



WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS FEDERAL CONTRACTING PROGRAM (WOSB PROGRAM) CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

CONSIDERING THE NEW WOSB PROGRAM REGULATIONS

	Pre-Regulations	Post-Regulations
New Applicants No Contracts No Certifications	N/A	Firms must be certified through the SBA, the SBA's 8(a) program, or the Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE).
Self-Certified Firms Active Contracts	N/A	A firm that was eligible as a WOSB or EDWOSB at the time of offer for the contract is considered a WOSB or EDWOSB throughout the life of the contract. For the purposes of contracts (including multiple award contracts) with durations of more than 5 years (including options), a firm must get certified by SBA or an approved Third-Party Certifier (TPC) prior to the end of the fifth year of the contract.
Self-Certified Firms No Contracts	If the firm has been the subject of a status protest or program examination in the preceding 2 years, the firm will be considered certified the date the new WOSB Program regulations are effective. The firm's anniversary date for recertification will be 3 years after the date of a positive status protest determination or program examination.	Self-certified firms with no active contracts need to get formally certified by SBA under the updated process.



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TPC-Certified Firms	Firms are considered certified the date the new WOSB Program regulations are effective.	All firms that are certified through an approved TPC will have to create a new account in the new certification platform and upload their TPC certificate for SBA to complete initial processing. TPC-certified firms must recertify 3 years after the date of their most recent recertification as a TPC-certified firm.
8(a)-Certified Firms	8(a) firms are considered certified the date the new WOSB Program regulations are effective.	8(a) firms can upload their most recent annual review letter or their 8(a) acceptance letter if the firm is in program year 1.
CVE-Certified Firms	N/A	CVE-certified firms can upload their certificate and supporting documentation (based on the new WOSB Program regulations).

For WOSB Program eligibility requirements, visit sba.gov/wosbready.