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## PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL TO HOST WEBINAR ON LATEST SELF ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

—*Merchants and service providers to gain insight into latest tool for PCI self assessment*—

**WAKEFIELD**, Mass., Feb. 7, 2008 — The PCI Security Standards Council, a global, open industry standards body providing management of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (DSS), PCI PIN Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS), today announces a complimentary webinar, “Navigating and Understanding the PCI SSC Self Assessment Questionnaire,” to be held on Thursday Feb. 21, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. EST and a second session the same day at 7:30 p.m. EST.

The new [Self Assessment Questionnaire \(SAQ\)](#), announced on Feb. 6 2008, is an important validation tool primarily used by merchants and service providers to demonstrate compliance with the PCI DSS. This new SAQ is specifically designed to simplify and streamline the assessment process and aid merchants who are not required to have an onsite assessment to protect payment card data. This educational webinar, featuring Bob Russo, General Manager, and PCI SSC’s chair of the Technical Working Group, Lauren Holloway, who will address the different SAQ forms and scenarios to help merchants and service providers with their PCI assessment programs.

Webinar participants will discover:

- The role of the SAQ and its alignment with the latest PCI DSS;
- The new forms and documents that are based on unique business scenarios;
- The process flow for determining which SAQ fits your unique needs, and;
- How to maximize the use of the new SAQ web pages on the Council’s website.

To register for the Thursday Feb. 21, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. EST session, visit <http://www.webcastgroup.com/client/start.asp?wid=0780221083975> or <http://www.webcastgroup.com/client/start.asp?wid=0780221083976> for the 7:30 p.m. EST session.

**For More Information:**

If you would like more information about the PCI Security Standards Council or would like to become a Participating Organization please visit [pcisecuritystandards.org](http://pcisecuritystandards.org), or contact the PCI Security Standards Council at [info@pcisecuritystandards.org](mailto:info@pcisecuritystandards.org).

**About the PCI Security Standards Council**

The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account security by driving education and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard and other standards that increase payment data security.

The PCI Security Standards Council was formed by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. to provide a transparent forum in which all stakeholders can provide input into the ongoing development, enhancement and dissemination of the PCI Data Security Standard (DSS), PIN Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Applications Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and point of sale vendors are encouraged to join as Participating Organizations.

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