



# Assessor

## How-To Guide v1.1.3



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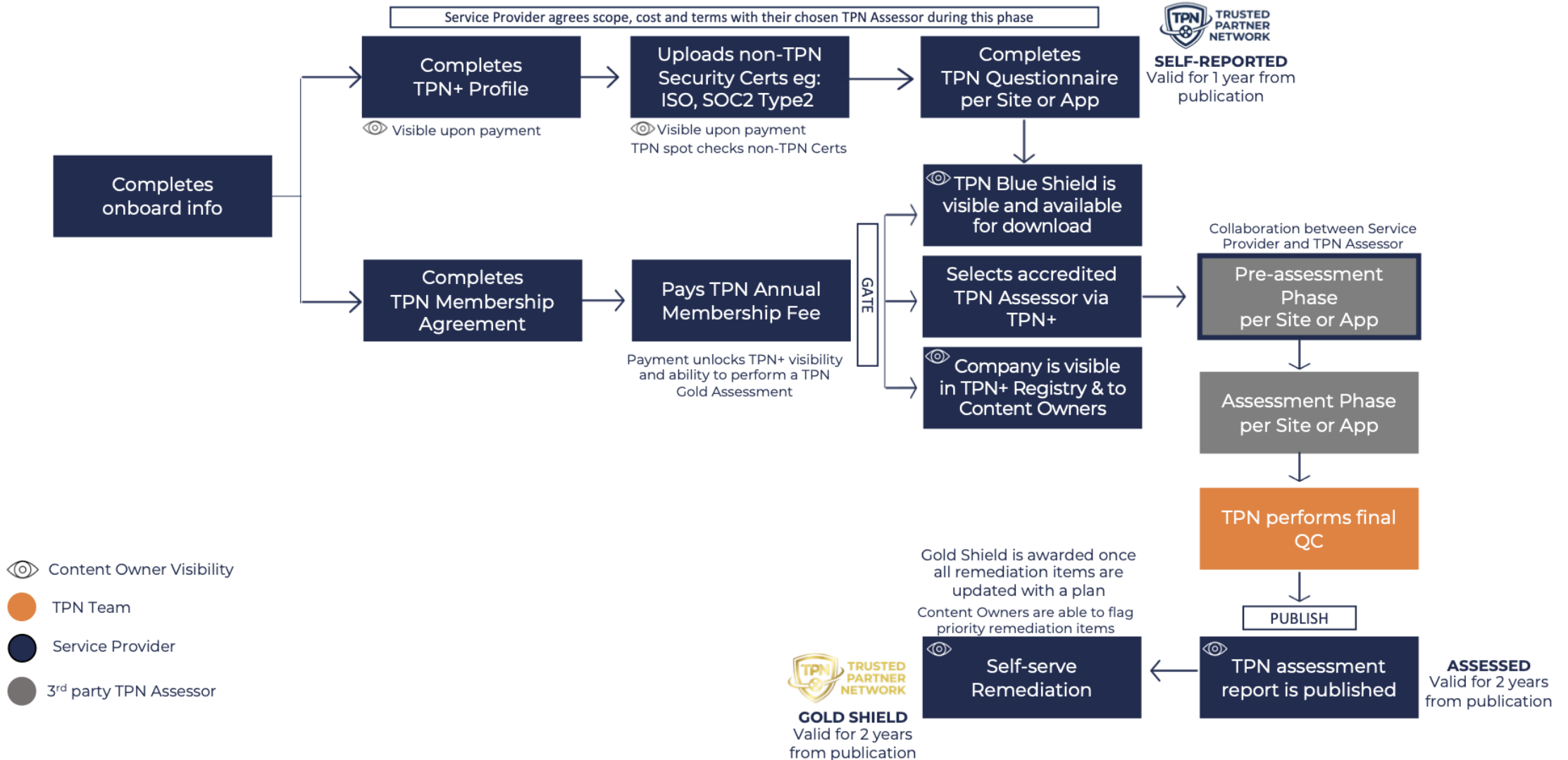


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# TPN+ Platform Process

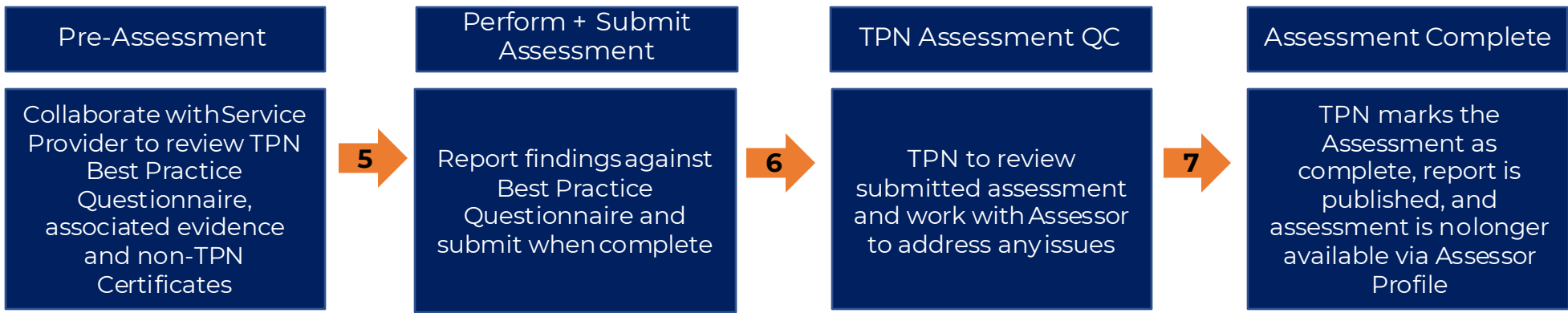
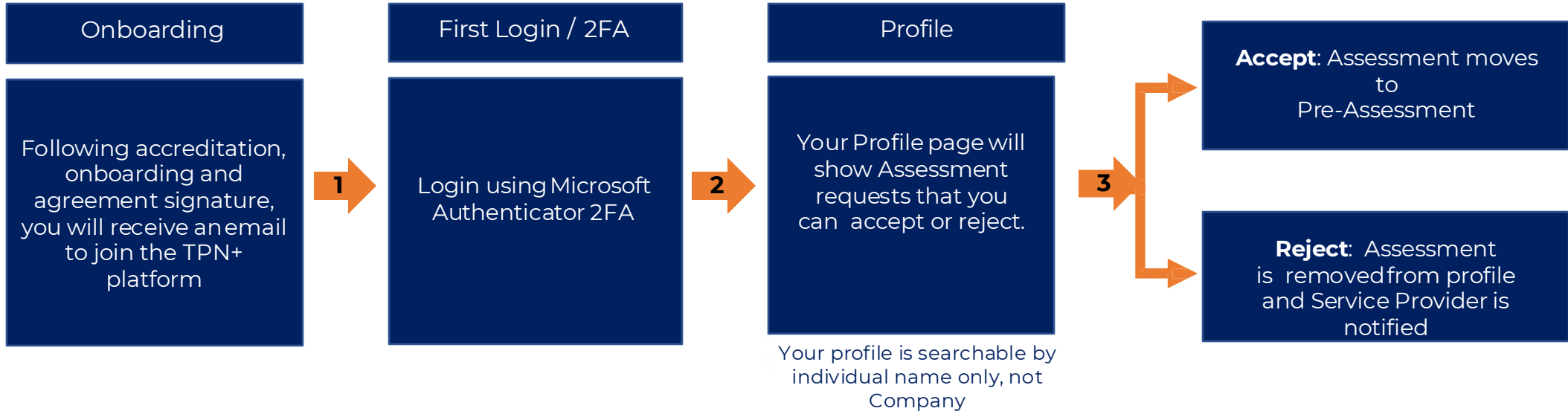


# Assessor: TPN+ Process Overview



## ACCEPTANCE OF ASSESSMENT:

- Triggers **15 business day SLA**
- Confirm correct **scope and assessment type** has been selected
- Site or App **baseline and questionnaire answers** become available



💡 Service Providers **can update** answers in this phase

💡 Service Providers **can no longer** update answers in this phase

# User System Recommendations

# System Recommendations for Best User Experience

## Internet Connection:

- Ensure a stable internet connection.
- High speed internet required.

## Web Browser:

- Use a modern web browser.
- Keep the browser regularly updated to the latest version.
- Mobile and Tablet devices are not supported at this time.

## Hardware Specifications:

- CPU: Dual-core with a clock speed of 2.5 GHz or higher.
- RAM: Minimum of 4 GB.

## System Maintenance:

- Keep the system and browser up-to-date.
- Regular updates enhance overall performance and security of the browsing experience.

# **Assessor: Account Sign Up & Creation**

## Initial Set up/Log in

As a TPN accredited Assessor, an email will be sent to you from membership@ttpn.org with a temporary password.

### Trusted Partner Network - Welcome to TPN+!



membership@ttpn.org <membership@ttpn.org>

To: Giambastiani, Melody

Hello,

Welcome to the Trusted Partner Network (TPN+) Platform! For your convenience, please use this [LINK](#) to the TPN+ how-to guide for more detailed instructions.

