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Instructions and Guidance for RFC on the PCI PTS HSM V5.0

Introduction

The PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) would like to thank you for taking the time to review **this draft of PCI PTS HSM V5.0**.

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 11:59PM Eastern Time on 15 December 2025**.
- 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 PTS Hardware Security Module (HSM) Modular Security Requirements V4.0.

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

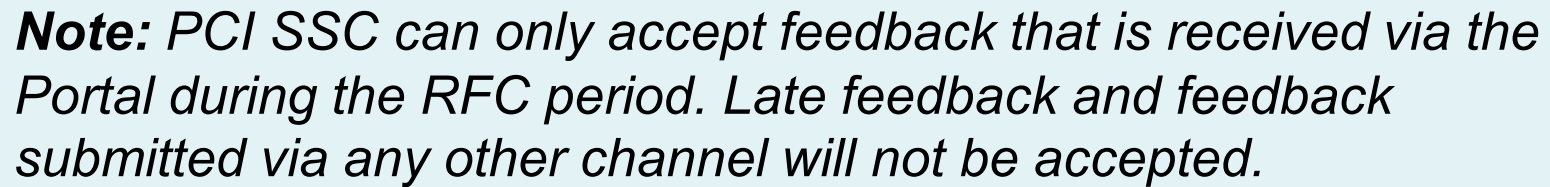
- *PCI PIN Transaction Security (PTS) Hardware Security Module (HSM) Modular Security Requirements*
- *PCI PIN Transaction Security (PTS) Hardware Security Module (HSM) Modular Derived Test Requirements*

This is an RFC on a major update to the full PTS HSM Standard. Feedback received during this RFC period will be reviewed and considered for this update.

Note: Revisions to existing standards and programs typically include RFCs on draft content. Refer to the [RFC Process Guide](#) for more information.

RFC Timeline

- The RFC period will run from **30 October 2025 to 15 December 2025**.
- Submit your feedback **before 11:59PM Eastern Time on 15 December 2025**.
- 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

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: PCI PTS HSM V5.0**
- Accept the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).
- Click to download the RFC document.

Entering Your Feedback

1. In the **Document** field, choose one of the following options from the drop-down:
 - PCI PTS HSM V5 Security Requirements
 - PCI PTS HSM V5 Derived Test Requirements
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. However, you are strongly encouraged to provide a suggested solution to add clarity to your comment.
- 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.
- 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.
- All feedback received will be reviewed and considered by PCI SSC.

After Submitting Your Feedback

- All RFC feedback 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.

Thank You!