfully updated!"



Now that you're set up, let's get logged in!

Getting Started

From the Main Page, Type in your user ID and password (agency email address and password you just created) and logon.



This will bring you to the following screen. You want to click on view (1a) to open up options that allow you to select (1b) your agency

1a.



1b.



The Agency Number, Agency Title, Survey Status ("complete"), Compliance Status and Last Activity will be displayed.

Please Note: ARMICS audit work papers are FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) Exempt. Personally Identifiable Information (PII) must not be included in any uploaded documentation.

Once you click on the select button, you may begin the assessment.

Key Components of Internal Control

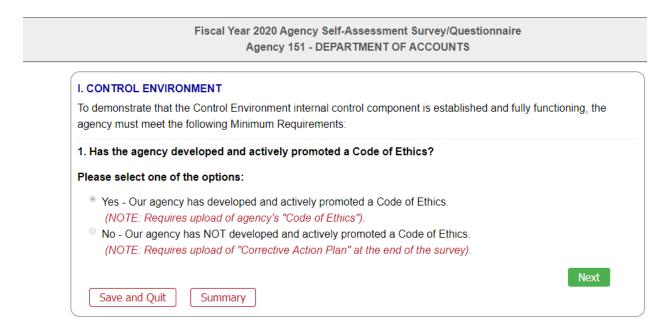
Each Section will address one of the 5 key components of internal control.

- 1. Control Environment
- 2. Risk Assessment
- 3. Control Activities
- 4. Information and Communication
- 5. Monitoring Activities

Control Environment

The first component is the **Control Environment**. You will need to upload documentation for this question and others throughout the survey. The question below is asking about your Agency's Control Environment.

I. Control Environment Question 1

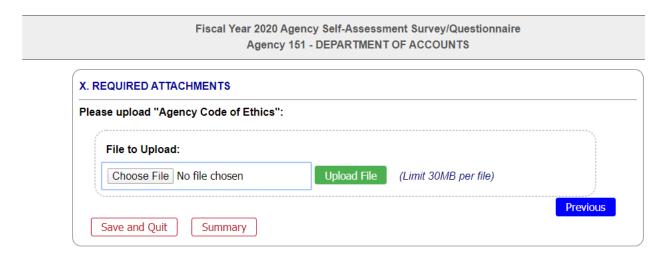


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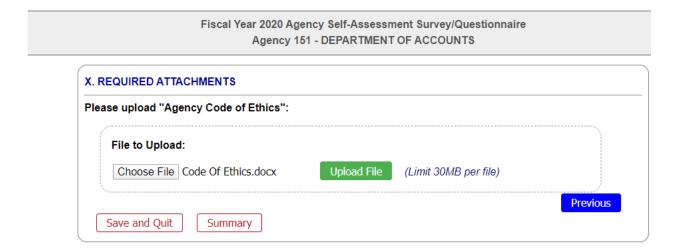
If you answered "Yes, Our Agency has developed and actively promoted a Code of Ethics", you will be required to upload a copy of your agency's Code of Ethics.

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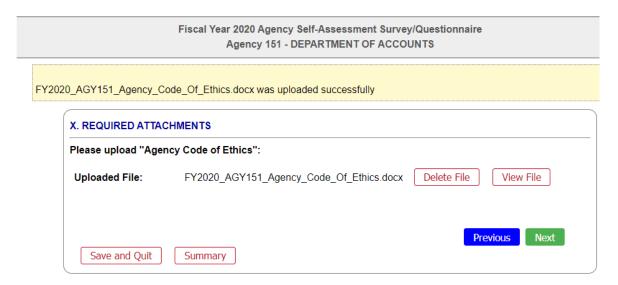
Please upload the required documentation to support your answer to I. **Control Environment**, Question 1. Select the file you wish to upload (you may want to save the document to your desktop where it might be easier to access). Click on choose file and select the file you want to upload.



Once the file has been selected (as shown below), click on Upload File



You will receive a confirmation that your file was uploaded successfully!



If you answered "No, Our Agency has NOT developed and actively promoted a Code of Ethics", you will be required to upload a copy of your agency's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) at the end of the survey.

As you continue to review the questions, click on the desired answer and click the next button to move to the next question.

ARMICS standards or related CAPP Topic excerpts will be included at the bottom of the pane on some screens (as the one shown below) for reference.

I. Control Environment Question 2

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I. CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

To demonstrate that the Control Environment internal control component is established and fully functioning, the agency must meet the following Minimum Requirements:

- 2. Has the agency documented, tested and assessed key elements of the Control Environment including, but not limited to:
 - a. Management philosophy
 - b. Management's attitude towards risk
 - c. Oversight by the agency's governing board
 - d. Integrity and ethical values
 - e. Promotion of ethics and appropriate conduct
 - f. Organizational structure
 - g. Assignment of authority and responsibility
 - h. Workforce competence and human resource development

Please select one of the options:

- Yes Our agency has documented, tested and assessed key elements of the Control Environment. (NOTE: Requires upload of "Testing and assessment of key elements of the Control Environment").
- No Our agency has NOT documented, tested and assessed key elements of the Control Environment.
 (NOTE: Requires upload of "Corrective Action Plan" at the end of the survey).

(See ARMICS Standards, pp. 13-18, and Appendix A - Internal Control Assessment Guide, "Control Environment Assessment Tools," pp. 40-45).

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Risk Assessment

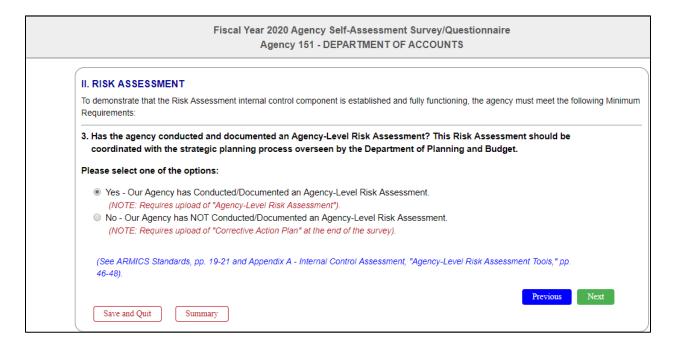
Risk Assessment is the next component to assess. You will need to upload documentation for this question. The question below is asking about your Agency-Level Risk Assessment.

If you answered "Yes, Our Agency has Conducted/Documented an Agency-Level Risk Assessment", you will be required to upload a copy of the assessment performed.

If you answered "No, Our Agency has NOT Conducted/Documented an Agency-Level Risk Assessment", you will be required to upload a copy of your agency's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) at the end of the survey.

Example shown below (II. Risk Assessment, Question 3)

II. Risk Assessment Question 3



You may have more than one document to upload for the Agency-Level Risk Assessment. If so, you will need to create a zip file (containing your files) before uploading them.