Please use the username and temporary password below to login to TPN+ [HERE](#) and set up your TPN+ Platform account.

You can then log in to the system by clicking on this hyperlink and using your temporary password.



**TPN+** TRUSTED PARTNER NETWORK

Welcome To The Trusted Partner Network

Email

Password

[Sign in](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

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[BACK TO SIGN UP](#)

You can now log in to the system by using your email and temporary password sent to you in the welcome email.

# Microsoft Authenticator Setup

1. Download Microsoft Authenticator via link on Slide 9 or your phone's app store

2. Open Application

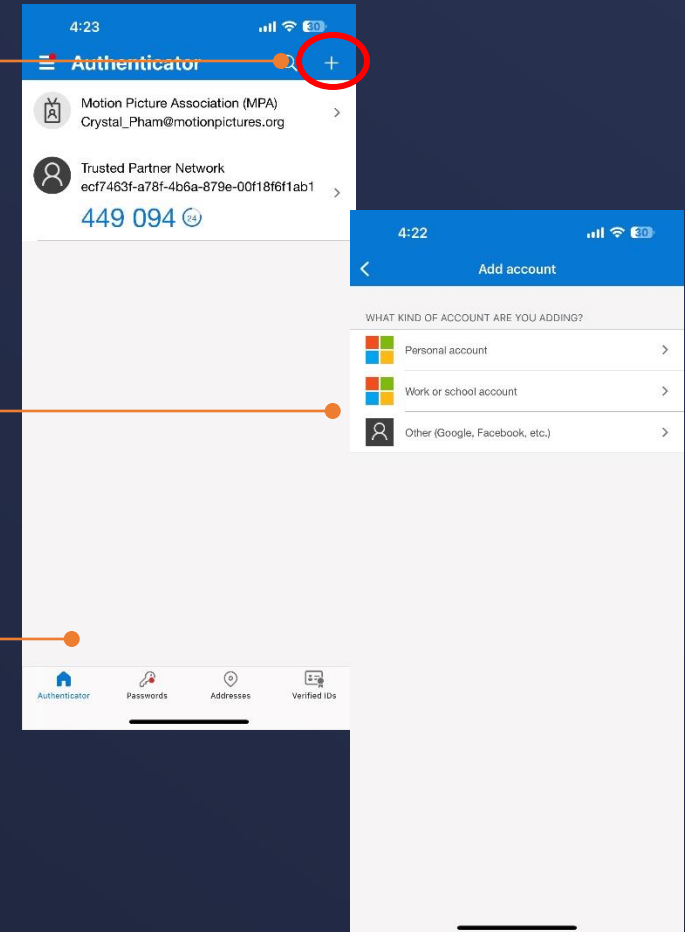
3. Click “+” symbol in upper right corner

- Select Other (Google, Facebook)

4. Point your camera at the QR code

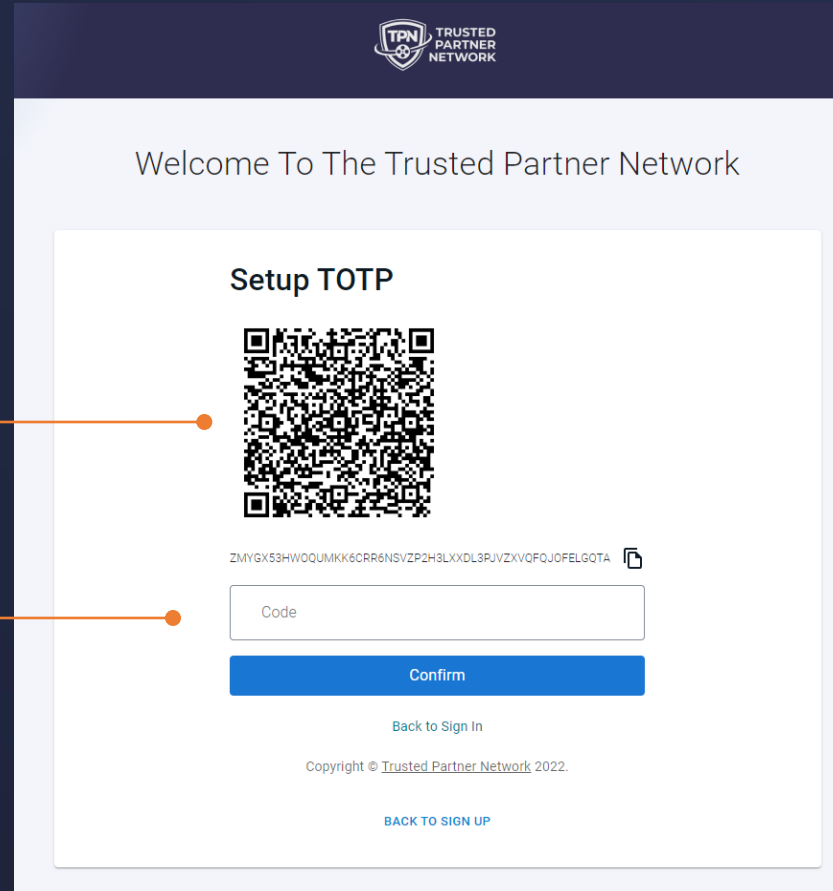
5. Your new account should appear in your Authenticator app

6. Use the one-time code to sign in to the TPN+ Platform



Once you have Microsoft Authenticator installed on your smartphone, using the camera on your phone, you can scan the QR code on the screen to pair the authenticator to your TPN+ user account and receive your two-factor authentication (2FA) number.

Enter the 6-digit number that appears in your Microsoft Authenticator app and press confirm to validate your secure login session.



TPN+ requires two-factor authentication (2FA). TPN+ only supports Microsoft Authenticator for 2FA validation.



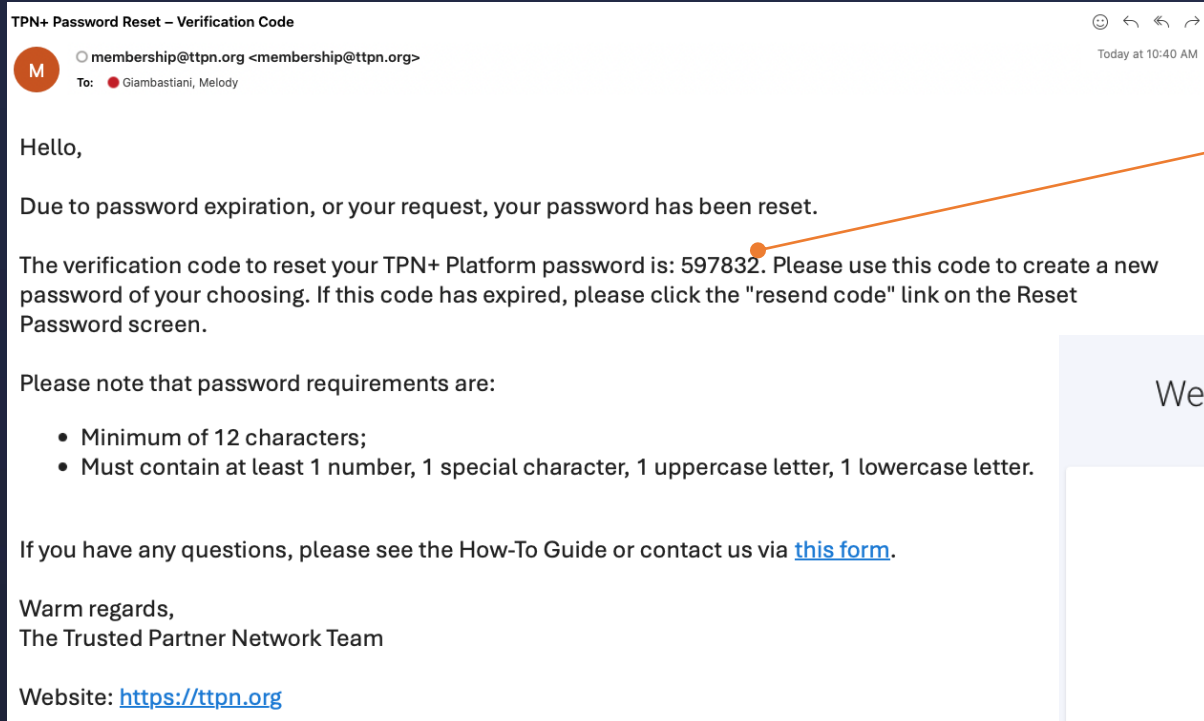
Links to Microsoft Authenticator

[iPhone](#)

