

CPA Initial Evaluation Process & Estimated Timelines

SOp Timeline		5 – 10 WD		10 - 15 WD		10 - 15 WD		6 WD	
Test Lab (TL) / Manufacturer Timeline		20 – 60 WD		20 – 60 WD		30 – 60 WD			
Evaluation Stage	TL initial pre-evaluation consultancy & testing	SOp receives AQ (and BSQ as appropriate). Considers the viability for CPA Certification and then Accept, Reject or Query	If accepted, TL creates AP and agrees a delivery date with SOp, and sends to SOp with estimated timeframe	SOp receives documentation (AP etc). Considers the plans for CPA Certification and then Accept, Reject or Query	If accepted, TL testing and production of final CPA documents ESR (and BSVR), TL agrees delivery dates with SOp and sends documents to SOp	SOp receives ESR and BSVR. Considers the reports for CPA Certification and then Accept, Reject or Query	SOp prepares CPA certification recommendation for SOwn. SOp drafts relevant Certificate(s), Certification Letter for SOwn to issue and publish on SEC website.		
	AQ (and BSQ) sent to SOp with estimated timeframe								
Explanatory Notes	The AQ and BSQ should clarify the Device Model or firmware upgrade’s suitability for CPA evaluation and provide an estimated timeline. This should enable the SOp to accept or reject the start of evaluation (or query an aspect for clarification). Additional technical documentation may be requested. Evaluations will not formally start until the AQ and BSQ has been approved although the TL may work at risk. The AQ and BSQ can be sent as soon as the Manufacturer is able to confirm the details to start the process and allow the SOp to schedule a review. The stages of an evaluation are set out in the CPA Policies and Procedures Part 1 and will run sequentially i.e. Stage 1 must complete before Stage 2 can begin. · The CPA evaluation documents are defined and explained in the CPA Policies and Procedures.			The SOp timescales are dependent on the TL meeting the delivery dates previously agreed with SOp for all submitted documents to enable effective resource planning. The timescales are working days and a window within which a review will be completed. The timescales can be shorter or longer depending on the number of clarifications needed and the iterations of documentation which largely depends on the quality and completeness of the submission (including adoption of the SOp comments from previous stages). After reviewing documentation, the SOp may have questions that require further evidence from the TL or the requirement for further testing in specific areas. These questions will necessitate the resubmission of evaluation documents for a subsequent review that may take a further time period to complete. Depending on the quality and completeness of the documentation provided by the TL there may be multiple reviews for each evaluation document submitted. This will significantly increase the time taken for an evaluation to be completed. ·The TL/Manufacturer timeline is based on historic data from NCSC. The SOp has no control over the actual time taken for these stages of an evaluation to complete.			Once all the evaluation documents have been reviewed, the SOp will recommend to SOwn whether the Device Model and Build Standard has achieved the CPA Certification standard.		
				TL pre-evaluation consultancy and testing can take significantly longer in certain circumstances based on Manufacturer knowledge and familiarity with the CPA Security Characteristics and Build Standard.			If successful, the relevant CPA Device and Build Standard Certificate(s) will be provided to SECAS who will place it on the SEC website. The Manufacturer will be notified by a Certification Letter. Where a new Device Model and/or firmware upgrade has been certified, the Manufacturer may then apply for a new entry on the CPL.		