

Letter of Authorization Requirements for DoD Contingency Contractors

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Certain categories of DoD Contractors deploying to the Southwest Asia AOR are eligible for a Common Access Card (CAC) with a Geneva Conventions condition. These contractors are referred to as Contingency Contractors (or sometimes as Contractors Authorized to Accompany the Forces). There are new requirements for the documentation that DoD Contingency Contractors must possess in order to distinguish their eligibility for the Geneva Conventions condition.

The RAPIDS SSM/VO should now only accept a Letter of Authorization (LOA) that has been issued by the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) system. Within the SPOT generated LOA, the "DoDI Essential" block (under the "Privileges" section) must be checked in order for the Contractor to be eligible for the Geneva Conventions condition.

DoD Contractors deploying to Southwest Asia AOR that indicate they should be eligible for a Geneva Conventions condition, but do not possess a SPOT generated LOA, should be directed to their CAC sponsor or Contracting Officer Representative (COR) to determine their status.