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New Recognised Assessment Body for the Common Assessment Standard

Build UK has announced that CQMS is the fourth organisation to become a Recognised Assessment Body to certify companies against the Common Assessment Standard.

The Common Assessment Standard is being rolled out across the construction industry to simplify the pre-qualification (PQ) system, significantly reducing the duplication of time, effort and resources that are costing up to £1 billion a year. It has been endorsed by the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) and recommended for use within the public sector as part of the recent independent review of frameworks.

A growing list of major contractors and clients are specifying the Common Assessment Standard for their PQ requirements, meaning that members of their supply chains need to obtain just one certification in order to tender for work with them. Three Build UK Trade Association members are also accepting the Common Assessment Standard as part of their membership audit process, further reducing duplication across the industry.

With a landmark data sharing solution enabling contractors and clients to obtain key PQ data from any Recognised Assessment Body, companies can apply to the Recognised Assessment Body of their choice for certification: Achilles, CHAS, Constructionline and now CQMS.

Jo Fautley, Deputy Chief Executive of Build UK, said:

“CQMS becoming a Recognised Assessment Body is another significant milestone in the rollout of the Common Assessment Standard. The industry-wide PQ system is going from strength to strength, with more and more of the industry now supporting this collaborative and efficient way of working.”

Kerry Howe, Director of CQMS, added:

“We are delighted to become a Recognised Assessment Body able to certify companies against the Common Assessment Standard, and to recognise and support the enhanced requirements for supply chains whilst raising the bar in a cost-effective and efficient way.”

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Notes to Editors

1. [Build UK](#) is the leading representative organisation for the UK construction industry. Bringing together Clients, Contractors, Trade Associations representing a wide range of Specialist Contractors, and other organisations committed to industry collaboration, Build UK represents in excess of 40% of UK construction.
2. Further information on the Common Assessment Standard, including a list of organisations using it, is available on the [Build UK website](#).
3. There are four Recognised Assessment Bodies which can certify companies to the Common Assessment Standard, and they are available to provide further information on what the system means for them. Please contact:
 - a. [Achilles](#) - Rebecca Bantoft / rebecca.bantoft@achilles.com
 - b. [CHAS](#) - Duncan Tanner / duncan.tanner@chas.co.uk
 - c. [Constructionline](#) - Robert Walton / robert.walton@fortius-network.com
 - d. [CQMS](#) - Eleanor Eaton / eleanor.eaton@cqms-ltd.com
4. CQMS will be offering the following products aligned to the Common Assessment Standard: Safety-Scheme Premium (desktop) and Safety-Scheme Elite (site-based).
5. [Constructing the Gold Standard](#), the independent review of public sector construction frameworks undertaken by Professor David Mosey, was published in December 2021.