Data Sharing: An Overview

Introduction

As part of the Common Assessment Standard, the Recognised Assessment Bodies have established a data sharing solution, which enables contractors and clients to access verified PQ data for their supply chains via their preferred Recognised Assessment Body, without having to set up an arrangement with every Recognised Assessment Body.

When is Data Shared?

- The purpose of data sharing is to make a supplier's key data available in the portals of other Recognised Assessment Bodies that did not originally certify the supplier against the Common Assessment Standard.

- Data from suppliers will only be shared once they have been certified by a Recognised Assessment Body to one of the following products aligned to the Common Assessment Standard:

	Desktop	**Site-Based**
Achilles	BuildingConfidence Gold CAS Desktop Assessment	BuildingConfidence Gold CAS Day Audit
Compliance Chain	Gold Supplier Membership	*Not Applicable*
Constructionline	Constructionline Gold	Constructionline Platinum
CQMS	Safety-Scheme Premium	Safety-Scheme Elite
SCCS	SCCS Build Assured CAS Lite	SCCS Build Assured CAS Elite
Smas Worksafe	Worksafe Pro	*Not Applicable*
Veriforce CHAS	CHAS Elite (CAS)	CHAS Elite (CAS) Assured

- Data will **not** be shared on any products that are not aligned to the Common Assessment Standard, such as Constructionline Silver or CHAS Premium Plus.

What Data is Shared?

- Data is shared in relation to 36 key questions in the Common Assessment Standard, covering company information and certification expiry dates. No documentation, such as certificates, is shared as part of the process.

- The data that is shared is updated in 'real time', and it will be shown where a supplier has not updated agreed 'time critical' information, such as insurances.

- Only data that has been verified by the original Recognised Assessment Body is shared, and it will not be amended in any way by the other Recognised Assessment Bodies. A supplier will only be able to amend their data in the original Recognised Assessment Body's portal.

Why Would a Supplier Share their Data?

- Data sharing enables contractors and clients to access PQ data for their supply chains via their preferred Recognised Assessment Body, without having to set up an arrangement with every Recognised Assessment Body. A supplier would request that their data is shared where the contractor or client they are working for (or want to work for) uses a different Recognised Assessment Body for their supply chain management to the one that originally certified the supplier against the Common Assessment Standard. For example, a supplier certified by Achilles that is working for VINCI would need to request that their data is shared with Constructionline, as VINCI uses Constructionline for its internal supply chain management system.

- If for any reason a supplier has been certified against the Common Assessment Standard by more than one Recognised Assessment Body, then they do **not** need to share their data, unless their client/contractor is using the services of a different Recognised Assessment Body to those that originally certified them.

How Does a Supplier Request that their Data is Shared?

- To ensure GDPR compliance, data is only shared between Recognised Assessment Bodies where a supplier has provided their consent. Consent must be provided to both the Recognised Assessment Body that certified them to the Common Assessment Standard and the Recognised Assessment Body that they want their data to be shared with.

- The supplier will be asked to provide consent to the Recognised Assessment Body that certifies them during the audit process. They can withdraw their consent to their data being shared at any point by contacting the Recognised Assessment Body.

- The process for providing consent to each Recognised Assessment Body that they want their data to be shared with can be found on the Build UK website.

Further Information

- The Common Assessment Standard – Question Set
- Key Questions for Data Sharing
- 'Time Critical' Questions
- List of Organisations Specifying the Common Assessment Standard