How to Create a Zip File

You want to gather the files you would like zipped

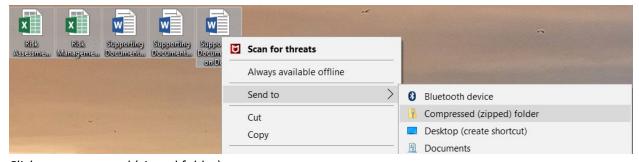


Press and hold the Control key and select each file individually. As you select the files, you will notice the files appear "highlighted" which indicates you have captured the file.



Continuing to hold the Control Key, right click on your mouse to display the following options: Send to >

Compressed (zipped folder)



Click on compressed (zipped folder)

Once you click on compressed (zipped folder), the zipped file should be created and placed on your desktop. The zipped file is now ready for upload.



Choose your zip file for upload

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Select your zip file for upload and click on Upload File



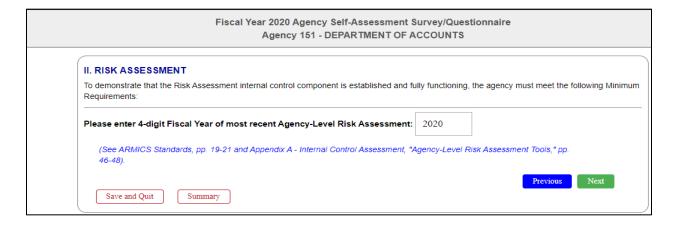
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You are now ready to continue to the next question.

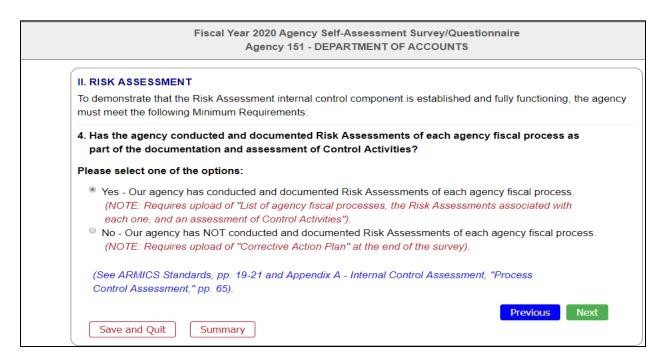
II. Risk Assessment

Please enter 4-digit Fiscal Year of the most recent Agency-Level Risk Assessment

This is going to be the Fiscal Year of your agency's most recently completed assessment. (Agency-Level Risk Assessments are required every 3 years at a minimum)



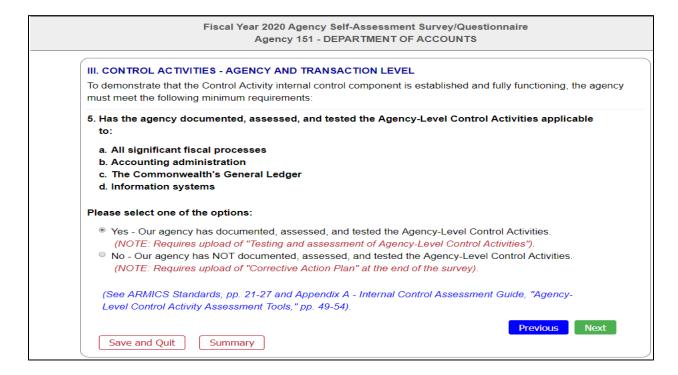
II. Risk Assessment Question 4



If your agency has NOT conducted and documented Risk Assessments of each agency fiscal process, an uploaded Corrective Action Plan is required at the end of the survey.

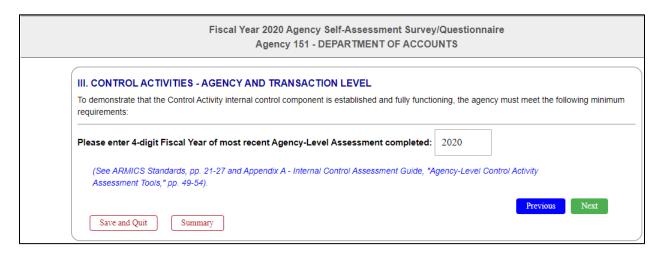
Control Activities

III. Control Activities – Agency and Transaction Level Question 5



III. Control Activities – Agency and Transaction Level Please enter 4-digit Fiscal Year of the most recent Control Activities Assessment

This will be the fiscal year in which the most recent assessment was completed.

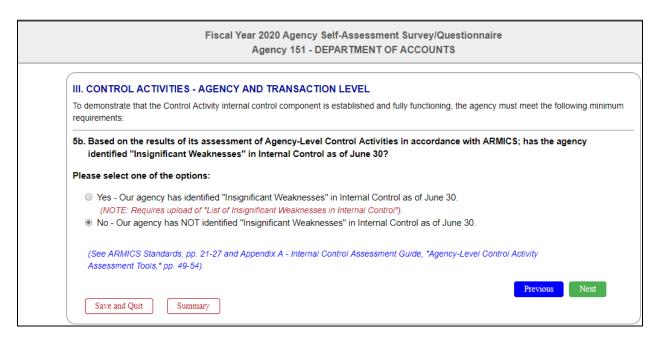


III. Control Activities – Agency and Transaction Level Question 5a



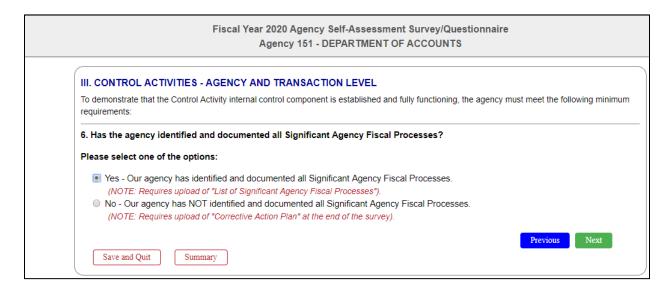
If your agency identifies "Significant Weaknesses" in internal control as of June 30th, you will be required to upload a list of Significant Weaknesses in Internal Control now and a Corrective Action plan at the end of the survey.

III. Control Activities – Agency and Transaction Level Question 5b



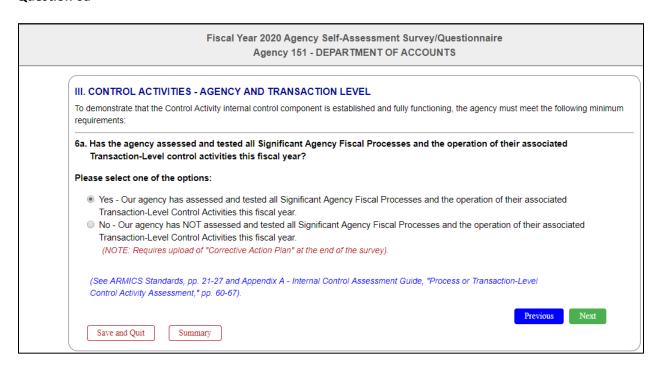
If your agency identifies "Insignificant Weaknesses" in internal control as of June 30th, you will be required to upload a list of Insignificant Weaknesses in Internal Control.

