

Netherlands Scheme for Certification in the Area of IT Security (NSCIB)



Nederlands Schema
voor Certificatie op het
gebied van IT-Beveiliging
(NSCIB)

NSCIB Scheme Instruction 14

Addressing questions to the Certification Body

Approved.....
Technical Manager NSCIB

Instruction 14
Report title Addressing questions to the Certification Body
Date of issue 30 November 2022
Version 2.2
Distribution Public
Filename NSI_14_Addressing_questions_to_the_Certification_Body_v2.2.doc

1 Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to define how consultancy issues are addressed to NSCIB in advance of an evaluation and how they are recorded.

NSCIB does not and will not provide consultancy to ITSEFs regarding how best to handle issues that arise during consultancy. This is the job of the consultant. It is the role of the evaluator to determine if the approach taken by the consultant meets the requirements of the CC.

NSCIB recognizes that sometimes the best approach to undertaking an evaluation needs to be explored before a contract between the ITSEF and sponsor is drawn up in order to minimise the risk of exposure to work that has not been budgeted for in the contract price. To this end, it is permitted to approach NSCIB for help in such matters. The consultant and the ITSEF must send an 'evaluation approach' document to NSCIB for approval.

2 Evaluation Approach Document

The document will have a unique title and date and shall contain two sections as follows:

- Section one: will be written by the consultant. It will describe the issue that the consultant is faced with and the proposed solution that the consultant wants to take. In addition, the name of the consultant(s) will be stated.
- Section two: will be written by a qualified ITSEF evaluator that is known to the scheme. The document will state the name of the evaluator. The evaluator does not have to be the evaluator that will be ultimately assigned to the evaluation but he must be competent in order to analyse the solution proposed by the consultant. In this second section, the evaluator will examine the proposed solution made by the consultant and make a judgement based on the requirements of the CEM and any other mandatory documentation that may be of importance. It is the evaluator that must determine if the consultant's proposed solution is appropriate within the context of the CC and provide supporting argumentation. The evaluator must also record all issues that have arisen during the consultancy phase that may impact on the proposed evaluation approach. An example of this is where the TOE scope has been defined in such a way that the environment plays a large role in the supporting the self protection of the TOE.

The document will be submitted to the scheme who will determine if the proposed solution and evaluation approach together with the evaluator's judgement are appropriate. If such a document is submitted in advance of the work plan being finalized, the document title and issue will be listed in the work plan together with the verdict of the scheme.