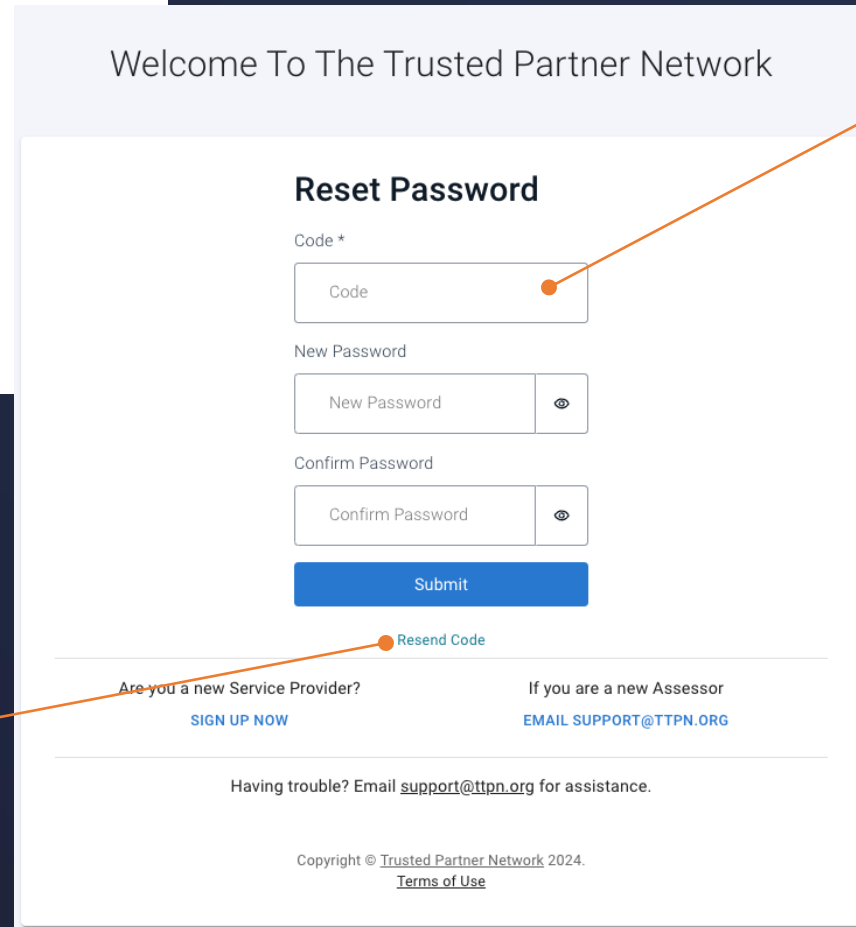
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**Important:** You will need to open the Microsoft Authenticator app on your smartphone every time you log in. You will not receive a notification or text.

# Password Management



If you reset your password, request for TPN to reset your password, or your password expires, you will receive an email with a temporary Verification Code.



You can log in to the system by using the code from the email. Enter a new password and Submit.

Please note that password requirements are:

- Minimum of 12 characters;
- Must contain at least 1 number, 1 special character, 1 uppercase letter, 1 lowercase letter.

Note: If the temporary "verification code" from the email has expired, simply click "Resend Code" - or go to the log-in page and click "Forgot password".

After completing this screen, you will be taken to the TOTP screen where you enter the code from your Authenticator app.

# Assessor: Profile Overview

# Assessor Profile

Your Profile is the landing page that upon login allows you to set up and manage your account and current assessments.

**\*\*Note that the Company name will be your First and Last name, as you have been accredited as an Individual, and this is how you will be visible to Service Providers for Assessment selections.\*\***

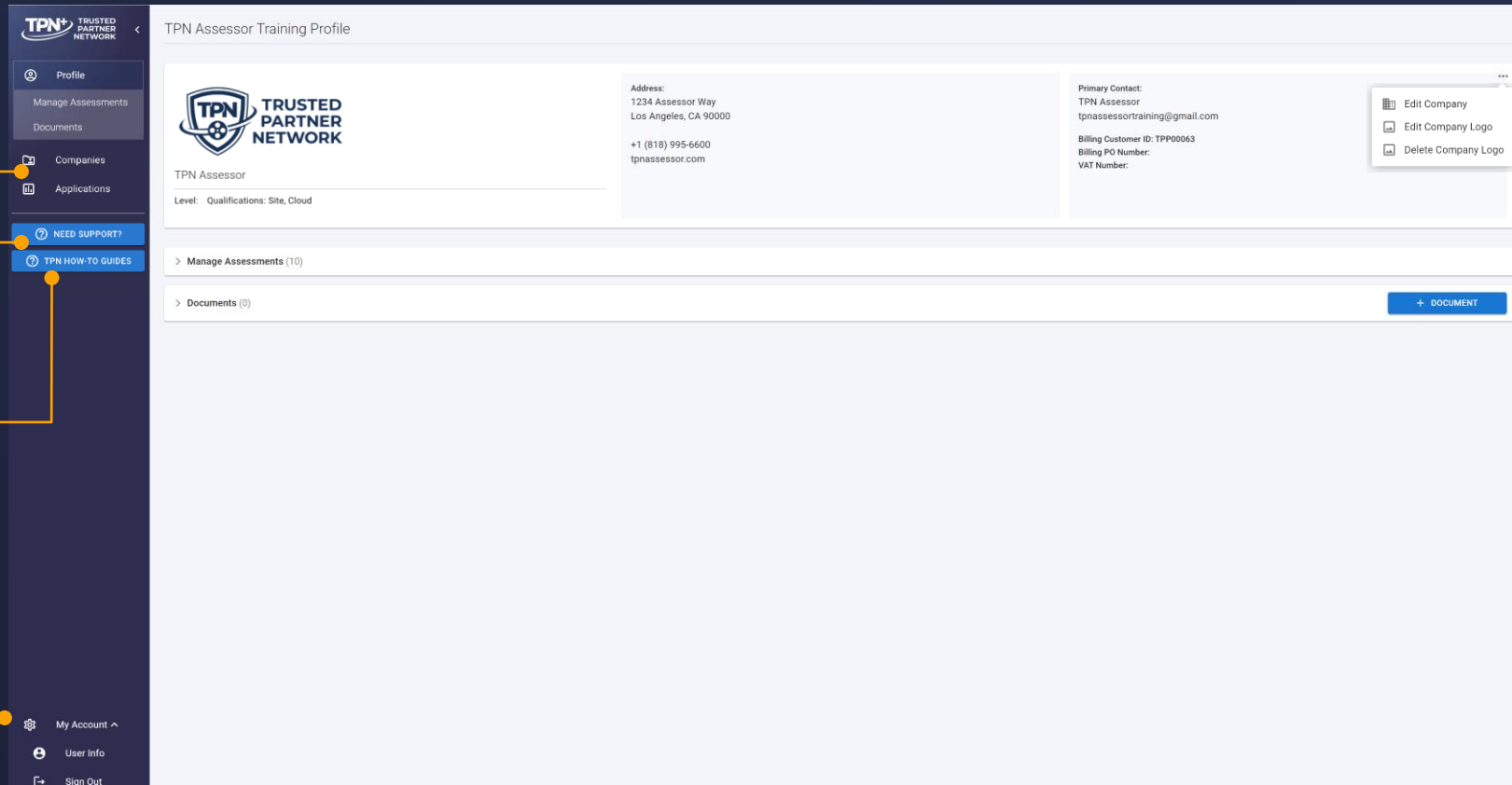
**Registries:** view list of all Service Providers and Applications and their shield status

**Need Support:** create support tickets for assistance from TPN Support Team

**How-To Guides:** view support manuals for Assessors and Service Providers

**Manage Assessments:** accept requests and perform assessments

**User Info:** change or update your individual account details



**Company Details:** change or update address, primary contact information, or logo

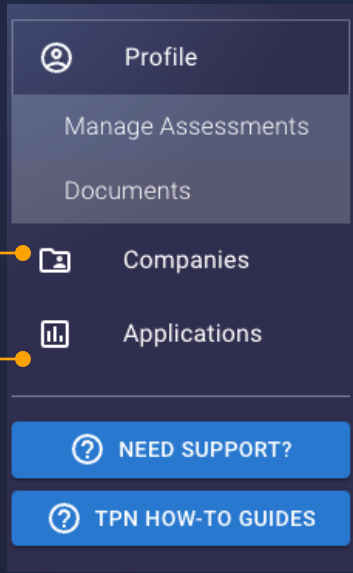
**Documents:** Add and manage any files you would like to store on TPN+

To change your email address, please click "Need Support?" or email [support@ttn.org](mailto:support@ttn.org) to open a service ticket.

# Assessor Profile - Registries

You can access the Companies and Applications registries via your profile.

