

# TISAX Assessment

## (Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange)



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## What is TISAX Assessment?

The TISAX (Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange) accreditation is a standardised system for evaluating the information security management systems (ISMS) of organisations in the automotive sector.

## What is the objective of TISAX Assessment?

The main objective of TISAX is to create a standardized and reliable assessment process for assessing the information security practices of industry stakeholders, including manufacturers, suppliers, and service providers.

The TISAX Assessment attests to an organisation's information security management system's (ISMS) adherence to the established security levels. This enables businesses to communicate with other businesses in the automotive sector about their information security status, which can prevent duplication of assessments and save time and money.

PQSmitra Team helps organizations to implement the requirements and provides TISAX consultancy services in order to obtain the certification in the most simple and systematic manner. Initial review, planning, implementation, and documentation are all covered by the system implementation technique. PQSmitra Team actively assists organisations in achieving successful system deployment and successful certification outcomes. 100% documentation support is offered to expedite the implementation process.

## Which Organization are eligible for the assessment?

1. Automotive manufacturers
2. Automotive suppliers
3. Automotive service providers

## What are the levels of TISAX assessment?

1. Assessment level 1- Submission of a self-assessment form.
2. Assessment level 2- Online check by the auditor of the self-assessment. On-site audit will be done if prototype is the assessment objective.
3. Assessment level 3- On-site inspection by the auditor

## What are the TISAX ISA Maturity levels?

As per the VDA ISA (Information Security Assessment), an organisation's information security management system (ISMS) can be classified into 6 maturity levels. These maturity levels define how equipped is your ISMS against threats.

- Level 0 (Incomplete)
- Level 1 (Performed)
- Level 2 (Managed)
- Level 3 (Established)
- Level 4 (Predictable)
- Level 5 (Optimizing)

## What are the benefits of TISAX Assessment?

- Increased customer trust
- Reduced risk of data breaches
- Improved compliance with industry regulations
- Increased efficiency and productivity
- Industry-wide Acceptance.
- International Reach.
- Alignment with GDPR.
- Promotes Industry-wide Collaboration

## How did the TISAX assessment evolve over the years?

- 2017: The TISAX assessment framework is published by the VDA.
- 2018: The First TISAX assessment is conducted.
- 2019: The TISAX label is launched.
- 2020: The Number of TISAX- Certified companies exceed 1000.
- 2021: The TISAX assessment framework is updated to reflect the latest security trends.

## What are the criteria for the TISAX assessment?

- The German Association of Automotive Industry (VDA) has published an Information Security Assessment which forms as a Criteria catalogue. On completion of this, we get the criteria on basis of which the ISMS will be assessed.

## What are the Focus points of the assessment?

Following parameters are considered during a TISAX assessment:

- **Policies and Organizations:** The organization makes sure that the proper policies, procedures, and roles are put in place to support effective information security management.
- **Human Resources:** This evaluates the organization's human resources practices, including employee training, awareness, and the establishment of roles and responsibilities related to information security.
- **Physical Security and Business Continuity:** It checks the physical security measures that have been implemented to safeguard physical assets and ensure business continuity in the event of disruptions.
- **Identity and Access Management:** A review of policies and procedures for managing user identities, access rights, and authentication mechanisms is performed. Additionally, it ensures that unauthorized access to sensitive information is prevented and that user privileges are effectively managed.
- **IT Security/ Cyber Security:** To mitigate cyber threats, it ensures that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect sensitive information, whether it be accessible, disclosed, or disrupted by unauthorized parties.
- **Supplier Relationships:** Through this process, the organization ensures that it has established guidelines for assessing the information security practices of its suppliers, monitoring their compliance, and mitigating any risks they may pose to its data and systems.
- **Compliance:** This confirms that the company has put in place the essential safeguards and measures to satisfy compliance standards and reduce legal and regulatory risks related to information security.
- **Prototype Protection:** To ensure that the right safeguards are in place to protect prototypes from unauthorized access, theft, or compromise, lowering the risk of intellectual property theft and ensuring confidentiality throughout the development and testing phases.

