

A database of UKAS accredited certification

UKAS has launched an online database of UKAS accredited certification, called UKAS CertCheck. This database is free to use and publicly accessible, allowing anyone to verify the validity of claims of UKAS accredited certification.

Initially CertCheck will be focused on certified management systems but there are plans to develop into product and personnel certification in the future. UKAS is providing this database at no additional cost as part of our existing service to our accredited Certification Bodies.



What are the principal functions of UKAS CertCheck?

- + To provide a centralised service that gives further confidence to people who rely upon the assurance provided by UKAS accredited certification.
- + To assist in the combatting of fraudulent claims of UKAS accredited certification or organisations who attempt to portray non-accredited certification as holding the same value as accredited certification.

How will UKAS CertCheck work?

CertCheck is a verification database and works by allowing users to verify that a claim of holding UKAS accredited certification is valid. This is done by searching on for the certificate number or registered trading name of the certified organisation. This will result in the details of the certification held being displayed; including the scope of certification, date issued, locations covered and the awarding Certification Body.

What is required from Certification Bodies?

To make such a system viable it is essential that the database contains details of all organisations who hold UKAS accredited certification. As such, all Certification Bodies accredited by UKAS to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 will be required to provide and keep updated data on their certified clients. This ensures that when an organisation cannot be found on CertCheck the user can be confident that they do not hold UKAS accredited certification.





Is UKAS CertCheck database secure?

UKAS is committed to using services that are secure and adopting effective security standards that align with industry best practices in the areas of security and service management.

The following key measures are in place to ensure data security and integrity of the UKAS CertCheck database:

- + The CertCheck system is fully hosted and backed up on servers based within the UK and uses a variety of physical and technological security measures to prevent unauthorised access to or misuse of the data.
- + It is not possible for anyone to generate or extract lists of certified organisations from UKAS CertCheck and; as the system contains no contact details of certified organisations, it cannot be used to support any mass marketing or communications.

Whilst this touches upon some key factors related to data security, more information on this can be found in our Security Statement, which is available on request.

What are the key benefits of UKAS CertCheck?

Whilst there are obvious benefits to holders of UKAS accredited certification: giving their customers and stakeholders confidence that their certification is valid, there are other potential benefits too. UKAS is currently working with several organisations who require accredited certification in their supply chain or who provide supplier vetting services, they are keen to be able to verify claims of accredited certification via CertCheck.

This means organisations holding UKAS accredited certification should find it easier to be accepted as approved suppliers in these areas and have further differentiation from un-certified competition.

Access UKAS CertCheck:

The database of UKAS accredited certification can be searched at CertCheck.UKAS.com

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