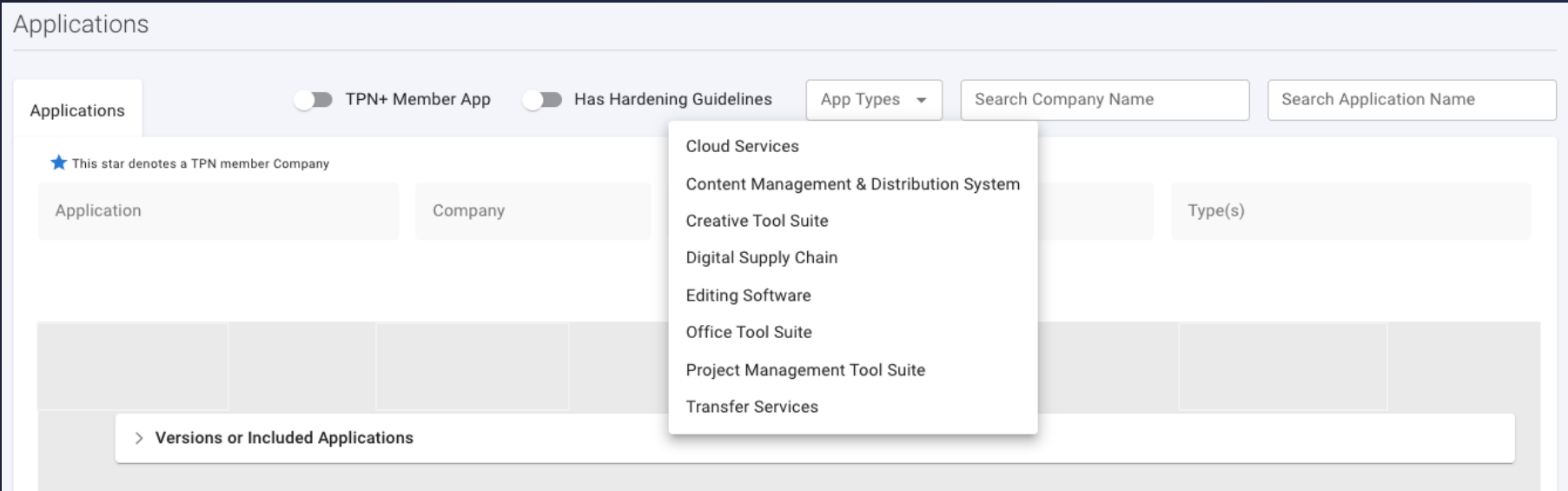
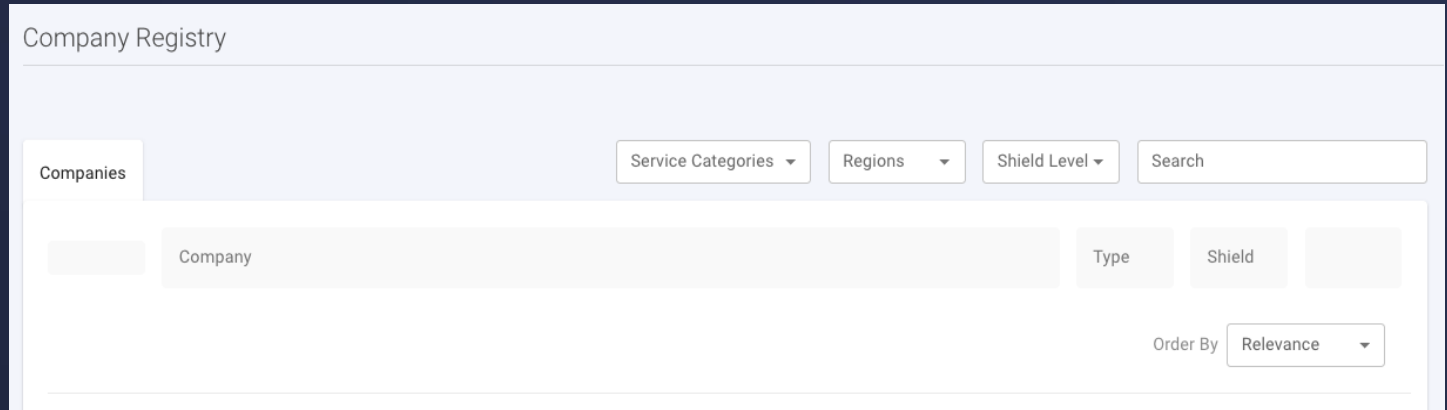
In the top left of your Profile:



Click here for the **Companies** registry

Click here for the **Applications** registry

In the **Companies** registry, you can see all TPN member Service Providers. You can filter by **Service Categories**, **Region** or **Shield Level** – or search by Company name.



In the **Applications** registry, you can see all applications entered in TPN+ by TPN member Service Providers.

You can filter by **App Types**, search by Company and/or Application name, and there are toggles for "**TPN+ Member App**" and "**Has Hardening Guidelines**".

You can access any Hardening Guidelines that have been uploaded.

# Assessor: Managing Assessment Requests



# Managing Assessment Requests

Once a Service Provider assigns an assessment request to you, the request will appear in the "Manage Assessments" section.

This toggle allows completed assessments to be filtered out of view

See assessment **scope** and **type** including if on-site assessment is required. See next slide for **important note** about updating these toggles if incorrect.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Assessments' interface. At the top, there is a 'Show Completed' toggle. Below it, two assessment entries are listed. The first entry is for 'Melody Service Provider' with 1 assessment in progress. The second entry is also for 'Melody Service Provider' with 1 assessment complete. Each entry has a table below it with columns: Type, Name, Scope, Type, Status, and Actions. The 'Biscotti Dubbing' entry shows 'Site' as 'On Site' and 'Cloud' as 'Off Site'. The 'Blade Localization' entry shows both 'Site' and 'Cloud' as 'On Site'. A modal window is open over the 'Blade Localization' entry, titled 'Accept Assessment?', with a status of 'Assigned' and 'Assessment Complete'. The modal contains the question 'Are you sure you want to accept this assessment?' and a confirmation message: 'By clicking "ACCEPT" you confirm that you have verified the Baseline Questionnaire answers and the Assessment Scope.' The modal also shows the 'Scope' section with 'Site' and 'Cloud' both selected. At the bottom of the modal are 'CANCEL' and 'ACCEPT' buttons.

Once the request is made, you can either **Accept** or **Reject** the requested assessment.

**Accepting** an assessment will update the status to **Pre-assessment**. **Note that this action starts the clock for the 15-business day turnaround SLA.**

**Rejecting** an assessment will remove the request from your profile once the Service Provider re-assigns or deletes it. This will also update the Service Provider's request to a status of "rejected".

# Managing Assessment Requests – Questionnaire Access

## 💡 Important:

If the assessment **Type** (on-site or remote) assessment is incorrect, ask the Service Provider to update **before you accept the assessment**.

If the assessment **Scope** (site or cloud) is incorrect, ask the Service Provider to update their Baseline Environments answer during the Pre-Assessment phase.

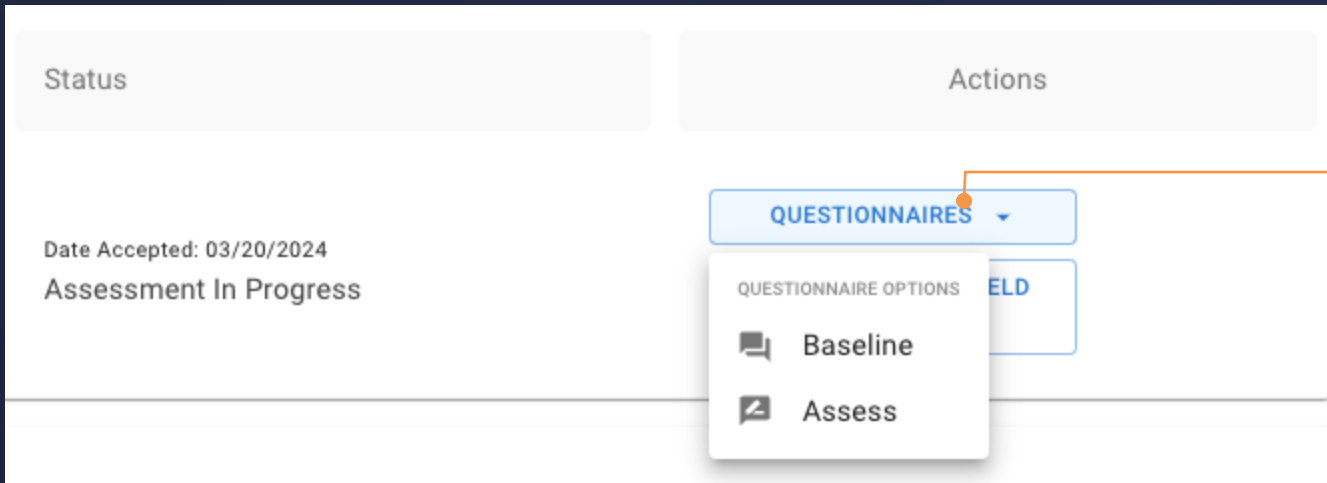
To help determine the scope of the assessment, before you accept it, you can click into the Service Provider's Baseline answers or click on **View Assessment** to access their TPN Questionnaire answers.

Type	Name	Scope	Type	Status	Actions
Site	Test Site - Paris	Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloud <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assessment Assigned	<b>QUESTIONNAIRES</b> ▾ <small>QUESTIONNAIRE OPTIONS</small> Baseline View Assessment

Status	Actions
Assessment Assigned	<b>QUESTIONNAIRES</b> ▾ <b>GENERATE BLUE SHIELD REPORT</b> <b>DOWNLOAD BLUE SHIELD REPORT</b>

To download a PDF version of the Service Provider's full TPN Questionnaire, click on **Generate Blue Shield Report** then **Download Blue Shield Report**. This option is accessible until the assessment is complete.

# Managing Assessment Requests – Baseline Questionnaire Access



Even after you accept an assessment, you can still access the Service Provider's Baseline answers via the Questionnaires dropdown.

