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Common Assessment Standard Version 6 explained

What the latest changes mean

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Common Assessment Standard V6 explained

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Common Assessment Standard

In **July 2024,** the Common Assessment Standard was updated to include a new section along with amendments to others. It is divided into 10 sections for ease of completion, based on UK legislation and designed for use by construction companies in the UK.

It has since introduced a **Building Safety section**, where companies can demonstrate they possess the organisational capability to fulfil their roles under the Building Safety Act. This section was 'Advisory' meaning it was included within the Constructionline Gold and Platinum verification.

Constructionline Gold and Platinum memberships meet the requirements of the Common Assessment Standard

- Identity
- Financial
- Corporate & Professional Standing
- Health & Safety
- Environment
- Quality
- Building Safety
- Fairness, Inclusion & Respect
- Information Security
- Information Management

Key changes by section

A snapshot of what to look out for in Version 6

189
questions across all 10 sections

13
new, more targeted questions

8
outdated or duplicated questions retired

117
questions keep their intent with clearer guidance or fresh legislation links

Section 1 · Identity

Directors/Partners becomes People with Significant Control - documented Power of Attorney

Section 3 · Corporate Standing

Fraud prevention now applies to every company, not just large companies.

Section 4 · Health & Safety

Drugs & Alcohol Policy is mandatory, with the evidence expected now, same for SSIP

Section 5 · Environmental

Guidance updates. Micro-businesses can answer N/A to several questions.

Section 6 · Quality

Workforce and sub-contractors asked separately. Competence, supervision and staying current move here.

Section 7 · Building Safety

References move from the Building Safety Act to the Building Regulations. 3 Questions removed

Section 9 · Information Security

Cyber Essentials Plus alone no longer exempts all questions. New question on personal data breaches.

Sections 2, 8 & 10

Legislation links added and delegated sign-off extended across policies.

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3 key questions are now **mandatory**

Common Assessment Standard

Quality updates under version 6

What's changed?

- 3 questions have moved - Q135, Q136, Q138
- These have moved from the Building Safety requirement to the Quality section
- The Quality section is a mandatory section.
  Every section of the Common Assessment Standard is mandatory apart from the Building Safety requirement

Why has this changed?

To stay in line with Build UK's updates and reflect industry changes to prioritise building safely

When do the changes come into effect?

1st November, but you still have time to review the new questions before your next renewal if it is after this date

Why this matters now

Most suppliers haven’t answered yet

24%

of suppliers have answered these questions in the last 2 years

From today, this changes

The three questions sit in the Quality requirement, so every supplier will answer them when their Quality requirement is next due for renewal.



Do you hold a certified standard?

ISO 9001 and BS 99001 exemptions

REF 9950

Q135

Competency

Exempt only if BS 99001 is provided.

REF 9951

Q136

Supervision

Exempt only if BS 99001 is provided.

REF 9953

Q138

Staying current

Exempt if BS 99001 or ISO 9001 is provided.

Holding ISO 9001 only? You still need to answer Q135 and Q136. Everyone else answers all three questions.

Building Safety Act section

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Every section of the Common Assessment Standard is mandatory apart from Building Safety.

This means that once these 3 questions move into the Quality requirement, all suppliers will be required to answer them to maintain a Verified profile.

ACTION: Review the new questions before your next renewal



CLICK HERE

Learn about CAS V6 update

Why should you answer the questions?

Stay verified and stand out for more opportunities

Stay Verified

Be prepared by taking action sooner, so you remain Verified in time for the 1st November deadline

Pre-qualify for more opportunities

A Verified profile in line with the Common Assessment Standard shows you meet the standards main contractors expect

Demonstrate your competence

Evidence you work in line with the Building Safety Act, Building Regulations and wider industry standards

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Questions, evidence and pitfalls

Question walkthrough and how to avoid repeated rejections



Who is ‘competent’?

The idea behind Q135 and Q136

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Skills

The practical abilities required to perform tasks effectively.

Knowledge

Understanding of legislation, standards, procedures and technical requirements.

Experience

Shows the person has successfully applied their skills and knowledge in real situations.

Behaviours

How a person acts and makes decisions.

Competence is not only down to the individual. Your organisation must manage and record it (Q135) and supervise it (Q136).

Q 135 REF 9950

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Please provide evidence demonstrating your systems for managing and recording key competencies (Skills, Knowledge, Experience, and Behaviours) for your workforce and subcontractors.

This may be evidenced by a Training Matrix, Training Records, or upcoming Training / CPD programmes.



