

Thank you for joining us for today's webinar: 'Demystifying – The purpose of accreditation'

PLEASE NOTE:

- + Microphones will not be enabled during the webinar
- + However, you can use the Q&A box to raise any questions
- + We'll be starting at 14:00 (GMT), see you soon.



Demystifying – The purpose of accreditation

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About UKAS

- + UKAS is the sole National Accreditation Body for the United Kingdom.
- + Recognised and appointed by government, to assess against agreed standards for organisations that provide services for:
 - + Certification
 - + Testing
 - + Inspection
 - + Calibration
- + Founded in 1966, consolidated as UKAS in 1995
- + Not for profit organisation
- + +2,600 accredited customers
- + +34,500 assessment days per annum
- + +300 full time staff & growing



UKAS: Governance and representation



Department for
Business, Energy
& Industrial Strategy

UKAS: Governance and representation

Government and regulators



Customer associations



Business and industry



Professional bodies and other interests



United Kingdom Quality Infrastructure - partners



CONSULTATION AND GUIDANCE VIA:

Technical and Market Input

- + Technical Advisory Committees
- + External Industry groups
- + Appointed Technical Focal Points
- + Development pilots

Strategic/Policy

- + Policy Advisory Forum (60 members)
- + Policy Advisory Council – Linked to Board
- + Healthcare Steering Group
- + IR4.0 Steering Group



+ What is accreditation

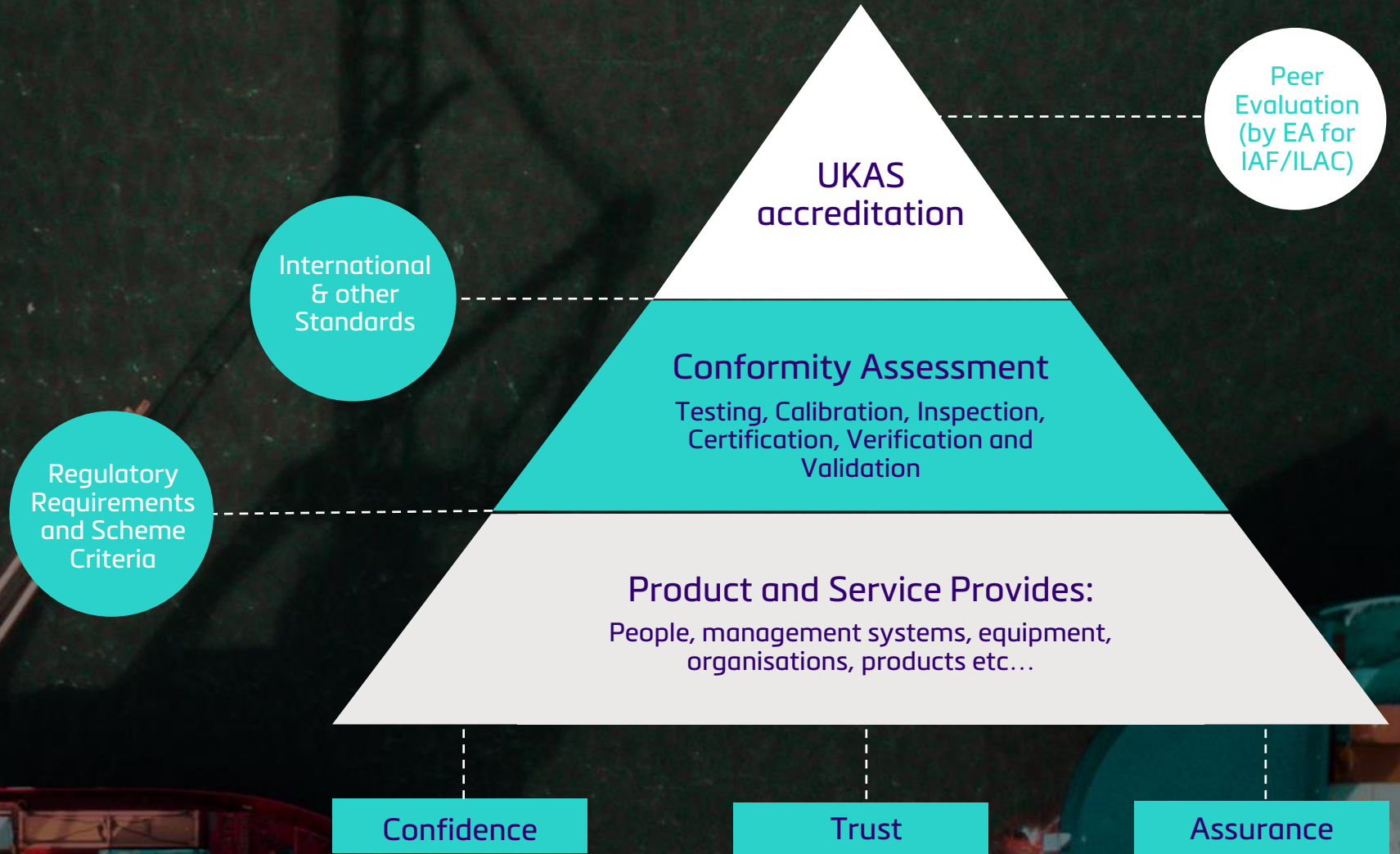




UKAS Globally trusted

The “chain” of accreditation

Global network,
delivering confidence
in uncertain times



Defining accreditation

Accreditation is the ongoing formal recognition of the competence, impartiality and integrity of a conformity assessment body to perform specific task or activity to the relevant standard.

