

Introducing JOSCAR

JOSCAR refers to a Joint Supply Chain Accreditation Register. It is a community based approach to the collection of supplier due diligence information across the Australian defence industry. BAE Systems Australia has joined other Defence Primes to agree a standardised supplier due diligence questionnaire, streamlining processes, and reducing duplication of effort and costs for suppliers.

Key Benefits to Suppliers

- Reduced costs through standardised information being provided to multiple customers using one questionnaire.
- A simple online process to submit compliance information for BAE Systems Australia and other Defence Primes that reduces the likelihood of duplicate requests.
- Tailored questions to the products and services your organisation provides.
- Easy access to maintain and update your online profile, to ensure your ongoing compliance with BAE Systems Australia approved supplier requirements.
- Potential new business opportunities as sourcing specialists from the Defence Primes use JOSCAR to identify suppliers for future opportunities.

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Why has BAE Systems chosen JOSCAR?

BAE Systems is committed to making it easier for suppliers to do business with us. The introduction of a shared online system with other organisations will simplify the process of submitting compliance information and will minimise the impact of multiple requests from other Defence Primes. JOSCAR does this whilst also ensuring that we manage our supply chain risk and compliance effectively, and still have a robust system to support the collection and maintenance of supplier qualification data.

Who are Hellios?

Hellios are headquartered in the UK with a local office in Brisbane. They have expertise in providing total supplier information management solutions. Using the JOSCAR system, Hellios will collect and administer supplier qualification data on behalf of BAE Systems and other Defence organisations. Hellios does not assess supplier suitability for compliance approval; this decision always remains with the Defence primes.

How do I register on JOSCAR?

Hellios, on behalf of BAE Systems, will issue an invitation for suppliers to complete the Stage 1 online questionnaire. The information provided in Stage 1 will determine whether your organisation is required to complete the Stage 2 assessment.

How long does it take to complete the stage 2 assessment?

If your organisation is asked to complete stage 1 and stage 2 approvals, it typically takes up to one working day to enter the required information into JOSCAR system. However, the time required to collate the documentary evidence can vary depending on the size of an organisation. Suppliers will be fully supported by Hellios throughout the process.

Do I need to need to provide any additional information?

In addition to the stage 2 assessment, your organisation may be required to complete some BAE Systems specific questions. These questions are not directly related to your JOSCAR assessment, but are required to onboard your organisation to the BAE Systems Australia Approved Supplier List. Your BAE Systems procurement contact will advise when additional information is required.

Is there a cost to join JOSCAR?

The stage 1 questionnaire is free to all suppliers. If evaluation of your organisation determines you are required to complete the stage 2 assessment, the pricing structure is tiered based on organisational type and size. BAE Systems and all other Prime buying organisations using the system are also helping to cover the administrative costs by paying an annual fee to use JOSCAR.

Supplier Criteria	Annual Price (exc. GST)
Stage 1 only	Free
Charities & Not for Profit	Free
Less than 10 employees	Free
10 – 199 employees and member of AIDN or DTC	AU\$375.00
Standard rate	AU\$1495.00

^{**}Note - pricing is provided by Hellios and subject to change

How long is my registration valid for?

Stage 1 and stage 2 approvals are valid for one year from completion, renewals will then be required. Hellios will issue reminders to suppliers in advance of their compliance expiry date and will work with you throughout the year to ensure your compliance data is kept up to date.

Is my information secure?

Other suppliers will not have access to the information you provide in JOSCAR. Additionally you will not be asked to provide any commercially sensitive or pricing information in JOSCAR.

I have a JOSCAR registration in the UK, do I still need to join in Australia?

Yes you do. The legislative and regulatory environment in Australia is different to the UK and the JOSCAR questionnaire has been modified to reflect Australian requirements.

What's the difference between JOSCAR and ICN Gateway?

JOSCAR focuses primarily on standardising and simplifying the onboarding process for suppliers serving the Defence sector through aggregation of defence industry on-boarding requirements. ICN Gateway is a broader platform that aims to connect businesses with opportunities and foster collaboration across various industries (e.g. through sharing of specific procurement package opportunities). This process is pre-RFX and is agnostic of approved supplier status.

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