



CONTESTABILITY WORKING GROUP

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Accreditation Process

The following list sets out the accreditation process required to get us to Go-live and to full accreditation after Go-live.

1. NIE Networks and LRQA agree the new scopes to be added to the NERS Northern Ireland Requirements Document
2. LRQA updates and publishes the revised NERS Northern Ireland Requirements Document
3. Providers (ICPs) apply for a Partial Accreditation assessment
4. LRQA assesses the ICP and verifies that the ICP's safety documentation deals with NIE Networks' concerns over potential inconsistencies between the NIE Networks' Safety Rules and the ICP's Safety Rules
5. ICP gains Partial Accreditation (valid for one year)
6. Go-Live
7. ICP to notify LRQA of the award of the first contract for a scope of work for which partial accreditation is held
8. Full accreditation process