

GREEN MAN

HEALTH & SAFETY

ASSESSMENT SCHEMES - FACT SHEET

Assessment schemes, also known as pre-qualifications schemes and certification schemes, are a means to simplify the sourcing or procurement process by reducing the need for contractors or suppliers to continually resubmit extensive details of their health and safety management systems and arrangements when tendering for contracts.

Contractors or suppliers who gain certification on these assessment schemes have had their health and safety management arrangements independently assessed and this single assessment can then be used to simplify the initial stages of the selection process, it is designed to save both time and money for the client and contractor.

A number of assessment or pre-qualification schemes exist. The principal scheme which is used by and developed for the public sector is the Contractor Health and Safety Assessment Scheme (CHAS). Others schemes include Construction Line and Safe Contractor.

As the number of schemes has grown the pressure for contractors and suppliers to belong to more than one scheme has intensified. This can add complexity and misunderstanding to the procurement process. It is more important that clients understand the principles that govern effective pre-qualification rather than focusing on a particular scheme.

As a result, various schemes have therefore come together under the banner of Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP). The intention being that membership of an SSIP member company is deemed to satisfy the requirement of the other schemes. Contractors therefore need join only one scheme and this helps to streamline the procurement process.

Green Man Health and Safety has considerable experience in helping contractors and suppliers achieve certification. We will ensure your current health and safety system is up to date and that any additional requirements likely to be asked for by the scheme's assessors are available. We also become a named consultant and advisory organisation for the provision of health and safety information and guidance on your application forms and can liaise with the certification bodies at your request.

If you believe gaining membership of one of these schemes is likely to give you a competitive advantage then also speak to Green Man Health and Safety about the procedures, documents and evidence required to ensure a smooth certification process.