The Site or Application Baseline Questionnaire includes:

- Number of Employees
- Work From Home/Remote Workers
- Bring Your Own Device
- Subcontract to Third-Party Service Providers
- Content Types
- Workflow Timeframes
- Physical Content Assets
- Environments
- Replication Facilities
- Software Development
- Data Center & Co-locations

This information will assist assessment scoping.

A screenshot of a questionnaire form. The first section is 'Number of Employees' with the instruction: 'Select the number of full- and part-time employees supporting the site or application being assessed. (workers, etc.), provide additional details in the Comment Box.' There are seven radio button options: '1 person only with no other employees', '2 to 20 employees', '21 to 50 employees', '51 to 100 employees', '101 to 200 employees', '201 to 300 employees' (which is selected), and 'More than 300 employees'. Below this are several empty text input fields. The next section is 'Work From Home/Remote Workers', followed by 'Bring Your Own Device', 'Subcontract to Third-Party Service Providers', 'Content Types', and 'Workflow Timeframes', each with an empty text input field.

# **Assessor: Assessment Definitions**

- **Best Practice vs. Additional Recommendations**

- **Best Practice**

- Minimum requirements where all components need to be fully met to fulfill the overall Best Practice.

- **Additional Recommendations**

- Supplemental recommendations for Best Practices implementation. **These are not requirements.**

- **Evidence vs. Finding vs. Remediation**

- **Evidence:** Artifacts uploaded or shared to confirm Best Practice implementation, validated by assessors.
- **Finding:** Gaps where components don't meet Best Practices, requiring a remediation plan.
  - See next slide for full definition of **Assessor Finding**.
- **Remediation:** Actions to address or mitigate a Finding.
- **Content Owners need visibility on findings to make risk-based decisions and may request remediations.**



**Note:** If the Assessor explains evidence validation in the Best Practice(s) and it also applies to the Additional Recommendations, the evidence validation does not need to be repeated. It can be in the Best Practice(s) Assessor Finding box.

# Definitions

- **Service Provider Details (Visible in report)**
  - Explanation of what is **Partially Implemented, Not Implemented, or Not Applicable**, including reasons and compensating controls.
  - Optional: If Implemented, describe attached evidence.
- **Assessor Findings (Visible in report)**
  - For **Implemented** components:
    - Describe evidence and how it was validated, as Content Owners can't view comments or evidence that is not marked "Visible to CO" by the Service Provider.
    - Include any additional information such as summarized implementation details, specifications, context, versions, etc.
  - For **Partially Implemented** components and **Not Implemented**: provide observations, compensating controls, remediation guidance, and provide reasons if not applicable.
  - For **Not Applicable**: explain why it's Not Applicable.
  - **Note: Assessor's response is final.**

Provide additional details here:

Additional details provided by the Service Provider to explain:

- o What is Partially Implemented, Not Implemented, or Not Applicable
- o Why it is Partially Implemented, Not Implemented, or Not Applicable
- o Other compensating controls in place to help Content Owners make decisions
- o Optional: If Implemented, describe what evidence was attached

Assessor Finding for Do you have a formal, documented Information Security Management System (ISMS) or Information Security Manual (ISM), which includes the following?

Fully Implemented

Partially Implemented

Not Implemented

Not Applicable

Finding is required

Assessor Finding \*

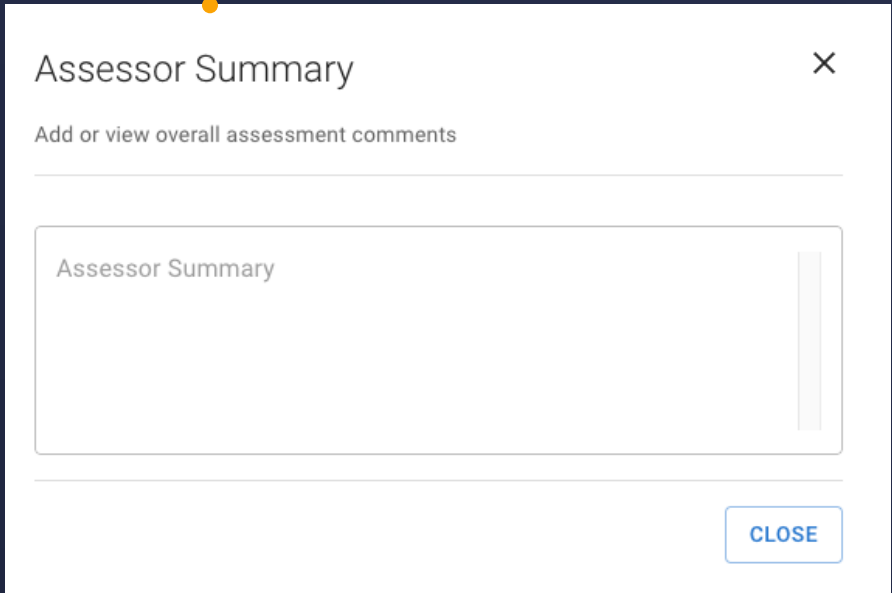
Information provided by the Assessor to include:

- \* For Implemented components, provide information on what evidence or additional information has been validated to confirm implementation, since Content Owners do not see comments or uploaded evidence (unless Service Provider marks evidence "public");
- \* For Not Implemented components, provide additional observations and remediation guidance on how to better meet the Best Practice or Additional Recommendations;
- \* For Not Applicable, provide reason(s) why it's Not Applicable;
- \* If the Assessor disagrees with the Service Provider's answer(s), provide reasons why.

# Definitions

- **Assessor Summary (Visible in report)**

- A freeform text box that allows assessors to add a summary or extra context beyond specific control findings.
- The "Assessor Summary" button appears in the Manage Assessments row and can be edited during the assessment.
- After completion, it will appear in the "Assessor Summary" section of the PDF report for the Service Provider and Content Owners.
- Assessors can summarize overall security posture and explain any evidence that is referenced throughout the Assessment.



# Definitions

- **Comments**

- Service Providers, Assessors and TPN Admin can leave messages in the comments section of an Assessment. These can include questions, more information, etc.
- Comments are NOT visible to Content Owners and are NOT included in the final report.

- **TPN+ Global Pass**

- Process provided to SPs with 5+ sites and/or applications upon request – to offer efficiency for sites/apps that fully implement the same Best Practices across all the sites/apps.
- These are not TPN-verified and still need to be validated and explained by the Assessor.

Comments for Question: Do you have a formal, documented Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), which includes the following? ✕

**CP**  
Comment(s) from Assessor during Pre-Assessment to ask Service Provider follow up questions, get additional information, give guidance on how to accurately capture security status, ask for evidence to validate, etc.  
Crystal Pham | Assessor | 03/23/2023 15:25

**CS**  
Comment(s) from Service Provider during Pre-Assessment to provide Assessor with additional background/information, ask clarifying/follow up questions, provide additional details on uploaded evidence, etc.  
Crystal SP | Service Provider | 03/23/2023 15:38

**TA**  
Comment(s) from TPN during QC to provide feedback to Assessor with additional question(s), guidance on how to accurately capture security status, guidance on Assessor Findings, questions on uploaded evidence validation, etc.  
TPN Admin 53 | TPN Admin | 03/23/2023 16:01



# Assessor: Pre-Assessment

# Important context to keep in mind while reviewing Questionnaire during Pre-Assessment

- The bulk of the Assessor and Service Provider's work together happens during the **Pre-Assessment**, where the TPN Questionnaire is **unlocked** for Service Providers to update their security status.
- Remind Service Providers their text will be visible to Content Owners in the report, so adding detail is in their best interest.
- Since Content Owners can't see evidence (unless marked "public") or chat comments, the Assessor must provide necessary details in the Assessor Findings to ensure Content Owners can make informed decisions.

Provide additional details here:

Additional details provided by the Service Provider to explain:

- o What is Partially Implemented, Not Implemented, or Not Applicable
- o Why it is Partially Implemented, Not Implemented, or Not Applicable
- o Other compensating controls in place to help Content Owners make decisions
- o Optional: If Implemented, describe what evidence was attached

Assessor Finding for Do you include the following as part of your Information Security Management System (ISMS)?

Fully Implemented

**Partially Implemented**

Not Implemented

Not Applicable

Finding required if answer is "Partially Implemented" or "Not Implemented"

Assessor Finding \*

Information provided by Assessor to include:

- o For Implemented components, provide information on what evidence or additional information has been validated to confirm implementation, since Content Owners do not see comments or uploaded evidence
- o For Not Implemented components, provide additional observations and remediation guidance on how to better meet the Best Practice or Implementation Guidance
- o For Not Applicable, provide reason(s) why it's Not Applicable
- o If the Assessor disagrees with the Service Provider's answer(s), provide reasons why

# Scenarios to address with Service Providers during Pre-Assessment: Evidence

## Evidence:

- Did the Service Provider provide evidence for all answers? If not, ask questions (outside the platform or via chat) to ensure confidence in their answers.
- Assessors should judge the quality of evidence and request further validation if necessary (e.g., documentation, interviews, walkthroughs).
- **Assessor Finding:** Describe the evidence validation in your **Assessor Finding** so Content Owners know how you verified implementation.
- Content Owners can only see evidence marked "public".

