





Protective Security Policy Framework

Maturity level	Ad hoc 	Developing 	Managing 	Embedded 
Maturity level description	Partial: Some PSPF core and supporting requirements are implemented although are not well understood across the entity. Security outcomes are not being achieved in some areas.	Substantial: The majority of PSPF core and supporting requirements are implemented, broadly managed and understood across the entity. Entity is largely meeting security outcomes.	Full: All PSPF core and supporting requirements are implemented, integrated into business practices and effectively disseminated across the entity. Entity meets security outcomes.	Excelled: All PSPF core and supporting requirements are implemented, effectively integrated and exceeding security outcomes. Entity's implementation of better-practice guidance drives high performance.
Maturity level indicators	Entity implementation and basic management of the PSPF core and supporting requirements is inconsistent and ad hoc.	Entity has implemented and managed the majority of the PSPF core and supporting requirements but not effectively. There is an established and documented pathway for remaining requirements to be implemented.	Entity has effectively implemented and is managing all PSPF core and supporting requirements. Security is considered part of the entity's business practices.	Entity has fully and effectively implemented all PSPF core and supporting requirements and integrated them into the entity's business. Security is proactively managed in response to the risk environment and better practice informs the entity's business and security decisions.
Maturity level protection	This category provides partial protection of the entity's people, information and assets, potentially exposing the government to unmitigated security risks.	This category provides substantial protection of the entity's people, information and assets, potentially exposing the government to security risks.	This category provides the minimum required protection of the entity's people, information and assets, consistent with policy requirements.	This category provides comprehensive protection of the entity's people, information and assets.