

The introduction of JOSCAR provides us and the other participating prime contractors with a single and shared source of supplier compliance information.

BAE Systems Maritime Services is committed to introducing new practices that make it easier for you to do business with us. Together with other prime defence contractors, we've introduced a new supplier compliance management process. This system, known as the Joint Supply Chain Accreditation Register (JOSCAR), is designed to standardise our requests for supplier compliance information.

JOSCAR is also an integral part of our sourcing process. Our sourcing specialists use JOSCAR to find compliant suppliers to be considered for new business. Achieving JOSCAR compliant status may create new business opportunities for our suppliers.

The benefits for our suppliers

A simple online process to submit compliance information for BAE Systems Maritime Services that also reduces the likelihood of duplicate requests

Dynamic questions which are tailored to the products and services being provided by you

An online profile which can be maintained and updated throughout the year to ensure your ongoing compliance with BAE Systems Maritime Services supplier approval requirements

JOSCAR approval also means you also won't have to provide assurance information each time you bid for business with BAE Systems Maritime Services.

How to gain compliance approval

There are two stages of qualification. Some suppliers will only need to do Stage 1. However, due to the nature of certain products and services some suppliers will also be subject to additional requirements, represented as Stage 2.

Stage 1 Qualification

BAE Systems Maritime Services will send suppliers a request to complete an online questionnaire. Our external partner Hellios Information Management Ltd will then contact you with the details on how to complete the online questionnaire. This is free of charge and should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. This information will allow us to determine whether your organisation is also required to complete the Stage 2 assessment.

Stage 2 Qualification

Stage 2 is a more detailed online assessment, which requires you to supply supporting evidence. This stage will take approximately two hours to complete.

'By using **JOSCAR** we hope to make it easier for you to do business with us. **Working together** with our peers in other defence organisations to assess supplier compliance is a positive step towards minimising duplicated administration, reducing barriers to entry and **improving** the ease of doing business with organisations like us.'

Chris Bruce, Head of Supply Chain at BAE Systems Maritime Services

Depending on the size of your organisation, an annual fee ranging from £275 to £ (plus VAT) may be payable. For some smaller organisations, the cost of Stage 2 is free. Costs are payable directly to Hellios to cover the operating costs of the system.

BAE Systems Maritime Services and each of the participating primes involved in the programme pay an annual subscription fee to help minimise the costs to our suppliers.

Once Stage 2 Qualification has been achieved, BAE Systems Maritime Services may wish to conduct further assurance activities. This will not incur any additional costs to your organisation.

Timelines for qualification

Typically we find that it takes between two to six weeks to attain JOSCAR approval. If you are being asked to apply as part of a tender or PQQ (Pre Qualification Questionnaire) process then please refer to your BAE Systems Maritime Services Supply Chain representative who will confirm completion deadlines.