Assessor Finding for Do you include the following as part of your Information Security Management System (ISMS)? ✕

Fully Implemented

**Partially Implemented**

Not Implemented

Not Applicable

Finding required if answer is "Partially Implemented" or "Not Implemented"

– Assessor Finding \*

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- o If the Assessor disagrees with the Service Provider's answer(s), provide reasons why

# Scenarios to address with Service Providers during Pre-Assessment: Answers

## Correct Answers:

- Ensure the Service Provider properly answered all questions:
  - **Fully Implemented** if all components of the Best Practice or Additional Recommendation are implemented and were validated by the Assessor.
  - **Partially Implemented** if some but not all components are implemented and validated. Note in your Finding what is not implemented plus any additional information, including compensating controls, or reasons to help the Content Owners understand the gap.
  - **Not Implemented** if none of the components are implemented, with any details the Content Owner should know.
  - **Not Applicable** if the Best Practice or Additional Recommendation is wholly not applicable to the Service Provider and explain why.
- **Note: Assessor's response is final.**



**Note:** If the Service Provider selects **Not Applicable** or **Not Implemented**, they will not see subsequent questions due to Questionnaire logic. Please make sure that they have only selected **Not Applicable** or **Not Implemented** if they are sure this is the correct indication. This needs to be addressed during the Pre-Assessment phase.

# Pre-Assessment Overview: Getting Started

By clicking **Review and Comment** you view the TPN Best Practices Questionnaire and can communicate with the Service Provider to request additional information and evidence. During the pre-assessment phase, the Service Provider may update answers prior to beginning the formal assessment.

Type	Name	Scope	Type	Status	Actions
Site	Test Site - Paris	Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloud <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pre-Assessment In Progress	<div>QUESTIONNAIRES ▾ QUESTIONNAIRE OPTIONS Baseline Review and Comment</div>

Please Note: Clicking **Begin Assessment** starts the formal assessment of the Site or Application and changes the status to **Assessment in Progress**.

During this phase, the Service Provider is unable to make any further changes to their answers.

Actions

- QUESTIONNAIRES ▾
- BEGIN ASSESSMENT
- GENERATE BLUE SHIELD REPORT

# Pre-Assessment Questionnaire View – Review & Comment

TPN Best Practices Questionnaire v5.2 for TPN Service Provider Operations Profile TPN Test App 1.0 ← BACK TO COMPANY DETAILS

## TPN Best Practices Questionnaire v5.2

**OR-1.0 Information Security Management System**  
Best Practices:  
Establish, regularly review, and update upon key changes, an Information Security Management System (ISMS) or Information Security Manual (ISM), which is approved by leadership of ...  
Show More

**Do you have a formal, documented Information Security Management System (ISMS) or Information Security Manual (ISM), which includes the following?** ✓

Select which of the below apply:  
If ALL requirements are met: choose Fully Implemented and upload relevant evidence  
If SOME of the requirements are met: choose the line items that are implemented, provide additional details, and upload relevant evidence  
If NONE of the requirements are met: choose Not Implemented and provide additional details  
If this control does NOT APPLY to your Site or Application: choose Not Applicable and provide additional details

- Fully Implemented
- Overseen by leadership of your organization
- Regular reviews of your ISMS
- Reviews upon key changes
- Control Framework
- Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC)
- Not Implemented
- Not Applicable

Provide additional details here:

COMMENTS (0) ATTACHMENTS (0)

Last Updated By Melody Giambastiani 10/10/2023 09:44

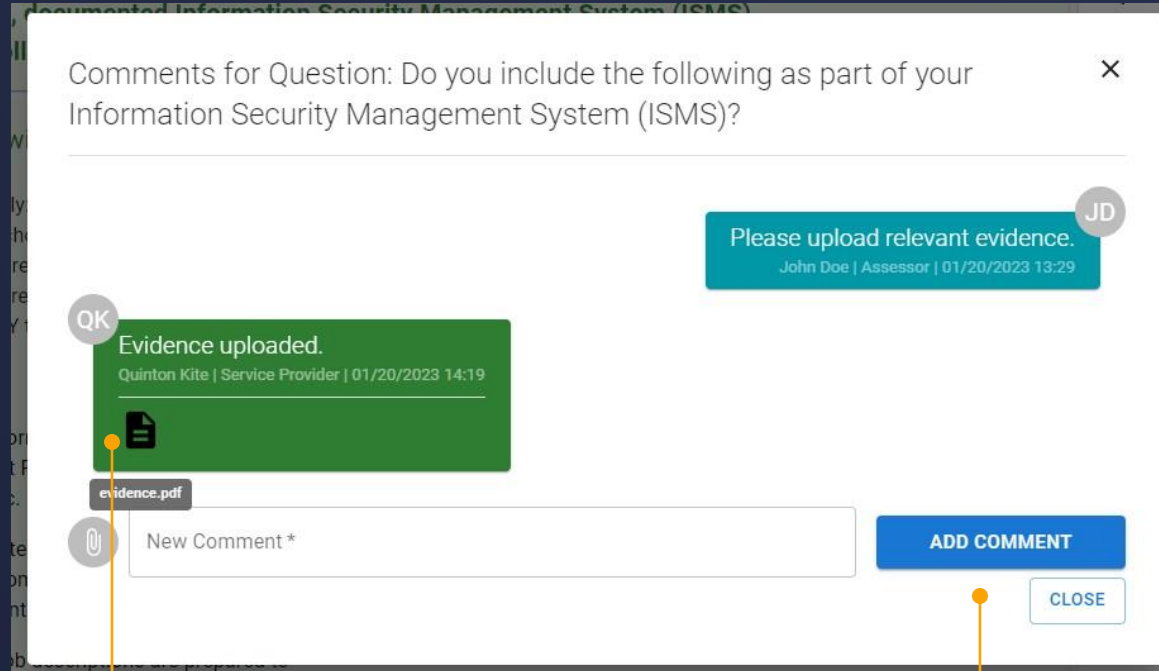
Do you include the following as part of your Information Security Management System (ISMS) or Information Security Manual (ISM)? ✓

During the pre-assessment phase, Assessor should review all answers and attachments uploaded as well as any certifications tagged to the Site or App. If any errors are found, Assessors may ask the Service Provider to update their answers, evidence, or certificates via the **Comments** button.

To begin a dialogue with the Service Provider, click the **Comments** button.

To review evidence uploaded on a question, click the **Attachments** button.

## Pre-Assessment – Commenting



TPN are validating all non-TPN certifications. If you discover an incorrect or expired non-TPN cert, please instruct the Service Provider to remove or update it.

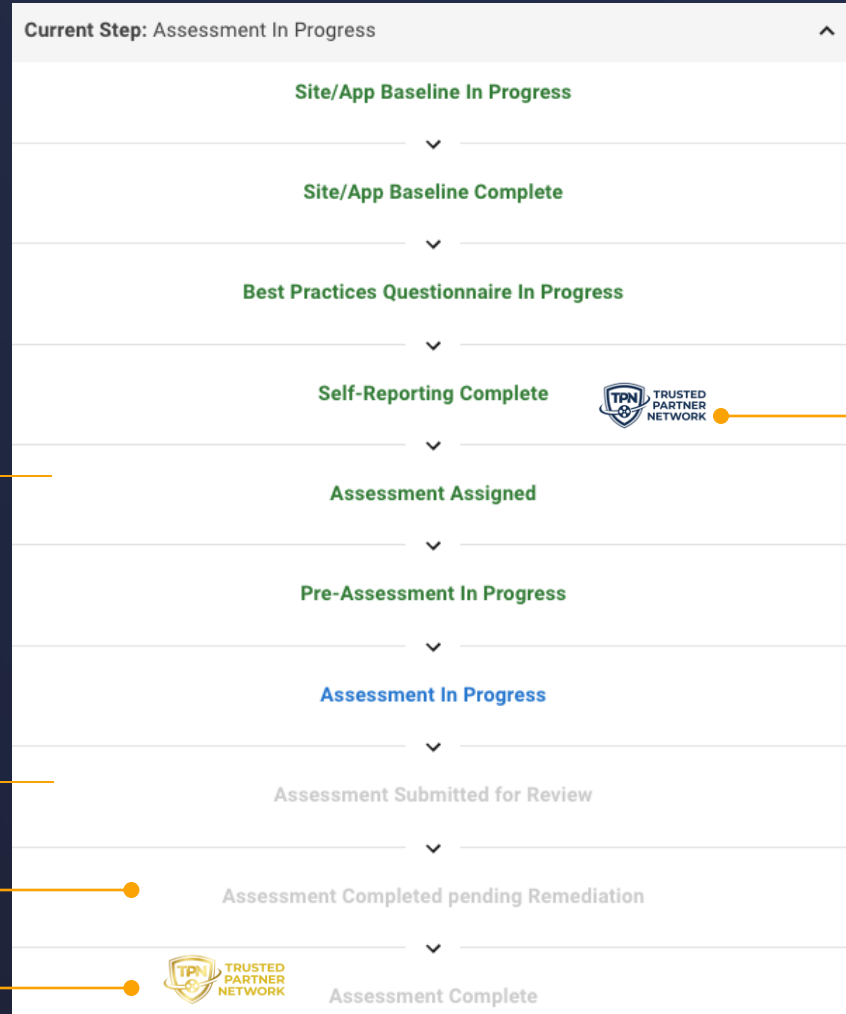
**NOTE:** if removed, some automated answers will no longer be pre-populated.

