

Audit & Assessment services overview

services for professional procurement
Be better informed. Make better decisions.

Achilles Audit and Assessment services address the physical validation of evidence regarding a supplier's capability, competence and compliance within agreed parameters. These can include industry standards, recognised best practice or country-specific laws. Our audit and assessment services are a natural extension to the assurance process provided by the existing Achilles SMS.

background

An audit is a formal inspection that has long been established as a reliable method of validating the current status of an organisation. Procurement and Compliance teams need to be able to manage their risk when procuring services from suppliers, and knowing that suppliers they use on a regular basis are independently audited, provides them with a great level of assurance.

Procurement and compliance teams can be confident that the information provided to them as a result of an Achilles independent audit has been rigorously assessed against industry best practice. All our auditors are lead assessor-qualified and have gone through auditor training validated by IRCA (International Register of Certificated Auditors). They undergo independent licensing having passed an Achilles examination assessing their core competencies. Achilles Assessment is currently working towards accreditation with IRCA as a global audit business.

key features

- Tailored to meet the needs of individual business sectors, following industry best practice
- Current auditing schemes include aspects of the following: Corporate social responsibility, Health & safety, Environment, Sustainability, Carbon emissions, Factory assessment, Quality, and discipline specific issues
- Constructive audits, offering an impartial insight, value and assurance
- Fully integrated into Achilles SMS
- Scope of each audit is continually reviewed and improved with the input of particular industry stakeholder groups
- Audits are carried out on-site by Achilles, and the resulting data is then assessed and verified, including supplier review
- All Achilles audit personnel are fully licensed.

key benefits

Suppliers

- Trusted 3rd party verification of supplier capabilities
- Improvement plans set in place and agreed with suppliers for corrective actions
- Performance in audits can be monitored over time
- Key personnel have industry specific experience

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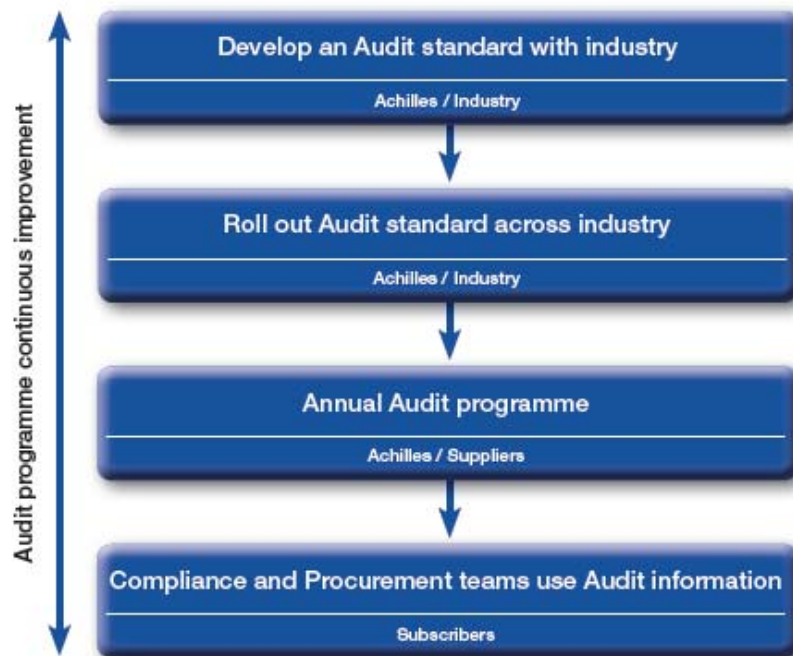
- Only one audit is required and is then available for the whole community
- A transparent and ordered approach to audit
- Provides a learning opportunity for the supplier to plan continuous improvement actions
- Audits may support reduced insurance premiums



Achilles identifies, qualifies, evaluates, and monitors supplier information on behalf of major organisations worldwide. We build and support supply chain communities in many industry sectors, creating unique and valuable global networks. Our services reduce risk in the supply chain and create new business opportunities for both buyers and suppliers.

How does Audit work?

Achilles works with the industry sectors to establish an audit programme and once agreed, will run the programme with the appropriate suppliers. The resulting audit reports, once approved for publication, are made available online for subscribers of the service. This flow diagram provides an overview of the Achilles Audit process



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