III. Control Activities – Agency and Transaction Level Question 6



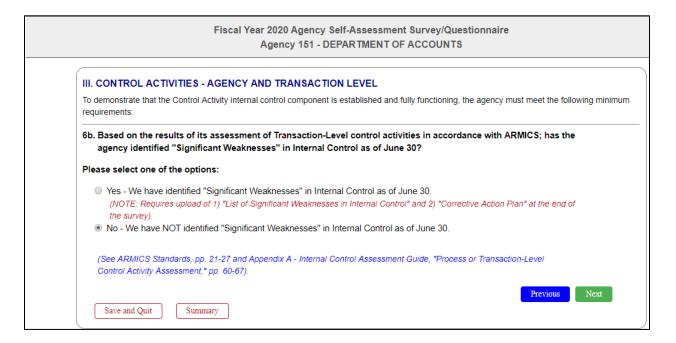
If your agency identified and documented all Significant Agency Fiscal Processes, you are required to upload the list now. If your agency has **NOT** documented all Significant Agency Fiscal Processes, a Corrective Action Plan is required at the end of the survey.

III. Control Activities – Agency and Transaction Level Question 6a



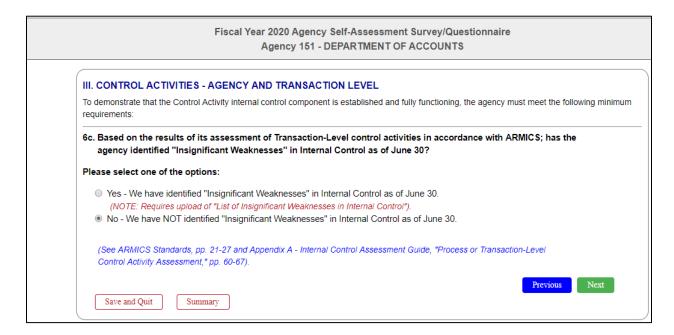
If your agency has **NOT** assessed and tested all Significant Agency Fiscal Processes **AND** the operation of their associated Transaction Level Control Activities as of June 30th, a Corrective Action Plan is required at the end of the survey.

III. Control Activities – Agency and Transaction Level Question 6b



If your agency has identified "Significant Weaknesses" based on the results of the assessment of Transaction Level control activities as of June 30th, a list of "Significant Weaknesses" must be uploaded now, and a Corrective Action Plan is required at the end of the survey.

III. Control Activities – Agency and Transaction Level Question 6C

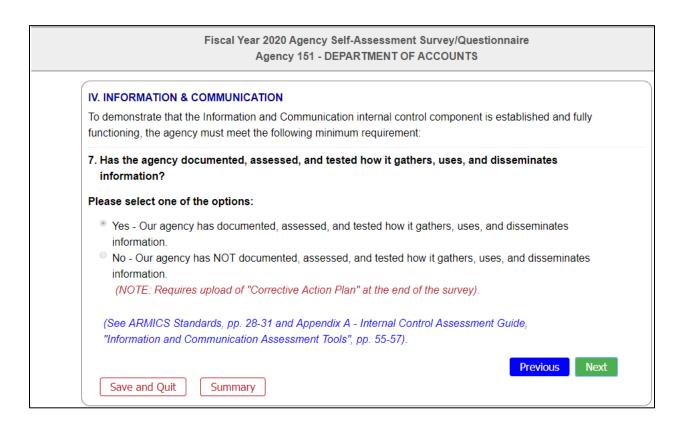


If your agency has identified "Insignificant Weaknesses" based on the results of the assessment of Transaction Level control activities as of June 30th, a list of "Insignificant Weaknesses" must be uploaded now.

Information & Communication

IV. Information & Communication Question 7

"Information and Communication" involves identifying, capturing, and communicating relevant information in a form and timeframe that enables people to carry out their responsibilities. Effective communication occurs down, across, and up the agency. An effective information and communication process will assure that all personnel receive a clear message from top management that internal control responsibilities are to be taken seriously.

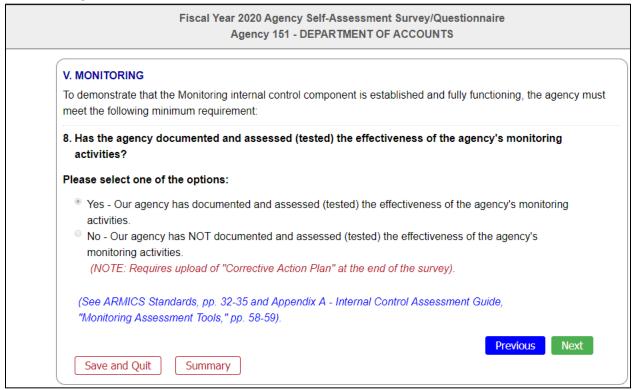


If your agency has NOT documented, assessed, and tested how it gathers, uses, and disseminates information, a Corrective Action Plan is required at the end of the survey.

Monitoring

"Monitoring" is the process of assessing the presence, functioning, and continuous improvement of internal control components. Monitoring is accomplished through ongoing management activities, separate evaluations, or both.

V. Monitoring



If your agency has NOT documented and assessed (tested) the effectiveness of the agency's monitoring activities, a Corrective Action Plan is required at the end of the survey.

The Commonwealth's Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

VI. Commonwealth's Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) Assurance Question 9

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VI. COMMONWEALTH'S COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) ASSURANCE

To demonstrate the integrity and objectivity of the agency's Financial Transactions and Other Information reported to the Comptroller:

9. Can agency management provide reasonable assurance the data provided for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) are accurate in all material respects and that all disclosures necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of the Agency's financial activities have been included?

Please select one of the options:

- Yes Our agency management can provide reasonable assurance the data provided for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) are accurate in all material respects and that all disclosures necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of the Agency's financial activities have been included.
- No Our agency management cannot provide reasonable assurance that the data provided for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) is accurate in all material respects, nor that all disclosures necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of the Agency's financial activities have been included. Our basis for this conclusion is due to the extent of the significant and ACFR weaknesses in internal control identified.

(NOTE: Requires upload of 1) "List of Significant ACFR Weaknesses in Internal Control" and 2) "Corrective Action Plan" at the end of the survey.)

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If your agency is unable to provide reasonable assurance that data provided for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) is accurate in all material respects, and that all necessary disclosures to obtain a thorough understanding of your Agency's financial activities have been included, a list of significant ACFR weaknesses is required to be uploaded now and a Corrective Action Plan is required at the end of the survey.

