Supplier qualification system guide

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Tokio Marine Kiln is committed to introducing responsible business practices that make it easier for our suppliers to do business with us.

To support this commitment, we use the Hellios Financial Supplier Qualification System (FSQS).

It is designed to standardise and manage our requests for compliance and assurance data, along with other major financial services organisations that have adopted FSQS.

As the regulatory environment becomes more complex, it’s important that we can demonstrate to our stakeholders that we’re working responsibly with our suppliers to minimise risk and protect customers. The introduction of the FSQS provides a standard and simple mechanism for collecting and managing supplier assurance information across Tokio Marine Kiln. The FSQS is also an integral part of our sourcing process.

Our Supplier Managers also use the system to find pre-qualified suppliers to be considered for new business. Qualified supplier status gives visibility across our procurement process and, therefore, creates potential new business opportunities.
**Benefits for you**

- A single online process to submit assurance and compliance data – reducing duplicate requests from Tokio Marine Kiln and other financial services customers who you provide goods and services to.
- Compliance requirements which are proportionate to the products and services being provided.
- An online supplier profile which can be updated throughout the year to demonstrate your ongoing compliance with our policies.
- Qualification means you won’t have to provide assurance information each time you bid for business with us.

**How to gain qualification**

There are two levels of qualification. Stage 1 Qualification collects basic information about your organisation and is used to determine whether Stage 2 Qualification is necessary, based on the nature of the goods or services being supplied. For example, if a supplier deals directly with our customer data, then they will be asked to demonstrate how they comply with relevant regulatory requirements.
Stage 1 Qualification

Suppliers will receive an email invitation to complete an online questionnaire. The invitation will come from Helios, an external partner, who has been appointed to collect and administer the data on behalf of Tokio Marine Kiln. The questionnaire should take around one hour to complete. This information will allow us to determine whether your organisation only requires Stage 1 Qualification or is required to complete Stage 2 Qualification.

Stage 2 Qualification

Stage 2 requires the completion of a more detailed online questionnaire and, in some areas, may require the provision of supporting evidence. To make the process as efficient as possible, most of the questions have selectable answer options rather than requiring lengthy written responses, and no proprietary, contractual or pricing information will be asked. This stage typically covers your policies and practice in areas such as:

- Anti-Bribery
- Customer Treatment
- Health & Safety
- Information Security
- Diversity & Inclusion
- GDPR
- IT Asset Management
- Sanction
- Products and Sales
- Whistleblowing
- Cyber Security
- Environmental
- Physical Security
- Conduct Risk
- Remuneration
- Anti-Money Laundering
- Business Continuity
- Records Management
- Data Management
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Funding of FSQS is shared by Tokio Marine Kiln and the other Financial Services organisations that will use the system, and larger suppliers. If your organisation is an autonomous small or micro-sized enterprise (SME), then registration on FSQS is subsidised 100% i.e. there is no charge. Medium sized organisations are 50% subsidised. For non-SME organisations, if Stage 2 of the process is required then this incurs an annual fee of £1650 (plus VAT), which is payable directly to our external partner Helios, to help fund the operational costs of administering the system. Following Stage 2 Qualification, Tokio Marine Kiln may wish to conduct further assurance activities including an on-site audit. This will be conducted by Tokio Marine Kiln and will incur no further fees.

Timelines for qualification

Existing suppliers to Tokio Marine Kiln are given up to eight weeks to complete qualification for the first time, to allow sufficient time for familiarisation with the new questionnaires and process. However, we expect most suppliers will be capable of competing qualification in significantly less time. Suppliers bidding for new business with Tokio Marine Kiln may need to complete the qualification much more quickly in accordance with procurement timescales. Helios will advise the deadline dates for Stage 1 and, if required, Stage 2 completion in the FSQS email communications issued.
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2. Who is Hellios?
Hellios Information Limited is a UK based company. The team has extensive experience in collecting and maintaining supplier data on behalf of a number of global and UK companies.

3. What is the role of Hellios?
Tokio Marine Kiln has appointed Hellios to collect and administer Supplier Assurance related data on behalf of the Tokio Marine Kiln. Hellios will collect and check the data provided by suppliers and ensure the data is maintained on the Financial Supplier Qualification System. Hellios is an approved supplier of Tokio Marine Kiln. Hellios does not assess a supplier’s suitability for qualification. That decision rests with Tokio Marine Kiln.

4. How does Hellios protect the data we provide?
The FSQS application, infrastructure and data storage is hosted exclusively in the UK in data centres that are SSAE18 SOC2 and ISO27001 certified. Encryption to the latest industry standards is employed, along with cyber security measures such as weekly scans and penetration testing. Hellios ensures the limited amount of personal data collected is fully compliant with the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

5. Do we have to register each of our legal entities separately?
Yes, your organisation is required to register any legal entity that submits an invoice to Tokio Marine Kiln.

Frequently asked questions

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12. How long does it take to complete qualification?
Typically, we find it takes less than one business day to enter the information in the system (if you’re asked to complete both stages). However, the time required to collate the information varies dependent on the size of an organisation. Larger organisations often have to source the data from a number of internal departments and therefore we’re giving existing suppliers approximately eight weeks to complete qualification.

13. As an existing supplier, what happens if I fail to apply for qualification within the assigned timelines?
Suppliers will be fully supported by Hellios throughout the qualification process. However, failure to complete qualification will result in a supplier being classified as non-compliant in our internal systems.

14. Who can I contact for further information?
Please contact Hellios Supplier email: fsqs@hellios.com or telephone 01865 959120 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Please contact TMK Procurement email: procurement@tokiomarinekiln.com or telephone 0207886 9000 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

* An SME is defined as an enterprise which has less than 250 employees and a turnover of less than £40m (including any consolidated figures should the enterprise belong to a group of companies).
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