



NEWS RELEASE

TickIT*plus* Certification Scheme Now Live!

13 May 2011, Ely, England – UKAS, the United Kingdom Accreditation Service, has now accredited the first three certification bodies for the delivery of TickIT*plus* certification services.

TickIT*plus* is a natural development of the highly regarded TickIT scheme. TickIT*plus* is a process-based scheme that adopts a tiered approach to certification. This means that there can be a quantifiable, externally certificated measure of an organisation's IT services lifecycle process maturity and capability to ISO15504. The TickIT*plus* scheme recognizes the changes that have taken place since the original launch of TickIT, takes into account the diversity of the IT sector and is relevant to software developers and suppliers of IT products and services.

The first three UKAS-accredited certification bodies for TickIT*plus* Foundation level assessments are:

- British Standards Institute (BSI) - www.bsigroup.com
- DNV - www.dnv.co.uk/services/certification/management_systems/quality/TickITplus
- Lloyds Register Quality Assurance (LRQA) - www.lrqa.co.uk/certification/quality/tickit

Nexor (www.nexor.com) is one of the first organisations to have achieved TickIT*plus* certification.

TickIT*plus* offers a number of benefits to different stakeholders. For customers, TickIT*plus* can be used as a measure of a supplier's process capability and maturity, especially in procurement selection, to reduce risk. For organisations implementing TickIT*plus*, business risk is reduced as a result of increased capability, embedded best practice and creation of a culture of continuous improvement.

TickIT*plus* includes ISO 9001 approval, with the capability dimension of TickIT*plus* enabling access to markets requiring ISO15504 compliance, such as CMMI and SPICE.

TickIT*plus* also gives entry level access to capability grading for small IT organisations and significant cost savings for those already pursuing both ISO 9001 and Capability Maturity Measurements.

Existing TickIT-registered organisations will need to make a transition to the new TickIT*plus* Foundation level within the next three years

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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