VII. Financial Reporting, Applicable Laws & Regulations and Stewardship Assurance Question 10

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VII. FINANCIAL REPORTING, APPLICABLE LAWS & REGULATIONS AND STEWARDSHIP ASSURANCE

To demonstrate reasonable assurance that internal control exists over the recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger; compliance with the agency's financial reporting requirements, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets:

10. Agency management has performed the annual ARMICS assessment in accordance with Comptroller's Directives 1-07 and 1-08, and CAPP Topic 10305, *Internal Control*, and based on the results of this evaluation, can the agency provide reasonable assurance that internal control was operating effectively with the Agency as of June 30, 2021?

Please select one of the options:

- Yes We can provide reasonable assurance that internal control over the recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger, compliance with the agency's financial reporting requirements, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets, was operating effectively and no significant weaknesses were found in the design or operation of the internal controls at the agency and transaction levels.
- No We cannot provide reasonable assurance that internal control over the recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger, compliance with the agency's financial reporting requirements, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets, was operating effectively due to the extent of the significant weaknesses in internal control found in the design or operation of the internal controls at the agency and transaction levels.

(NOTE: Requires upload of 1) "List of Significant ACFR Weaknesses in Internal Control" and 2) "Corrective Action Plan" at the end of the survey.)

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If your agency **cannot** provide reasonable assurance that internal control over the recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger comply with the agency's financial reporting requirements, applicable laws and regulations, and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets, was not operating effectively due to the extent of the significant weaknesses in internal control found in the design or operation of the internal controls at the agency and transaction levels, you are required to provide a list of any Significant ACFR Weaknesses not already identified in this survey, and a Corrective Action Plan at the end of the survey.

VI. Question 9 & VII. Question 10

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X. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS You have indicated that: · Our agency management cannot provide reasonable assurance that the data provided for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) is accurate in all material respects, nor that all disclosures necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of the Agency's financial activities have been included. Our basis for this conclusion is due to the extent of the significant and ACFR weaknesses in internal control identified. · We cannot provide reasonable assurance that internal control over the recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger, compliance with the agency's financial reporting requirements, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets, was operating effectively due to the extent of the significant weaknesses in internal control found in the design or operation of the internal controls at the agency and transaction levels. Please upload "List of Significant ACFR Weaknesses in Internal Control": File to Upload: Choose File No file chosen Upload File (Limit 30MB per file) Previous

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X. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Summary

You have indicated that: Our agency management cannot provide reasonable assurance that the data provided for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) is accurate in all material respects, nor that all disclosures necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of the Agency's financial activities have been included. Our basis for this conclusion is due to the extent of the significant and ACFR weaknesses in internal control identified.

We cannot provide reasonable assurance that internal control over the recording of financial transactions in the
Commonwealth's General Ledger, compliance with the agency's financial reporting requirements, compliance with applicable
laws and regulations, and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets, was operating effectively due to the extent of the
significant weaknesses in internal control found in the design or operation of the internal controls at the agency and
transaction levels.

Please upload "List of Significant ACFR Weaknesses in Internal Control":



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X. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS You have indicated that: · Our agency management cannot provide reasonable assurance that the data provided for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) is accurate in all material respects, nor that all disclosures necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of the Agency's financial activities have been included. Our basis for this conclusion is due to the extent of the significant and ACFR weaknesses in internal control identified. · We cannot provide reasonable assurance that internal control over the recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger, compliance with the agency's financial reporting requirements, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets, was operating effectively due to the extent of the significant weaknesses in internal control found in the design or operation of the internal controls at the agency and transaction levels. Please upload "List of Significant ACFR Weaknesses in Internal Control": Uploaded File: Delete File FY2021_AGY151_Significant_ACFR_Weaknesses_Internal_Control.docx View File

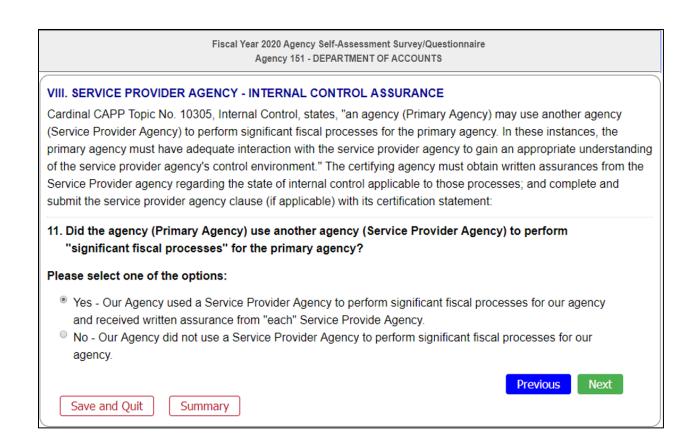
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Internal Control Assurance

VIII. Service Provider Agency – Internal Control Assurance Question 11

If your agency used a Service Provider Agency, you will need to assure that your agency maintained adequate interaction with the Service Provider Agency to gain understanding of the service provider's control environment; and received written assurance from each Service Provider Agency regarding the state of internal control applicable to those significant fiscal processes. This will require an upload of the Service Provider Agency Clause (as shown in section VIII, question 11a).



If your agency did NOT use a Service Provider Agency, you will be directed to Question 12.

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VIII. SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY - INTERNAL CONTROL ASSURANCE

Cardinal CAPP Topic No. 10305, Internal Control, states, "an agency (Primary Agency) may use another agency (Service Provider Agency) to perform significant fiscal processes for the primary agency. In these instances, the primary agency must have adequate interaction with the service provider agency to gain an appropriate understanding of the service provider agency's control environment." The certifying agency must obtain written assurances from the Service Provider agency regarding the state of internal control applicable to those processes; and complete and submit the service provider agency clause (if applicable) with its certification statement:

11a. Did the agency maintain adequate interaction with the Service Provider Agency to gain understanding of the service provider's control environment; and received written assurance from each Service Provider Agency regarding the state of internal control applicable to those significant fiscal processes?

Please select one of the options:

Yes - Our agency maintained adequate interaction with the Service Provider Agency to gain understanding of the service provider's control environment and received written assurance from each Service Provider Agency regarding the state of internal control applicable to those significant fiscal processes.

(NOTE: Requires upload of "Service Provider Agency Clause").

No - Our agency did not maintain adequate interaction with the Service Provider Agency to gain understanding of the service provider's control environment and did not receive written assurance from each Service Provider Agency regarding the state of internal control applicable to those significant fiscal processes.

(NOTE: Requires upload of "Corrective Action Plan" at the end of the survey).

