



Supplier
Qualification
Scheme

Information for
Buyers



Get your company on track for success

The supplier pre-qualification service used by buyers procuring products and services for the GB rail industry



What is RISQS?

RISQS is the Rail Industry Supplier Qualification Scheme, giving the industry's 100-plus buyer members the assurance to do business with confidence with around 4000 supplier members.

Buyers use RISQS to get supplier assurance

As a buyer, you need to be able to find the right suppliers with the right capability at the right time - RISQS helps you do this

Cutting edge on-line platform

The RISQS portal is easy to use, putting you just a few clicks away from suppliers proven to offer the credentials, capabilities and confidence to deliver. You can use the portal to find suppliers during the initial selection process and monitor your existing suppliers.

Access suitable, capable suppliers

Find the suppliers you need, fast. Search for suitable companies by the product or service relevant to your requirement. A standard commodity classification list known as the RICCL helps give you a consistent response to your enquiry. You can then apply additional search criteria to further refine the results creating a shortlist. The portal also allows you to ask project-specific questions of the suppliers on the shortlist, receiving the output directly through the platform.

Save time and money by avoiding need for additional audits

Your suppliers have to provide information about their capabilities to be listed on the RISQS portal. This includes being assessed through a RISQS Audit where

necessary, to provide you with independent verification that the supplier has systems and resources in place to meet vital safety and performance requirements. This will eliminate or reduce the need to conduct separate capability audits of your own for each supplier.

Demonstrate compliance

Buyers can also use the RISQS platform to demonstrate compliance with UK and EU procurement regulations, and in some cases health and safety law and the Utilities Contract Regulations.

Get assurance and manage supply chain risk

By using RISQS you know you're tapping into assurance which has been verified by an independent industry scheme, freeing your resources to concentrate on higher risk assurance activities. The higher the risk imported to the buyer – especially for safety critical products and services – the more critical this assurance becomes – RISQS provides you with a gateway to this assurance.

Encourage your suppliers to raise the bar

By joining RISQS, your suppliers will be able to identify potential areas of improvement, and benchmark their own performance, raising their game, and so increasing the calibre of suppliers available to you.



How does RISQS work?

Subscribing to RISQS as a buyer gives you full access to the RISQS Portal, your easy-to-use on-line platform.

At the scheme's core is the verification and auditing of the suppliers, meaning it only hosts the highest quality suppliers working within the rail industry.

Suppliers subscribe to RISQS and then complete the questionnaire, which is then independently verified, suppliers then book a RISQS Audit if required. This allows suppliers to demonstrate compliance against both legal and industry assurance requirements, offering buyers better protection from potential risks.

Once complete, suppliers will be visible to all buyers who subscribe to RISQS and the verification team will assist throughout the year to help each supplier keep their 'live profile' up-to-date, providing better quality supplier information available to you as a buyer.

Buyer Membership £6800 + VAT

(Membership runs for 12 months from the date of joining)





Who runs RISQS?

RISQS is coordinated and managed by the rail industry's own independent body, RSSB, who provide oversight, coordination and a team of dedicated specialists to provide the necessary industry interfaces, service provider delivery and coordination, and ongoing system improvements.

Join the existing RISQS buyers and benefit from a fairer, more transparent rail industry pre-qualification service

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