Show your arrangements

- You understand the competence your workforce and key sub-contractors need
- You can decide the training and information they require
- You monitor the delivery of training and information
- You hold evidence of competency for employees and sub-contractors
- Refresher training keeps them up to date on legal requirements

Or show your records

- Training matrix, training records or a CPD programme
- Certificates of attendance, SMSTS/SSSTS, CSCS or Alliance cards, NVQs
- Self Certification Schemes, such as Gas Safe
- An example of toolbox talk training
- Role competence statements or technical assessments

Q 136 REF 9951

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Does your company have arrangements in place for your workforce and key subcontractor roles under its control to receive appropriate supervision, instruction, and information to ensure that any work your company undertakes meets relevant requirements?

Please provide evidence showing your procedures for providing appropriate supervision, instruction, and information to your workforce and key subcontractor roles under your control to ensure that any work your company undertakes meets relevant requirements (e.g. Building Safety Act, Building Regulations, other legislation, and industry standards).

1 Instruct

Give workers and key sub-contractors the instructions to carry out their tasks.

2 Inform

Give them the information they need to meet relevant requirements.

3 Supervise

Keep supervising once the work has begun. A chain of supervision must be maintained.

Evidence could include

- A process or organogram showing a named, accountable supervisor for each team
- A skills matrix showing the level of supervision for each activity
- How meetings with the workforce and key sub-contractors are recorded
- Site supervision logs and inspection records
- Work instructions and standard operating procedures
- Method statements
- A policy, procedure or process confirming your arrangements

Q 138 REF 9953

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Do you have arrangements to ensure you keep up to date with changes to legislation, standards, and products?

Explain how you keep up to date

Cover:

- How you monitor changes to legislation, standards and products
- How often updates are reviewed and how you assess their impact
- How staff are informed or trained when things change

Sources that work well:

- Membership of an advisory group, or updates from a membership body or industry body
- Subscriptions to services such as CIS or BSI covering quality, standards and products
- Updates on technical requirements relevant to your trade and activities

Likely to be challenged

- An answer that just says “Constructionline”
- Naming organisations, such as H&S or environmental advice companies, without saying how information is received
- Only giving the name of your H&S consultant

Common pitfalls

What leads to rejected responses?

Likely to be rejected	What to do instead
“We use Constructionline” or a consultant’s name	Say how updates reach you, how often you review them and how staff are told
A policy or description on its own	Add evidence: a matrix, records, logs or a toolbox talk example
Records that only cover employees	Cover your workforce and key sub-contractor roles
Incorrect or outdated certificates uploaded	Check every certificate is current and relevant to the question

Evidence that stands up to review

Evidence, not just policies or descriptions

Show it happening

A policy describes intent. Records, matrices and logs prove it.

Cover the right people

Include your workforce and your key sub-contractor roles, not just employees.

Date every record

Training records and certificates should show when they were issued or completed.

Version your documents

Policies and procedures should carry a version number and review date.

Before you submit: would an assessor who has never met your business be able to see who is covered, and that it is current?

When will you be asked?

This update is live today

New sign-ups

Included in your first submission.

Upgrades

Included in your first submission.

Quality currently verified

Included in your next submission, at your requirement expiry date

Quality currently not verified

Included in your next submission

Affects: Constructionline Gold / Platinum (Quality) and Facilitiesline Gold (Facilities Management – Quality).

Don't wait: Get ready now to answer these questions ahead of your renewal.

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Q&A



Your preparation checklist

Five steps to get ready

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1. Answer Q135, Q136 and Q138 on the platform now, ahead of 1 November
2. Check whether BS 99001 or ISO 9001 exempts you
3. Gather evidence covering your workforce and key sub-contractors
4. Check dates, versions and certificates are current
5. Speak to your account manager if you are unsure

Need support with the latest changes?

Speak to the Cube Consultants team

Get Common Assessment Standard support from an Approved Compliance Partner

- Assist with compliance assessments and certifications

Need support with the changes in Common Assessment Standard V6?

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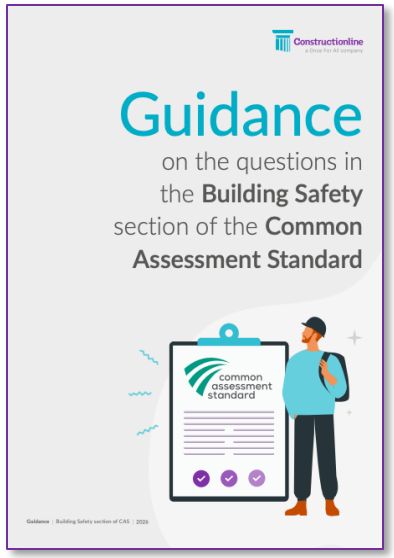
Next steps

Helpful resources support your V6 submission

Complete the new questions before your next renewal

Use our **free guidance documents**









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