(See CAPP Topic No. 10305, Internal Control, for more guidance).

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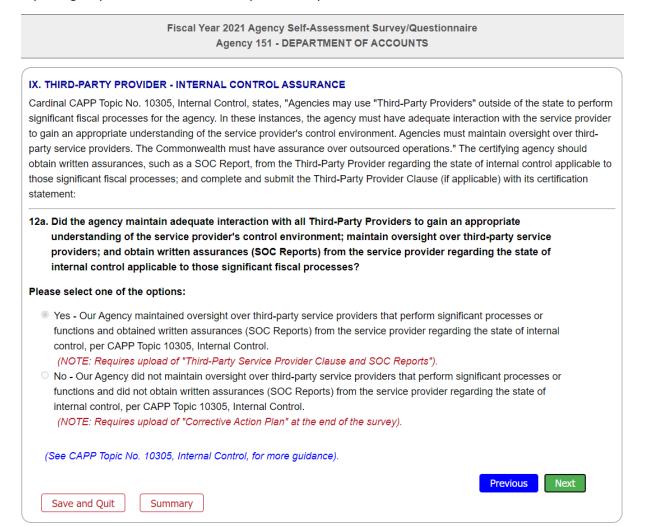
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IX. Third-Party Provider – Internal Control Assurance Question 12

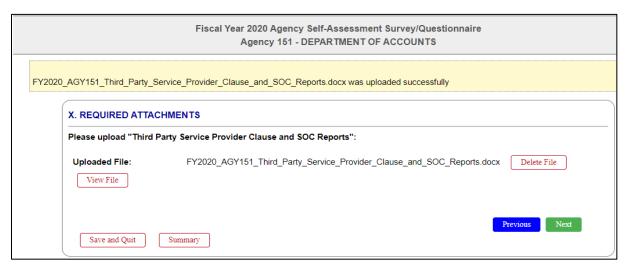
If your agency used a Third-Party Provider, you will need to verify that your agency had adequate interaction with the service provider to gain an appropriate understanding of the service provider's control environment. Agencies must maintain oversight over third-party service providers. The Commonwealth must have assurance over outsourced operations. The certifying agency should obtain written assurances, such as a SOC Report, from the Third-Party Provider regarding the state of internal control applicable to those significant fiscal processes; and complete and submit the Third-Party Provider Clause (if applicable) with its certification statement.

Fiscal Year 2021 Agency Self-Assessment Survey/Questionnaire Agency 151 - DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS IX. THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER - INTERNAL CONTROL ASSURANCE Cardinal CAPP Topic No. 10305, Internal Control, states, "Agencies may use "Third-Party Providers" outside of the state to perform significant fiscal processes for the agency. In these instances, the agency must have adequate interaction with the service provider to gain an appropriate understanding of the service provider's control environment. Agencies must maintain oversight over thirdparty service providers. The Commonwealth must have assurance over outsourced operations." The certifying agency should obtain written assurances, such as a SOC Report, from the Third-Party Provider regarding the state of internal control applicable to those significant fiscal processes; and complete and submit the Third-Party Provider Clause (if applicable) with its certification statement: 12. Did the agency use Third-Party Providers outside of the state to perform "significant fiscal processes" for the agency? Please select one of the options: Yes - Our agency used Third-Party Providers outside of the state to perform "significant fiscal processes" for the O No - Our agency did not use Third-Party Providers outside of the state to perform "significant fiscal processes" for the agency. (See CAPP Topic No. 10305, Internal Control, for more guidance). Next Previous Save and Quit Summary

If your agency did not use a Third-Party Provider, you will be directed to the next section.



If you answered Yes, your agency maintained oversight over third-party service providers that perform significant processes or functions and obtained written assurances (SOC Reports) from the service provider regarding the state of internal control, you will be required to upload a copy of the Third-Party Service Provider Clause and SOC Reports (as shown below).



Fiscal Officer Confirmation

XI. Fiscal Officer Confirmation

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XI. FISCAL OFFICER	CONFIRMATION		
Would you like to send an Email to the Fiscal Officer for signoff?			
Please select one of t	ne options:		
	ail to the Fiscal Officer for signoff. In email to the Fiscal Officer for signoff. I will alert the Fiscal Officer that the survey has		
NOTE: once you provide to modify answers with	de an answer to this question, the questionnaire will be locked and you will NOT be able in the questionnaire. Previous Next		
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Once the survey is completed and all documents are uploaded, an e-mail can be sent to your agency's fiscal officer for review and signoff. Please note that once you provide an answer to this question, the questionnaire will be locked and you will not be able to modify answers within the questionnaire.

As a reminder, you have the option to save and quit Save and Quit or view a summary of what you've completed so far. You may want to review your survey prior to requesting the Fiscal Officer or Agency Head signature and before the final submission to DOA.

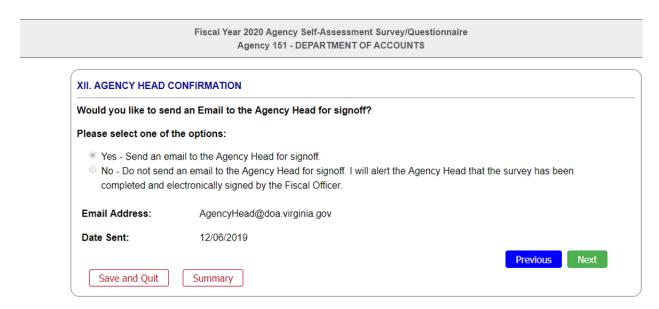
XI. Fiscal Officer Training Confirmation

ARMICS Training for Fiscal Officers, Managers, and staff can be found in the Commonwealth of Virginia Learning Center (COVLC) by searching for "ARMICS" at the following link: https://covlc.virginia.gov

Fiscal Year 2020 Agency Self-Assessment Survey/Questionnaire Agency 151 - DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS
XI. FISCAL OFFICER CONFIRMATION
Has the agency's Fiscal Officer completed the mandatory ARMICS Training for Fiscal Officers, Managers, and Staff?
Please select one of the options:
Yes - The agency's Fiscal Officer completed the mandatory ARMICS Training for Fiscal Officers, Managers, and Staff.
 No - The agency's Fiscal Officer has not completed the mandatory ARMICS Training for Fiscal Officers, Managers, and Staff.
Save and Quit Summary Previous Next

^{*}Please note that if your agency's fiscal officer has not completed the mandatory ARMICS Training, a Corrective Action Plan will be required.

