The IAPP Certified Information Privacy Professional/Government (CIPP/G) PROGRAM IS NOW INACTIVE.

What was the Certified Information Privacy Professional/Government program?
The CIPP/G program was a certification specifically oriented toward U.S. government employees in privacy management positions. It focused on U.S. government privacy laws and practices in anticipation of a general upgrade of privacy programs across government agencies.

What happened to the CIPP/G program?
The IAPP suspended the CIPP/G program on September 30, 2018.

Why is the program inactive?
1) There weren’t enough people pursuing the CIPP/G certification to provide the data required to make regular updates to both exams and training.

2) Certification programs do best in environments where bodies of knowledge are relatively stable. Uncertainty in the government privacy landscape, caused by administration and policy changes, doesn’t allow for that stability.

I am already CIPP/G-certified. What does this mean for me?
Anyone holding a CIPP/G certification in good standing as of September 30, 2018 will be CIPP/G-certified in perpetuity. You will not be required to fulfill any continuing privacy education (CPE) requirements or pay any membership or annual maintenance fees (AMFs).

I hold certifications in addition to CIPP/G. Will they be affected?
The change in status for CIPP/G does not affect ongoing requirements for your other credential(s). Annual maintenance fees (AMFs) and continuing privacy education (CPE) credits will still be required to retain other active IAPP certification(s).

Will any U.S. Government privacy training materials be available?
Online training and the textbook for U.S. Government privacy training are no longer available. We do expect to offer a limited number of up-to-date, in-person training sessions at special events and will promote these in advance.

If I have questions, who do I contact?
To ask questions, or learn more about the changes to CIPP/G certification, don’t hesitate to reach out to us at certification@iapp.org.