## What are the characteristics of TISAX?

- Based on the VDA ISA catalogue, which is a widely accepted set of security requirements for the automotive industry.
- An independent assessment mechanism, which means that the assessment is conducted by an accredited independent assessor.
- Flexible assessment framework, which means that it can be tailored to the specific needs of the company being assessed.
- Scalable assessment framework, which means that it can be used by companies of all sizes.

If you are a company in the automotive industry that is looking for a way to improve your information security posture, then TISAX Assessment is a valuable option. It can help you to demonstrate your commitment to information security, reduce your risk of data breaches, and gain the trust of your customers.

## Who are the TISAX approved Audit providers in India?

- BUREAU VERITAS
- DNV
- DQS
- KPMG
- PWC
- TUV NORD
- TUV SUD
- Ernest & Young

## What is the Validity of TISAX label?

- The TISAX label is valid for 3 years with a single three year review. However, the temporary label is valid for 8 months.

## What is the role of ENX association within TISAX?

- Within TISAX, ENX Association serves as the governing body. In addition to approving audit service providers, it also keeps an eye on the assessment results' accuracy in execution. TISAX ACAR is a set of standards that ENX Association upholds.

## What is the fees of the TISAX assessment process?

- The TISAX assessment process costs EUR 405.00 per location in one scope. There is a discount of 10% per location for 5-9 locations within a scope and a discount of 20% per location for 10 or more locations within a scope

## What is the renewal period for TISAX Assessment?

- The typical TISAX Assessment validity period is three years. This means that in order to keep the certification status, it must be renewed every three years. It's crucial to keep in mind, though, that many contracts and agreements could have specific requirements about how frequently certificates must be renewed.

## Can a company self-assess for TISAX Assessment?

- No, a company cannot self-assess for TISAX Assessment. The ENX Association, which oversees the TISAX framework, needs an independent assessment to be carried out by accredited assessors in order to obtain TISAX Assessment. This guarantees the evaluation process' neutrality and objectivity.

## What information is required for the registration?

The following information needs to be added at the time of registration:

- Participant Name
- Participant Main Contact
- Participant Address

For the registration of a scope you need to provide the following information:

- Scope Name
- Scope Type
- Assessment Objectives
- Scope Locations
- Main Scope Contact
- (Additional Scope Contacts)
- Invoice Information

## **Can small businesses achieve TISAX Assessment?**

- Yes, small companies can get TISAX certified. It is possible to adapt the TISAX Assessment process to the organization's size and complexity because it is designed to be adaptable and scalable. Small businesses may need to invest time and resources into creating an effective information security management system (ISMS) and preparing for the TISAX assessment process, nevertheless.

## **What are the consequences of non-compliance with TISAX?**

- Depending on how serious the non-compliance is, there may be different repercussions for violating TISAX. Occasionally, non-compliance might result in financial loss, damage to one's reputation, or legal repercussions. Contracts or other business relationships with TISAX-certified partners may also be terminated as a result of non-compliance. In severe cases, non-compliance could lead to sanctions or legal action

## **Can TISAX Assessment be achieved remotely?**

- Yes, remote assessments can be used to get TISAX Assessment, doing away with the necessity for assessor on-site visits. Remote assessments can be useful and practical for organisations with a wide range of regional activities or in situations where in-person evaluations are neither feasible nor preferred.

## **Are there any TISAX Assessment alternatives?**

- The ISO 27001, SOC 2, NIST Cybersecurity Framework, and GDPR compliance are some alternatives to TISAX in terms of certifications and frameworks. With similar confidence and a dedication to information security, these solutions handle information security and data protection in diverse industries.

## How will PQSmitra help you with Hassle Free Implementation process for TISAX assessment?

PQSmitra adopts a result oriented approach for the effective system implementation at the organization. This simple and practical method of system implementation helps organizations to enhance the business performance and sustainability. PQSmitra offers 100% documentation support to achieve successful certification in addition to enhanced business performance.

The implementation process is described below:

- Initial visits and helping in company registration on ENX portal
- Gap analysis and planning for the documentation (Records and Procedures)
- Training and Hand holding/ support for implementation
- Completion of the Self-assessment and submission
- Audit provider- Selection & Submission
- Receiving assessment result & TISAX label
- Sharing assessment result with you partner





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