

COR Refresher Training

For an excellent overview of all COR training requirements, please review the Department of Defense Instruction 5000.72 (DoDi 5000.72) which you will find at this web link:

<https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/500072p.pdf>

DoDi 5000.72 addresses refresher training starting on page 22, Enclosure 5, Paragraph 5. DoD services and organizations have the authority to determine appropriate refresher training for their appointed/designated CORs.

“Contracting offices will determine what the COR-specific refresher training course requirements should be commensurate with the contract work being performed. (DoDi 5000.72, enclosure 5, Para. 5(a)(3))”

The DoDi 5000.72 tasks the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) with providing courses for initial COR training, sets minimum requirements for initial and refresher training, and:

- Establishes minimum recurring training requirements such as annual ethics training, OGE-450 training, Information Security, etc.
- Leaves the specific selection of COR refresher training up to the contracting office.
- Requires DoD services and organizations to document their training policies and keep records on its accomplishment.

This flexibility and delegation of authority to the DoD services makes good sense as each COR appointment and designation is to provide oversight for a particular contract item on a specific contract. Each contract has its own unique circumstance. The contracting office will want CORs to refresh on the oversight tasks important and applicable to that COR designation.

Some DoD organizations simply require their CORs take the DAU CLC/COR 222 course again every three years. Some organizations require CORs to take the classroom version once and then the on-line version periodically for refresher. It is up to the organization to determine. As the DoDi 5000.72 presents, there are few restrictions on what can count toward the refresher-training requirement. An organization need only set their policy and document their records as CORs accomplish the policy requirements.

DAU provides the on-line and classroom versions of initial COR training courses mandated in DoDi 5000.72. These courses are broad in coverage and form the foundation of COR training. DAU does not provide designated refresher courses since the DoD Services have the authority to determine what training is necessary to keep their CORs refreshed. For example:

- A DoD service may contract for AGILE software development services. In this case the COR may function as the Government Product Owner. Appropriate refresher training may be to have the COR complete the DAU Agile Software Credential.
- A different DoD service may contract for logistics management. In this case appropriate refresher training may be any of the DAU Logistics Management (LOG) courses.
- In a case of Inspection/Acceptance duties, the appropriate refresher training may come from the DAU catalog of test and evaluation courses.

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- ✓ <https://www.dau.edu/cop/cor/Pages/Default.aspx> COR Community of Practice.