

# **Modern Slavery Standard**

The PQS Modern Slavery Assessment helps businesses address modern slavery risks in their supply chains, ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards while demonstrating a commitment to human rights.



### Why is it Important?

- Legal Compliance Many businesses must comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
- Ethical Responsibility Ensuring workers' rights are protected enhances reputation and trust.
- Risk Reduction Identifying risks to avoid potential legal and financial consequences.
- Business Opportunities Many clients and contractors require proof of ethical sourcing.

### What Does the Assessment Cover?

- Modern Slavery Policy a review of our modern slavery policy.
- Operational Arrangements practical controls to implement modern slavery commitments.
- Supply Chain policies and procedures for supply chain due diligence.
- Awareness awareness and training on modern slavery across your organisation.
- Incidents your approach to the management of incidents of modern slavery.

### **PQS Modern Slavery Standard**

Take your compliance further by gaining certification against the PQS Modern Slavery Standard.

- 2 12-month validity for assurance and credibility.
- Competitive fees for organisations of all sizes.
- Practical assessment with no strict timescales for submission and no additional charges for resubmissions.

### **Modern Slavery Act 2015**

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 specifically states that the statement must include 'the steps the organisation has taken during the financial year to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any of its supply chains, and in any part of its own business'.

**₹99** plus VAT (1 employee)

**£149** plus VAT (5-99 employees)

◆£119 plus VAT (2-4 employees)

£249 plus VAT (100+ employees)

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

The PQS Pre-Qualification-Scheme is a UKAS Inspection Body, SSIP Registered Member, and Crown Commercial Services G-Cloud approved provider.



## **How do I apply for PQS Modern Slavery Standard?**

You need to register with the PQS portal, purchase the relevant assessment, answer questions within the PQS portal and submit to the PQS team for review.

Go to app.pqscheme.com

#### What is Modern Slavery Standard?

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#### What happens at renewal?

You will be reminded of renewal and have the choice to renew with the PQS Pre-Qualification-Scheme or let your approval expire. You are not tied to PQS and are free to make a value judgement during the renewal process. At renewal, you simple purchase another assessment for the normal advertised fee.

## How long is Modern Slavery Standard Approval valid?

Modern Slavery Standard approval is valid for 12 months from the date the assessment is passed.

#### How long do I have to submit?

Once purchased, we would expect you to submit the assessment within 6 months. You can submit each module individually when ready.

## How quickly can my submission be assessed?

Once you submit the assessment, an assessor will be assigned and will typically undertake a review within 4 days. We also have a 24 and 48 hour fast track option.

#### Is there a pass or fail?

If you do not fulfil the criteria, the assessor will request further information from you. You will not be converted to FAIL if the assessment is returned to you more than once or you are slow to re-submit the assessment to us. You will not pay any additional fees if the assessment if returned to you for further information.

#### Are there any hidden fees?

No. You pay for an annual assessment that is valid from the date you pass the assessment. There are no membership fees.

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