

Mod 2 Job Aid: Cage Code

Question	Answer
What is a CAGE Code?	CAGE Code is a five (5) position code that identifies companies doing or wishing to do business with the Federal Government. The format of the code is the first and fifth position must be numeric. The second, third and fourth may be any mixture of alpha/numeric excluding alpha letters I and O. All positions are non-significant.
Why do I need a CAGE Code?	The code is used to support a variety of mechanized systems throughout the government. The code provides for a standardized method of identifying a given facility at a specific location. The code may be used for a Facility Clearance, a Pre-Award survey, automated Bidders Lists, pay processes, source of supply, etc. In some cases, prime contractors may require their sub-contractors to have a CAGE Code also.
How do I get a CAGE Code?	<p>Supplement (DFARS) have been amended to require contractor registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) database prior to the award of any contract, basic agreement, blanket ordering agreement or blanket purchasing agreement, unless the award results from a solicitation issued on or before May 31, 1998. Having a CAGE Code alone is no longer sufficient to qualify a contractor to do business with DoD. Parts 204, 212, and 252 of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation.</p> <p>All SAM registrants are validated through the CAGE system. If you have a CAGE Code, it will be identified and applied to your Trading Partner Profile (TPP). If you do not have a CAGE Code, and are a U.S.* company, one will be assigned to you. You can register in SAM at https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/ or call for assistance at 1-866-606-8220.</p> <p>* Non-U.S. companies: Foreign registrants must have a NATO Commercial and Governmental Entity (NCAGE) Code assigned. If your organization does not already have an NCAGE assigned, for most countries you can obtain one by connecting to Form AC135 http://www.dlis.dla.mil/Forms/Form_AC135.asp. If you cannot submit this form by Internet, you can obtain an NCAGE by contacting the National Codification Bureau of the country where your organization is located. For a list of addresses, go to NATO POCs http://www.nato.int/structur/AC/135/main/links/contacts.htm</p>
Who assigns and maintains CAGE Codes?	DLA Logistics Information Services in Battle Creek, MI is the only authorized source of CAGE Codes.
Is there a fee for CAGE Codes?	No. At this time, there are no associated subscription charges related to the assignment/maintenance of CAGE Codes.