The Service Provider can respond and provide attachments with requested evidence for review prior to going into the assessment phase.

Enter your comment and submit with **Add Comment** to send a message to the service provider.

# Assessment Questionnaire View – Progress List

In the top right-hand corner of the TPN Best Practice questionnaire screen you can click down and see this progress list as a Site or Application moves through the TPN+ platform to Blue or Gold Shield status including remediation management.



This section is where Assessors will be involved in the process.

TPN approved the assessment and Service Provider can enter remediation plans on open findings.

Remediation plans entered and the TPN Gold Shield awarded.

The Questionnaire is locked and published and the **TPN Blue Shield** is awarded.



# Pre-Assessment Questionnaire View – Legend

The following Legend items are applicable when viewing the completed **TPN Best Practices Questionnaire**:

The legend window is titled "Legend" and contains the following items:

- Best Practice Question**: Represented by a star icon.
- Unanswered Question**: Represented by an empty square box.
- Answered**: Represented by a green checkmark icon.
- Satisfied by Certificate**: Represented by a blue document icon.
- For Review**: Represented by a yellow checkmark icon.
- Question Visible Due to Logic**: Represented by an eye icon.
- Question has Comments**: Represented by a speech bubble icon.

This symbol denotes a Best Practice question, all other questions are Additional Recommendations.

This answer was pre-populated based on an associated non-TPN certificate the Service Provider uploaded.

Hovering over this icon on a question will explain why the question is being displayed.

A response meets the Best Practice requirements.

A response does not meet the Best Practice requirements and needs Content Owner review.

# Pre-Assessment Questionnaire View – Navigating Questionnaire & Certifications

## The Question Log

displays each Best Practice under its Domain and Topic, as shown in the image. You are able to click a Best Practice to view the questions associated with it.

Current Best Practice: Information Security Management System	^
OR. Organizational Security	^
1. Policies & Procedures	^
<b>0. Information Security Management System</b>	<b>2/2</b>
1. Acceptable Use Policy	2/2
2. Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery Plans	3/3
2. Risk Management Program	v
3. Personnel Security	v
4. Incident Management	v
OP. Operational Security	v
PS. Physical Security	v
TS. Technical Security	v
Certifications:	Expiration:
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Each Answer is color-coded based on the Legend

Certifications associated with a Site or App are also shown here. By clicking the certification text you will be able to view the certification in a new window.

# Pre-Assessment - Recent Activity Notifications

When any change is made during the assessment process, a notification will appear on the profile to inform that there has been changes since your last time opening the questionnaire.

The screenshot shows a user interface for an assessment tool. At the top left, there is a notification bell icon with a red dot, indicating a new notification. A line connects this icon to the explanatory text above. Below the notification icon is a dropdown menu labeled 'Example'. In the center, the number '1' is displayed. To the right, the status 'Assessing' is shown. Below these elements is a table with the following columns: Type, Name, Scope, Type, Status, and Actions. The first row of data shows 'Site' as the Type, 'New York Example Site' as the Name, and 'Pre-Assessment' as the Status. The Scope column contains two toggle switches: 'Site' (which is turned on) and 'Cloud' (which is turned off). The 'On Site' column also has a toggle switch that is turned on. The Actions column contains three buttons: 'QUESTIONNAIRES' with a dropdown arrow, 'BEGIN ASSESSMENT', and 'GENERATE BLUE SHIELD REPORT'. A second line connects the 'Pre-Assessment' status in the table to the explanatory text above.

Type	Name	Scope	Type	Status	Actions
Site	New York Example Site	Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloud <input type="checkbox"/>	On Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pre-Assessment	QUESTIONNAIRES ▾ BEGIN ASSESSMENT GENERATE BLUE SHIELD REPORT

# Assessor – Recent Activity Notifications

The recent activity section displays a list of all questions that have updated information since the last time you opened the questionnaire.

The screenshot shows the 'TPN Best Practices Questionnaire' for Paris Facility. The main content area displays a question titled 'OR-1.0 Information Security Management System' with a 'Best Practices' section. The question asks if the organization has a formal, documented ISMS or Information Security Manual (ISM). The response options are: Fully Implemented, Overseen by leadership of your organization, Regular reviews of your ISMS, Reviews upon key changes, Control Framework, Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC), Not Implemented (selected), and Not Applicable. There is a text box for 'Provide additional details here:' and buttons for 'ASSESSORS FINDINGS', 'COMMENTS (2)', and 'ATTACHMENTS (0)'. A 'UPDATE FINDING' button is at the bottom left. The sidebar on the right shows a 'Recent Activity' notification for this question, indicating it was updated since the last view of the assessment. The notification includes the question title and a comment icon. Below the notification are dropdown menus for 'Current Step: Assessment In Progress', 'View 2 Controls in Remediation', and 'Current Best Practice: Information Security Management System'. A legend section is also visible in the sidebar.

Under each question will be a list of changed items that have changed so you can easily identify what to look for when reviewing.

If you click on the item, you will be taken straight to the question.

# **Assessor: Assessment & Submission**

# Assessment – Assessing Questions

After Clicking **Begin Assessment**, you will be taken to the same TPN Best Practices Questionnaire.

However, the **Assess** button is now present in the bottom left corner of each question. Additionally, all questions will be colored white.

Clicking the **Assess** Button expands the section to enter your **Assessor Finding**. See next slide for this visual.

You can see the current step and progress (findings entered).

The legend has also updated to reflect the Site/App being in the Assessment phase. Although some of the same colors are used, they now have different meanings than in the Pre-Assessment phase.

# Assessment – Assessing Questions

**Do you have a formal, documented Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), which includes the following?** ✔

Select which of the below apply:  
If ALL requirements are met: choose Fully Implemented and upload relevant evidence  
If SOME of the requirements are met: choose the line items that are implemented, provide additional details, and upload relevant evidence  
If NONE of the requirements are met: choose Not Implemented and provide additional details  
If this control does NOT APPLY to your Site or Application: choose Not Applicable and provide additional details

Fully Implemented Provide additional details here:  
We are fully implemented against this best practice. See uploaded sample attachment.

Regular reviews of your policy

Use of Internet (e.g., social media, communication activities, etc.)

Language detailing the restriction for sharing any pre-release content, unless expressed written consent from client is obtained

Not Implemented

Not Applicable

[COMMENTS \(0\)](#) [ATTACHMENTS \(0\)](#)

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**Assessor Finding for Do you have a formal, documented Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), which includes the following?**

Fully Implemented

Partially Implemented

Not Implemented

Not Applicable

Finding is required

Assessor Finding \*

[CANCEL](#) [UPDATE FINDING](#)

Last Updated By Kari Grubin 03/20/2024 16:13

Clicking the **Assess** Button expands the section to enter your **Assessor Finding**.

You will select the appropriate level of implementation related to the Site or Application being assessed.

Reminder: **Assessor Finding** text is required. Content Owners are not able to view evidence (unless Service Provider marks evidence "public"). Assessors should provide enough detailed information in their findings to allow Content Owners to make an informed decision about a service provider's security status.

# Assessment – Remediation & Question Logs

In the top right-hand corner of the TPN Best Practice Questionnaire screen you are able to click down and see this progress list as a Site or Application moves through the TPN+ platform to Blue or Gold Shield status including remediation management.

The screenshot displays a user interface for managing remediation. At the top, it shows 'Current Step: Active Remediations' with a dropdown arrow. Below this is a section titled 'View 6 Controls in Remediation' with a progress indicator. The controls listed are: OR-1.0 Information Security Management System, OR-4.0 Incident Management, **OR-2.0 Risk Management Program**, OP-1.0 Receiving, OP-1.1 Packaging, and OP-2.0 Data & Assets. A second section, 'Current Best Practice: Risk Management Program', features a dropdown arrow and a progress indicator. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of best practices: OR. Organizational Security (selected), 1. Policies & Procedures, 2. Risk Management Program, **0. Risk Management Program** (with a '2/2' indicator), 3. Personnel Security, and 4. Incident Management. Below this are sections for 'OP. Operational Security', 'PS. Physical Security', and 'TS. Technical Security', each with a dropdown arrow. At the bottom, there are fields for 'Certifications:' (showing 'ISO/IEC 27001') and 'Expiration:' (showing '02/04/2024').

This **Remediation list-view** allows you to quickly navigate to Best Practices or Additional Recommendations that have been put into a remediation status.

You can navigate through the assessment through this dropdown section.



# Assessor – Perform Assessment

When **Fully Implemented** or **Not Applicable** is selected, the answer will be marked **green**. As explained previously, Assessor Finding text is required as Content Owners are not able to view evidence (unless Service Provider marks evidence "public"). You must explain how you verified what was implemented or not applicable.

