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Instructions and Guidance for RFC on Current Secure Software Standard (v.1.2.1)

PCI Security Standards Council®

Introduction

First and foremost, the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) would like to thank you for taking the time to review **the currently published version (v1.2.1)** of the Secure Software Standard.

Your review and feedback are fundamental to the ongoing evolution of our standards and programs. The following slides provide instructions and guidance that will assist you during your review.

Before You Begin

- **Please read these instructions and guidance in their entirety.**
- Plan your reviews ahead of time and ensure your feedback is submitted before the RFC period closes **at 11:59 pm Eastern Time on 11 April 2024**.
- Refer to the What to Know Before Participating in a PCI SSC Request for Comment flyer for more information.

Purpose & Scope

The PCI SSC is planning a revision to the currently published version of the PCI Secure Software Standard (v1.2.1) and its associated program documentation.

As part of the planned revision effort, the PCI SSC is conducting an initial Request for Comment (RFC) period to solicit general feedback on the following document:

- *PCI Software Security Framework – Secure Software Requirements and Assessment Procedures v1.2.1 (PCI Secure Software Standard)*

This is the first RFC on the full Secure Software Standard since its original publication in January 2019. Feedback received during this RFC period will be reviewed and considered in the planning for the upcoming revision effort.

Note: *Revisions to existing standards and programs typically include RFCs on draft content. Given that this RFC is on the currently-published Standard, at least one additional RFC is expected. Refer to the RFC Process Guide for more information.*

Types of RFC Feedback Requested

- PCI SSC is seeking feedback on the PCI Secure Software Standard as a whole, as well as the detailed control objectives, test requirements, and guidance within the Standard. For example:
  - What are the overarching concepts, principles, terms, definitions, objectives, requirements, and/or guidance within the Standard that would benefit from additional clarification and/or improvement?
  - What new security objectives, requirements, or modules should be considered for development and inclusion in a future update to the Standard?
- Feedback on other aspects of the Secure Software Program will also be accepted.
- All feedback received will be reviewed and considered by PCI SSC.
  - Your feedback, including your organization’s name, and how PCI SSC actioned your feedback will be made available for review by RFC participants through the PCI SSC Portal.
  - Refer to the PCI SSC RFC Process Guide for more information.

RFC Timeline

- The RFC period will run from **11 March 2024 to 11 April 2024.**
- Submit your feedback **before 11:59 pm Eastern Time on 11 April 2024**.
- Late feedback **will not** be accepted.

Note: *PCI SSC can only accept feedback that is received via the Portal during the RFC period. Late feedback and feedback submitted via any other channel will not be accepted.*

RFC Feedback Instructions

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Accessing the RFC Document

Note: *Only your company's primary contact may log into the portal and download the RFC documents. If you do not know who your company's primary contact is, please contact RFC@pcisecuritystandards.org for assistance.*

- Log in to the PCI SSC Portal with your username and password: https://programs.pcissc.org/
  - *If you don't know your password, click "Forgot your password" to create a new password. If you do not have a username, please contact RFC@pcisecuritystandards.org for assistance.*
- Click on **RFC: Secure Software Standard – Currently Published Version (v1.2.1).**
- Accept the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).
- Click to download the RFC document.

Entering Your Feedback

1. In the *Document* field, choose choose one of the following options from the drop-down:
   - Secure Software Standard
   - Other feedback
2. In the *Section* field, select or specify the appropriate document section that is the subject of your feedback (as applicable).
3. Specify the *Page Number* containing the content to which your feedback refers.
4. Select the appropriate *Category* of feedback from the drop-down menu.
5. Specify your *Comments* and provide a *Suggested Solution* for each item of feedback.

Note: *Further details describing the subject of your feedback should be specified in the Comments and/or Suggested Solution field(s).*

Maximizing Your Feedback

- In the Comment field, explain the reason for your feedback.
- In the Suggested Solution field, include a recommendation to address your feedback.
- Be as detailed as possible with your comments and suggested solutions.
- Feel free to leave either the Comment or Suggested Solution fields blank. It is not necessary to duplicate the same information in both fields.
- Do not submit the same feedback item more than once.
- Do not include company sensitive information and remember to keep your comments professional and collaborative.
- Consolidate all feedback for your company since each company can only provide 50 feedback entries.
- Please contact RFC@pcisecuritystandards.org with any questions or concerns.

Other Feedback Reminders

- Ensure your work is saved after each entry and before you exit the portal, select “Save Draft Comments.”
- You can come back later to finish entering feedback; you do not need enter all feedback in the same session.
- When all your feedback is complete, select “Submit Feedback” and then select “Ok” to confirm your submission is complete.
- Once you select “Ok,” you will not be able to edit your feedback.
- A confirmation email will be sent after you submit your feedback.

Thank You!

After Submitting Your Feedback

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