Conformity assessment examples:

- + Testing – COVID-19 antigen tests
- + Inspection – Passenger lifts
- + Certification – ISO 9001 Quality Management
- + Verification and validation – Emissions trading scheme (greenhouse gas report verification)

Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) activities

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| + Medical Laboratories and examinations (ISO 15189) | + Laboratories – Calibration & Testing (ISO/IEC 17025) |
| + Certification Bodies – MS certification (ISO/IEC 17021) | + Certification Bodies - Certification of persons (ISO/IEC 17024) |
| + Certification Bodies - Product certification (ISO/IEC 17065) | + Point of Care Testing Providers (ISO 22870) |
| + Inspection (ISO/IEC 17020) | + Validation and Verification (ISO 14065) |
| + Reference Material Producers (ISO 17034) | + Proficiency Testing Providers (ISO/IEC 17043) |

- + **Certification** is the assessment of whether a management system, product, or person meets the criteria laid out in a recognised standard or scheme.
- + **Accreditation** is the determination of the competence of the certification body to perform specific activities under a recognised international or national standard or scheme.

Certification Vs. Accreditation





+ The value of accreditation



UKAS accreditation is recognised and accepted globally, reducing technical barriers to international trade.

Improved organisational efficiency

Accreditation can highlight gaps in capability, thereby providing the opportunity for improved organisational efficiency and outputs

Benefits of UKAS assessment and accreditation

UKAS underpins the UK and global quality infrastructure with our independence and expertise, creating trust and confidence in the products and services we all rely upon.

Competitive advantage

Accreditation provides independent assurance of technical competence; it can set you apart from the competition.

Accreditation supports the generation of new business, providing the potential to open up trade into new markets.



Survey results

of those that responded:

- + **93%** agreed that accreditation provides confidence to their customers and stakeholders
- + **76%** agreed that accreditation differentiates them from their competitors
- + **85%** agreed that accreditation improves the quality and validity of their work
- + **71%** agreed that accreditation helps them to win new or maintain existing business

Supply chain confidence

Accreditation can create confidence in industry supply chains and is often specified by public and private sector organisations as a prerequisite for acceptance.

UKAS accreditation provides confidence to employees, customers and stakeholders of a commitment to quality and service improvement

Manage risks

Accreditation can be an important factor in assessing, identifying and reducing risks.

- + Efficiency and validity
- + Accuracy
- + Innovation
- + Competence
- + Impartiality
- + Advantages
- + International acceptance

Our aim is everything that should be underpinned by accreditation, **is!**

+ The assessment process



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- + Pre-assessment
- + Initial assessment
- + Grant of accreditation
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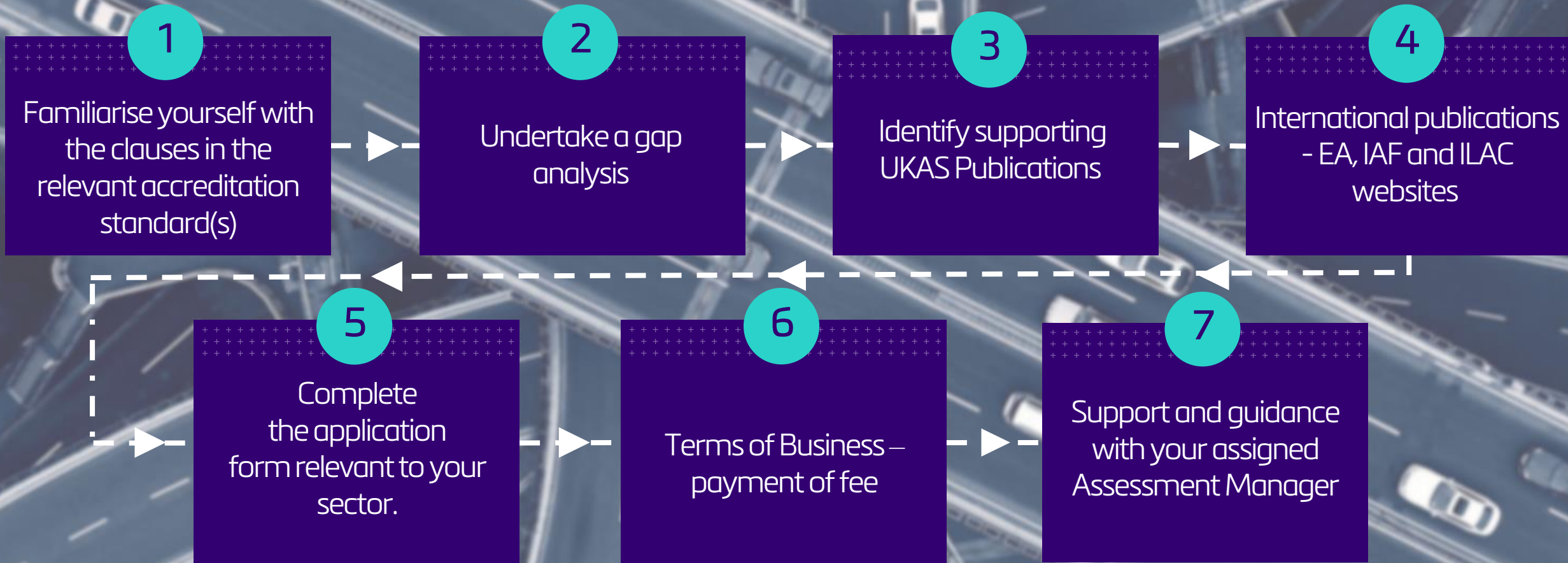


+ Applying for accreditation



Route to application

How to apply for UKAS accreditation:





Any questions?





Thank you

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