



PCI Security Standards Bulletin: Updates to the P2PE Program

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As of 28 October 2022, the PCI Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS) and the Payment Application Qualified Security Assessor (PA-QSA) Programs are retired. These programs are replaced by the PCI Software Security Framework (SSF). PCI SSC has updated the Point-to-Point Encryption (P2PE) Assessor program to reflect this change and to enable more opportunities for candidates to become qualified as P2PE Assessors. These changes include:

- Assessor titles have changed from QSA(P2PE) and PA-QSA(P2PE) to P2PE Assessor and P2PE Application Assessor, respectively. The nomenclature change does not impact what the assessor is qualified to assess, or how they do assessments.
- Qualified PIN Assessors (QPAs) may now apply to become P2PE Assessors, without the prerequisite to first be a QSA.
- P2PE Assessors must also be Secure Software Assessors in order to qualify as a P2PE Application Assessor.
- Candidate P2PE Application Assessors are no longer required to complete two Secure Software Assessments in order to qualify.

The P2PE Qualification Requirements document has been updated to reflect these changes. Additional documents, including the P2PE Program Guide and reporting documents, are also being updated to reflect these changes.

Review the P2PE Qualification Requirements v3.1 for additional information.