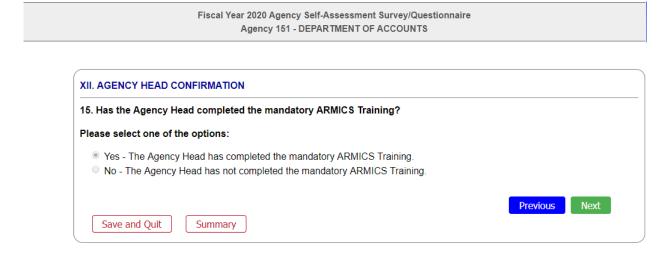
XII. Agency Head Confirmation



Once the survey is completed and all documents are uploaded, an e-mail can be sent to the Agency Head for review and signoff.

XII. Agency Head Training Confirmation

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Conclusion

A Report Summary will be prepared and you will have the opportunity to view/make corrections to any of your previous answers. You may make changes to answers and uploads prior to sign off by your agency's Fiscal Officer. Once the Fiscal Officer signs off in the certification system, all answers are final.

Please review your agency's summary report before submitting it to DOA. If you have questions or need assistance with the overall certification process, please let us know by emailing armics@doa.virignia.gov

Thank you for your commitment towards effective Internal Controls as demonstrated by your participation in the ARMICS Certification process.

Examples of the ARMICS Self-Assessment Certification and ARMICS Survey Results are shown below:

Fiscal Officer Confirmation and Certification

Fiscal Year 2021 Agency Self-Assessment Survey/Questionnaire Agency 151 - DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS

XI. FISCAL OFFICER CONFIRMATION

PDF

Agency Number: 151

Agency Name: DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Our agency's Management is responsible and accountable for:

- The integrity and objectivity of the financial transactions and other information provided to the State Comptroller; providing
 reasonable assurance, the data provided for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) are accurate
 in all material respects; and that all disclosures necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of the Agency's financial activities
 have been included.
- 2. Providing reasonable assurance that internal control exists over the recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger; compliance with the agency's financial reporting requirements; compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets.
- Establishing and maintaining an effective system of internal control; and completion of its control assessment of the agency-level
 risks and assessment of significant fiscal processes at the transaction level in accordance with Agency Management Internal Control
 Standards (ARMICS) and CAPP Topic 10305, Internal Control.

Based upon the results of our FY 2021 ARMICS Self-Assessment, we agree that we have fully completed an adequate assessment of internal control to reach a conclusion on the control environment at our agency. We agree that we are compliant with ARMICS in the following areas:

Compliant Items

- Developed a Code of Ethics.
- Documented/Tested/Assessed key elements of Control Environment.
- Conducted/Documented an Agency-Level Risk Assessment.
- Conducted/Documented Risk Assessment of each Agency-Level Fiscal Process.
- Documented/Tested/Assessed Agency-Level Control Activities.
- Identified/Documented all Significant Agency Fiscal Processes.
- Assessed and tested all Significant Agency Fiscal Processes and the operation of their associated Control Actives at the Transaction-Level.
- Documented/Tested how the agency gathers, uses and disseminates information.
- Documented/Tested and assessed the effectiveness of the agency's monitoring activities.
- Agency CAN provide reasonable assurance that data provided in the ACFR are accurate in all material respects and all disclosures have been included to obtain an understanding of the agency's financial activities.
- Agency CAN provide reasonable assurance that internal control exists over recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger, compliance with financial reporting requirements, compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Agency maintained adequate interaction with Service Provider Agency and received written assurance from "each" Service Provider Agency regarding the state of internal control.
- Agency maintained adequate interaction and oversight over third-party service providers; and obtained written assurances (SOC Reports) from the service provider regarding the state of internal control.
- Agency's Fiscal Officer has completed the mandatory ARMICS Training.

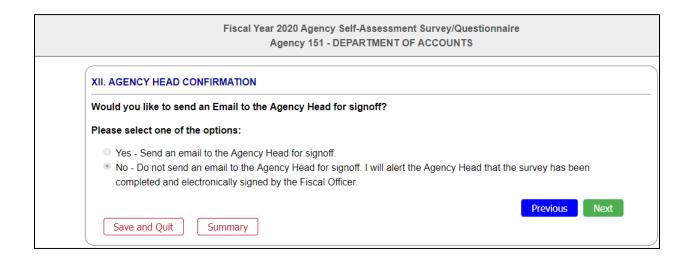
Our Agency Head and Fiscal Officer have reviewed this Certification, are in agreement with the agency's FY 2021 ARMICS Certification Statement, and agree to comply with ARMICS Standards and Cardinal CAPP Topic

Fiscal Officer Agency Head **Electronic Signature Electronic Signature** Douglas Page Name: Name: Email: doug.page@doa.virginia.gov Email: TERMS OF ASSURANCE AND CERTIFICATION TERMS OF ASSURANCE AND CERTIFICATION I hereby certify and provide reasonable assurance to the I hereby certify and provide reasonable assurance to the truthfulness and accuracy of the information provided in truthfulness and accuracy of the information provided in this ARMICS Self-Assessment Certification. this ARMICS Self-Assessment Certification. * Please type your First and Last Name * Please type your First and Last Name Douglas Page Acceptance Checkbox: Acceptance Checkbox: I understand that by checking this box I acknowledge and I understand that by checking this box I acknowledge agree to the above ARMICS Certification and the and agree to the above ARMICS Certification and the reported status of our agency's internal control. I further reported status of our agency's internal control. I further understand that my agency's certification status is understand that my agency's certification status is subject to review by DOA and final certification status subject to review by DOA and final certification status may change at DOA's discretion. may change at DOA's discretion. Submit Fiscal Officer Signoff Save and Quit Summary

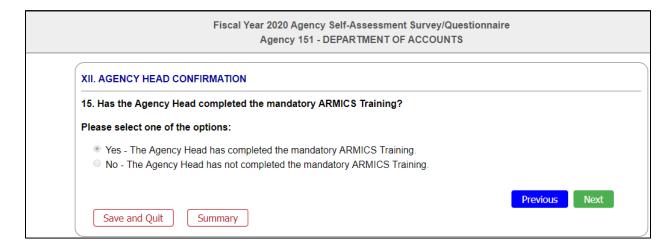
The Fiscal Officer is providing assurance that an adequate assessment of internal control has taken place and agree the agency is compliant with ARMICS. The Fiscal Officer will click "Submit Fiscal Officer

Signoff" Submit Fiscal Officer Signoff to complete the sign off process.

