

Common Assessment Standard (CAS) FAQs

Who are the selected providers to deliver the CAS Certification?

Achilles BuildingConfidence

ConstructionLine

CHAS

What BuildingConfidence products will provide certification to the CAS?

BuildingConfidence CAS Desktop Assessment

BuildingConfidence 1 Day Audit

BuildingConfidence 2 Day Audit (above and beyond CAS but still certify to the standard)

What products within CHAS and ConstuctionLine will deliver a CAS Certification?

ConstructionLine

ConstructionLine Gold = CAS Desktop Certification

ConstructionLine Platinum = CAS Site Certification

CHAS

CHAS Premier (CAS) = CAS Desktop Certification or Onsite Certification

What determines if a company needs to complete a Desktop Assessment or a Site Assessment?

This will still largely be driven by the client's requirement. If there is no client influence, then it is solely down to the company going through the assessment

What does it mean if companies currently hold accreditations across Achilles BC, CHAS & ConstructionLine?

Provided the assessments they hold are ones which certify to the standard then they should not need to maintain multiple CAS recognised levels of accreditation. For example, a supplier who holds a BC site audit should not be required to complete CHAS or ConstructionLine. This is subject to their client being aligned to the Build UK initiative.

How will the CHAS and ConstructionLine be able to show I have a CAS Certification with Achilles BuildingConfidence?

A data sharing solution between the 3 providers will allow your accreditation information to be visible in all platforms. For example, if you complete the certification with Achilles BuildingConfidence then a selected amount of data will be visible in the CHAS & ConstructionLine platforms. This solution is in development.

Why should I maintain a Site Assessment when the cheapest way to get a CAS certification is through the Desktop Assessment?

Clients will still require site assessments; this will still be part of their supply chain assurance. Maintaining a single Site Assessment will mean companies should not be asked to complete any other accreditations. If you hold a Desktop Assessment a company maybe asked to upgrade to a Site Assessment.

Are the BuildingConfidence Steering Group supportive of the changes?

Nearly all the Steering Group are affiliated to Build UK or CECA and some have been heavily involved in the development of the CAS.

When is the Data Sharing Solution likely to be in place?

All 3 providers continue to work together with Build UK to deliver the desired data sharing solution which has been outlined for launch this summer

Do I still need to maintain my SSIP certification if I hold a CAS accreditation?

The SSIP assessment is incorporated into the Health & Safety section of the CAS. If you hold a current SSIP certificate, then this section will not need completing. If you do not, then you will need to complete the require Health & Safety question that fall under SSIP.

Will the CAS Certification be a set price across providers?

No. Each provider will have their own pricing structure.

What happens if a supplier fails the Assessment?

The current BC failure process will apply. If a non-conformance can be closed out within 5 days, then the audit will be passed, if not then a re-assessment will need to be booked.

Will Failure information be shared across providers?

Yes, if a company fails then information relating to the failure will be shared across the platforms.

What happens if I have a CAS Certification, but I am being asked to complete a CAS assessment with another provider by my client?

Firstly, you need to check what level of CAS Assessment you hold and what is being asked for. If you hold a Desktop Assessment and you are being asked for a Site Assessment, then you may need to upgrade to meet the client's requirements. If you hold a CAS Site Assessment and you are being asked to complete a CAS Desktop Assessment, then this does not align with the initiative as the Desktop Assessment is a smaller assessment.

During the soft launch of CAS supply chain members need to appreciate of the fact clients may have well established processes with single accreditation providers which will take time to change to align. If found in this situation we would suggest you ask the accreditation provider to speak directly with the client.