To update your assessment answer choice, press **Update Finding**.

**Do you have a formal, documented Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), which includes the following?**

Select which of the below apply:  
If ALL requirements are met: choose Fully Implemented and upload relevant evidence  
If SOME of the requirements are met: choose the line items that are implemented, provide additional details, and upload relevant evidence  
If NONE of the requirements are met: choose Not Implemented and provide additional details  
If this control does NOT APPLY to your Site or Application: choose Not Applicable and provide additional details

- Fully Implemented
- Regular reviews of your policy
- Use of Internet (e.g. social media and communication activities)
- Use of mobile devices (e.g. phones, tablets, laptops, etc.)
- Language detailing the restriction for sharing any pre-release content, unless expressed written consent from client
- Not Implemented
- Not Applicable

Provide additional details here:

ASSESSORS FINDINGS COMMENTS (0) ATTACHMENTS (0)

Last Updated By TPN Assessor 01/25/2023 13:32

**Do you have a formal, documented Information Security Management System (ISMS), which includes the following?**

Select which of the below apply:  
If ALL requirements are met: choose Fully Implemented and upload relevant evidence  
If SOME of the requirements are met: choose the line items that are implemented, provide additional details, and upload relevant evidence  
If NONE of the requirements are met: choose Not Implemented and provide additional details  
If this control does NOT APPLY to your Site or Application: choose Not Applicable and provide additional details

- Fully Implemented
- Overseen by leadership of your organization
- Regular reviews of your ISMS
- Reviews upon key changes
- Control Framework
- Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC)
- Not Implemented
- Not Applicable

Provide additional details here:  
Please review attached document to validate

ASSESSORS FINDINGS COMMENTS (0) ATTACHMENTS (1)

UPDATE FINDING

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When **Partially** or **Not Implemented** is selected and findings are provided in the comment box, the Questionnaire answer will be marked **red** for Remediation.

Please note the answers shown in the checkboxes reflect the **Service Provider's** answers while the color of the question reflects the **Assessor's** answers, which will be reflected in the final PDF report.

# Assessor – App Assessment

See Slide 15 about accessing Hardening Guidelines in the Applications Registry as part of your App Assessment.

When assessing an In-house developed application, the version number will show at the top (e.g., version 4 in the below screenshot).

TPN Best Practices Questionnaire for Melody Service Provider Digital Supply Chain App 4 [BACK TO COMPANY DETAILS](#)

### TPN Best Practices Questionnaire

**OP-1.0 Receiving**  
Best Practice:  
Establish and regularly review a Receiving process to receive physical client assets, to include the following:...

Show More

**Do you have an established Receiving process to receive physical client assets, which includes the following?**

Select which of the below apply:  
If ALL requirements are met: choose Fully Implemented and upload relevant evidence  
If SOME of the requirements are met: choose the line items that are implemented, provide additional details, and upload relevant evidence  
If NONE of the requirements are met: choose Not Implemented and provide additional details  
If this control does NOT APPLY to your Site or Application: choose Not Applicable and provide additional details

- Fully Implemented
- Regular reviews of your process
- Maintenance of a receiving log to be filled out by designated personnel upon receipt of deliveries
- Not Implemented
- Not Applicable

Provide additional details here:

[COMMENTS \(0\)](#) [ATTACHMENTS \(0\)](#)

Last Updated By Melody Giambastiani 07/13/2023 11:30

Does your Receiving process include the following?

Current Step: Pre-Assessment In Progress

Current Best Practice: Receiving

Legend

- Best Practice Question
- Unanswered Question
- Answered
- Satisfied by Certificate
- For Review
- Question Visible Due to Logic
- Question has Comments

# Assessor – Submit Assessment

The screenshot displays the 'TPN Best Practices Questionnaire for Assessment Phase Test' interface. The main content area shows a question: 'Do you have a formal, documented Information Security Management System (ISMS), which includes the following?' with a green checkmark indicating it has been answered. Below the question are several checkboxes for implementation status, such as 'Fully Implemented', 'Overseen by leadership of your organization', 'Regular reviews of your ISMS', 'Reviews upon key changes', 'Control Framework', 'Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC)', 'Not Implemented', and 'Not Applicable'. A modal dialog box titled 'Assessment Complete' is overlaid on the page, containing the text: 'You have completed this assessment. Would you like to submit it for approval?' and two buttons: 'CLOSE' and 'SUBMIT'. The 'SUBMIT' button is highlighted with a yellow circle. The interface also includes a top navigation bar with 'SUBMIT ASSESSMENT', a left sidebar with 'NEED SUPPORT?' and 'TPN HOW-TO GUIDES', and a right sidebar with a legend for question types and a list of assessment steps.

When all questions have been assessed, there will be a notification that the completed assessment can now be submitted to TPN for approval.

You may also leave the Questionnaire experience at any time by clicking the **Back to Company Details** button and return at any time to submit the assessment using the **Submit** button at the top-right corner of the page.

**Assessor: Submitted for Approval**

# Submitted for Approval

The screenshot displays the 'TPN Assessor Training Profile' page. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Profile, Manage Assessments, Documents, NEED SUPPORT?, and TPN HOW-TO GUIDES. The main content area shows the profile details, including the TPN logo, address (1234 Assessor Way, Los Angeles, CA 90000), primary contact (TPN Assessor, tpassessortraining@gmail.com), and billing information (Billing Customer ID: TPP00063, Billing PO Number, VAT Number). Below this, the 'Manage Assessments (10)' section contains a table with columns for Company, Questionnaire Count, Status, and Action. The table lists three assessments: one 'Assigned' (3 questionnaires) and two 'Assessing' (1 questionnaire each). An 'Actions' dropdown menu is open over the 'Submitted' assessment, showing options for 'QUESTIONNAIRES', 'QUESTIONNAIRE OPTIONS', 'Baseline', and 'Review and Comment'. A 'Submitted Phase Test' entry is also visible in a lower table with toggle switches for 'On Prem' and 'Cloud', and a 'Submitted' status.

The assessment status will be **Submitted for Review** during this phase.

Once submitted, the assessment is still viewable via **View and Comment** and can still be updated as necessary during discussions with TPN throughout the approval process.

# Submitted for Approval - Assessment Approval

The screenshot shows the TPN Best Practices Questionnaire for Submitted Phase Test. The main content area displays a finding for OR-1.0 Information Security Management System. A comment dialog box is open, showing a comment from CG (Connor Gartner) stating 'Upon review, this Finding needs to be updated to Partially Implemented' and a response from AT (Assessor Training) stating 'Ok, noted from the Service Provider'. The 'UPDATE FINDING' button is highlighted with a yellow dot and a line pointing to the text below.

During the assessment approval phase, you will be able to have on-line dialogue with both TPN and the Service Provider should any questions be raised, or disagreements occur regarding the findings.

You may also **Update Findings** in the submitted phase upon request from TPN, as necessary.

Since Content Owners are not able to view Comments, it is important to add any clarifications or explanations in the Assessor Findings box, even if responding to questions posted in the Comments chat.

# Submitted for Approval - Assessment Approved

Manage Assessments (15)  Show Completed

Company	Questionnaire Count	Status
> TPN Service Provider Operations Profile	1	Assessment Complete Pending Remediation <span>11</span> <span>9</span>
> TPN Service Provider Operations Profile	1	Assessment Complete Pending Remediation <span>2</span>
> TPN Service Provider Operations Profile	1	Assessment Complete Pending Remediation <span>6</span> <span>7</span>
> TPN Service Provider Operations Profile	1	Assessment Complete Pending Remediation <span>4</span> <span>4</span>
> TPN Service Provider Operations Profile	1	Assessment Complete
> TPN Service Provider Operations Profile	1	Assessment Complete
> TPN Admin Demo Profile	1	Assessment In Progress

Upon final approval by TPN of the assessment, the status of the site will change to either **Assessment Complete** or **Assessment Complete Pending Remediation** and no further action is needed from the Assessor.

You will no longer be able to access the assessment or questionnaire at this point.

# Change Log

## **v1.1.3 Updates 09/26/2024:**

- **Slides 21-24: Definitions**
- **Slides 26-28: Pre-Assessment context/scenarios**

## **v1.1.2 Updates 08/08/2024:**

- **User system recommendations**
- **Password management**
- **Managing Assessments & Questionnaire screens/statuses**
- **Assessor Summary definition**



# Change Log

## v1.1.1 Updates 02/06/2024:

- Gold Shield awarded after remediation plans entered
- Questionnaire access
- TPN+ Global Pass
- Assessor judgment re. evidence

## v1.1.0 Updates 08/30/2023:

- Instances of "Implementation Guidance" updated to "Additional Recommendations"
- Instances of Evidence – If Service Providers mark "Public", the Content Owner can view the evidence that they uploaded
- Additional Baseline Questionnaire questions

## v1.1.0 Updates 07/13/2023:

- Process maps updated
- Important note regarding Microsoft Authenticator
- Registries
- Important note regarding assessment type toggle
- Baseline Questionnaire visibility
- Important note regarding questionnaire logic
- Assessor Finding text is required for all answers
- Assessing an in-house developed application



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