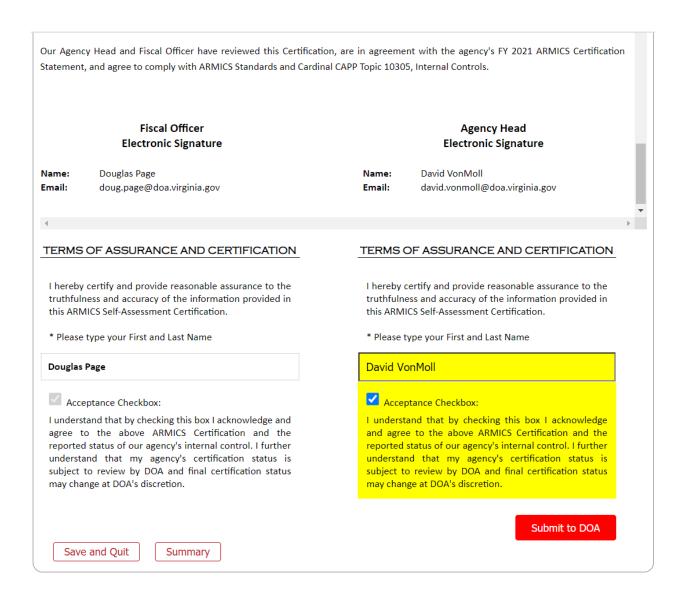
Agency Head Confirmation and Certification



The Fiscal Officer has the option of selecting "Yes" to send an email to the Agency Head requesting signoff (if this is the desired method of communication) if not, select "No".

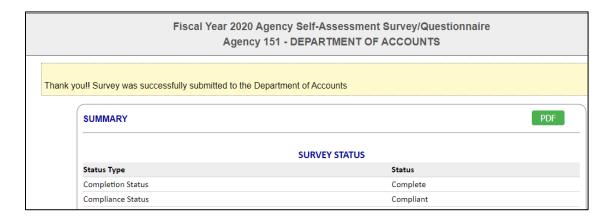


Please note that if the Agency Head has not completed the mandatory ARMICS Training, your agency will be found non-compliant and a Corrective Action Plan will be required.



The Agency Head is confirming completion of ARMICS training and agreement with the Agency's ARMICS Certification Statement. Click "Submit to DOA" to submit the survey.

Survey Status Summary



You will receive confirmation that your survey was successfully submitted to DOA. Select "PDF" to view/print a copy of your agency's certification.

Your Agency's compliance status will depend on the product of the Self-Assessment Survey/Questionnaire.

Example: ARMICS Self-Assessment Certification

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ARMICS SELF-ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATION COMPLIANT WITH ARMICS STANDARDS

Agency Number: 151

Agency Name: DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Our agency's Management is responsible and accountable for:

- The integrity and objectivity of the financial transactions and other information provided to the State Comptroller; providing reasonable assurance, the data provided for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) are accurate in all material respects; and that all disclosures necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of the Agency's financial activities have been included.
- Providing reasonable assurance that internal control exists over the recording of financial transactions in the Commonwealth's General Ledger; compliance with the agency's financial reporting requirements; compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and stewardship over the Commonwealth's assets.
- 3. Establishing and maintaining an effective system of internal control; and completion of its control assessment of the agency-level risks and assessment of significant fiscal processes at the transaction level in accordance with Agency Management Internal Control Standards (ARMICS) and CAPP Topic 10305, Internal Control.

Based upon the results of our FY 2021 ARMICS Self-Assessment, we agree that we have fully completed an adequate assessment of internal control to reach a conclusion on the control environment at our agency. We agree that we are compliant with ARMICS in the following areas:

Compliant Items

- Developed a Code of Ethics.
- Documented/Tested/Assessed key elements of Control Environment.
- Conducted/Documented an Agency-Level Risk Assessment.
- Conducted/Documented Risk Assessment of each Agency-Level Fiscal Process.
- Documented/Tested/Assessed Agency-Level Control Activities.
- Identified/Documented all Significant Agency Fiscal Processes.
- Assessed and tested all Significant Agency Fiscal Processes and the operation of their associated Control Actives at the Transaction-Level.
- Documented/Tested how the agency gathers, uses and disseminates information.
- Documented/Tested and assessed the effectiveness of the agency's monitoring activities.
- Agency CAN provide reasonable assurance that data provided in the ACFR are accurate in all material respects and all disclosures have been included to obtain an understanding of the agency's financial activities.
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- Agency's Fiscal Officer has completed the mandatory ARMICS Training.
- Agency Head has completed the mandatory ARMICS Training.

Our Agency Head and Fiscal Officer have reviewed this Certification, are in agreement with the agency's FY

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2021 ARMICS Certification Statement, and agree to comply with ARMICS Standards and Cardinal CAPP Topic 10305, Internal Controls.

Fiscal Officer Electronic Signature

Name: Douglas Page

Email: doug.page@doa.virginia.gov

Agency Head Electronic Signature

Name: David VonMoll

Email: david.vonmoll@doa.virginia.gov

TERMS OF ASSURANCE AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify and provide reasonable assurance to the truthfulness and accuracy of the information provided in this ARMICS Self-Assessment Certification.

* Please type your First and Last Name

Douglas Page

✓ Acceptance Checkbox:

I understand that by checking this box I acknowledge and agree to the above ARMICS Certification and the reported status of our agency's internal control. I further understand that my agency's certification status is subject to review by DOA and final certification status may change at DOA's discretion.

TERMS OF ASSURANCE AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify and provide reasonable assurance to the truthfulness and accuracy of the information provided in this ARMICS Self-Assessment Certification.

* Please type your First and Last Name

David VonMoll

✓ Acceptance Checkbox:

I understand that by checking this box I acknowledge and agree to the above ARMICS Certification and the reported status of our agency's internal control. I further understand that my agency's certification status is subject to review by DOA and final certification status may change at DOA's discretion.

Example: ARMICS Survey Sample Status Results

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Response CAP Required

SURVEY STATUS - AGENCY 151

 Status Type
 Status

 Completion Status
 Complete

 Compliance Status
 Compliant

I. CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

 Question
 Response
 CAP Required

 1. Has the agency developed and actively promoted a Code of Ethics?
 Yes
 No

 2. Has the agency documented, assessed, and tested key elements of the
 Yes
 No

- a. Management philosophy
- b. Management's attitude towards risk
- c. Oversight by the agency's governing board

Control Environment including, but not limited to:

- d. Integrity and ethical values
- e. Promotion of ethics and appropriate conduct
- f. Organizational structure
- g. Assignment of authority and responsibility
- h. Workforce competence and human resource development

II. RISK ASSESSMENT

 Question
 Response
 CAP Required

 3. Has the agency conducted and documented an Agency-Level Risk
 Yes
 No

 Assessment? This Risk Assessment should be coordinated with the strategic planning process overseen by the Department of Planning and Budget.
 Yes
 No

 4. Has the agency conducted and documented Risk Assessments of each agency fiscal process as part of the documentation and assessment of Control
 Yes
 No

 Activities?
 Activities?

III. CONTROL ACTIVITIES - AGENCY AND TRANSACTION LEVEL

5. Has the agency documented, assessed, and tested the Agency-Level Control Yes No Activities applicable to:

- a. All significant fiscal processes
- b. Accounting administration
- c. The Commonwealth's General Ledger
- d. Information systems

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No

No

No

No

6. Has the agency identified and documented all Significant Agency Fiscal Processes? Yes No

IV. INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Question Response CAP Required

7. Has the agency documented, assessed, and tested how it gathers, uses, and Yes disseminates information?

V. MONITORING

Question Response CAP Required

8. Has the agency documented, assessed, and tested the effectiveness of the Yes No agency's monitoring activities?

VI. COMMONWEALTH'S COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) ASSURANCE

Question Response CAP Required

9. Can agency management provide reasonable assurance the data provided for Yes inclusion in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) are accurate in all material respects and that all disclosures necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of the Agency's financial activities have been included?

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTING, APPLICABLE LAWS & REGULATIONS AND STEWARDSHIP ASSURANCE

Question Response CAP Required

10. Agency management has performed the annual ARMICS assessment in accordance with Comptroller's Directives 1-07 and 1-08, and CAPP Topic 10305, *Internal Control*, and based on the results of this evaluation, can the agency provide reasonable assurance that internal control was operating effectively with the Agency as of June 30, 2021?

VIII. SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY - INTERNAL CONTROL ASSURANCE

Question Response CAP Required

11. Did the agency (Primary Agency) use another agency (Service Provider Agency) to perform "significant fiscal processes" for the primary agency?

Yes No

Yes

IX. THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER - INTERNAL CONTROL ASSURANCE

Question Response CAP Required

12. Did the agency use Third-Party Providers outside of the state to perform Yes

"significant fiscal processes" for the agency?

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X. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Description Attachment Name

Agency-Level Risk Assessment FY2021_AGY151_Agency_Level_Risk_Assessment.docx
List of Significant Agency Fiscal Processes FY2021_AGY151_Significant_Fiscal_Processes.docx
Service Provider Agency Clause FY2021_AGY151_Service_Provider_Agency_Clause.docx

Third-Party Service Provider Clause and SOC FY2021_AGY151_Third_Party_Service_Provider_Clause_and_SOC_Reports.docx

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Reports

FY2021_AGY151_Agency_Code_Of_Ethics.docx

FY2021 AGY151 Fiscal Processes Risk Assessments.docx

Testing and assessment of key elements of

the Control Environment

Agency Code of Ethics

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Assessments associated with each one, and

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List of agency fiscal processes, the Risk

Testing and assessment of Agency-Level

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Control Activities

XI. FISCAL OFFICER CONFIRMATION

Question Response

1. Would you like to send an Email to the Fiscal Officer for signoff? No

2. Has the agency's Fiscal Officer completed the mandatory ARMICS Training for Fiscal Officers, Managers, and Staff?

3. Fiscal Officer Signature:

Signature: Douglas Page Signature Date: 05/23/2021

XII. AGENCY HEAD CONFIRMATION

 Question
 Response

 1. Would you like to send an Email to the Agency Head for signoff?
 No

Has the Agency Head completed the mandatory ARMICS Training?
 Yes

3. Agency Head Signature:

Signature: David VonMoll Signature Date: 05/23/2021

Multi-Agency Certification

Control Agencies

Fiscal Officers and Agency Heads with authority to certify for multiple agencies, including control agencies and sub-agencies, may select more than one agency in the ACS to include in a single assessment, providing all documentation and test work is applicable to all selected agencies.

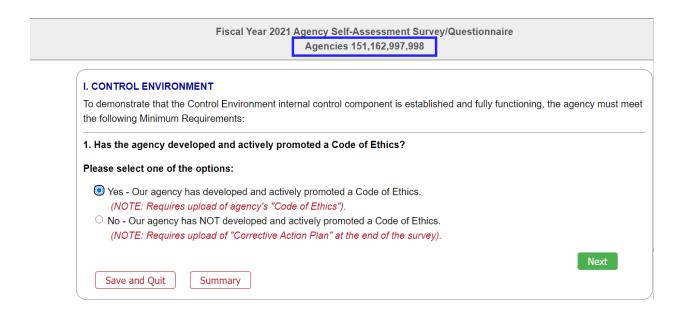
Fiscal Officers responsible for multiple agencies may designate agency users for purposes of completing the assessment. To set up these designated users, provide a list of names, titles, agency selection and email addresses to ARMICS@doa.virginia.gov.

DOA will add designated users to the ACS and provide them with temporary passwords. Once the temporary password is received, agency users may proceed to page 5 of the User's Guide for instructions on answering security questions and setting up a secure, permanent password.

Upon login, each Fiscal Officer or Agency User will need to select the agencies for survey completion/certification.

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ot Started					
~	151	DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS	Not Started		
~	162	DEPT OF ACCOUNTS TRANSFER PAYMENTS	Not Started		
✓	997	DEPT OF ACCOUNTS-STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES	Not Started		
~	998	CITY/COUNTY TREASURERS	Not Started		
tart Selected	Survevs				

Once choosing "Start Selected Surveys" you will be taken into the survey and will notice all selected agencies appearing in the "title".



You don't have to complete the survey in its entirety and have the option of clicking "Save and Quit" to save your work within the survey. This will take you out of the survey and the survey status and compliance status will be displayed.

When logging back into the survey, click on "Edit" this will take you back to where you left off so that you can continue answering questions and uploading supporting documentation for survey completion.

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Quick Login Information

Temporary Password Account Set Up and Login for Fiscal Officers and Agency Heads

To get a new temporary password:

- 1. Go to https://armics.doa.virginia.gov
- 2. Click on the Forgot Password/ New Account link from the left menu
- 3. Enter your agency e-mail address in the User ID box
- 4. Click the "Submit" button
- 5. Click the "Send Password" button
- 6. Enter a pass phrase in the box.
- 7. Click the "Submit Pass Phrase" button
- 8. You will see a message stating that the new temporary password has been sent to your email address
- 9. You will receive the temporary password via email

To log in with the temporary password and set up the permanent security account:

- 1. Go to https://armics.doa.virginia.gov
- 2. Click on the Forgot Password/New Account link from the left menu
- 3. Enter your agency email address in the User ID box
- 4. Click the "Submit" button
- 5. Enter the temporary password received in the email and the pass phrase you selected above
- 6. Click the "Submit" button that is next to the "Pass Phrase" box
- 7. Enter a new permanent password in the "Password" box and also in the "Verify Password" box
- 8. Select two challenge questions from the dropdowns and enter a response for each
- 9. Enter a password hint
- 10. Click the "Submit" button at the top of the page
- 11. You should receive a message that the record was successfully updated.

You can now log in from the login page.

Version Table

Version #	Date	Author	Comments
1.0	6/29/20	V Eppes-Ward	Initial Version of User's Guide
1.1	6/7/21	V Eppes-Ward	Revised for Multi Agency Certification and other minor edits
1.2			
1.3			