

Request for Comments Instructions:  
RFC Draft  
PCI Secure Software Lifecycle v2.0 Standard  
15 May 2026 to 15 June 2026

# Thank You in Advance!

First and foremost, the PCI Council would like to thank you for taking time to review this RFC draft of the PCI Secure Software Lifecycle v2.0 Standard.

Your thorough review is welcome and is fundamental to our revision process. The following slides will guide your review.

**→ There is significant context in these ReadMe slides for this RFC.  
Read through each slide thoroughly.**

# RFC Overview

This is a major revision to the Secure Software Lifecycle Standard. There are considerable changes based on stakeholder feedback. Review the draft **in its entirety**.

The following slides will highlight significant changes along with questions to consider during your review.

# SSLC Value - Feedback Requested

PCI SSC would like to gain valuable insight into the value, or use cases, that entities are finding with their SSLC assessment and their resulting SSLC-Qualified status/listing.

Please denote this feedback category as '**Program**'.

# AI Involvement in SSLC Processes

PCI SSC would like to gain valuable insight into the use cases that entities are utilizing AI within their SSLC-related processes, e.g., for software generation.

In addition, please provide feedback regarding the SSLC v2.0 draft in terms of your perspective if the revised objective nature of the standard adequately accommodates the use of AI in an SSLC.

Please denote this feedback category as '**Program**'.

# Secure Software Standard

The *PCI Secure Software Lifecycle v2.0* draft contains requirements that utilize the *PCI Secure Software Standard* and the *PCI Secure Software – Sensitive Asset Identification* document.

These documents can be found in the [PCI SSC Document Library](#).

# Major Themes

The following is a high-level outline of major objectives for this revision effort:

- **Aligned to and compliments the PCI Secure Software Standard v2.0 (SecSW)**
- **Uses the same schema/design as SecSW v2.0**
- **Improved the objective degree of the security requirements**
- **Requirements focus on the SSLC itself**
- **Restructured the organization and flow of the standard**
- **Significant updates based on stakeholder feedback from the last RFC**
- **New context regarding the use of ‘digital tools’.**

# Glossary / Terminology

The external SSF Glossary will be superseded by including applicable terms within the PCI Secure Software Lifecycle Standard (Appendix A).

# Payment Software Type

*'Payment Software Type'* has been removed from the v2.0 PCI Secure Software Standard and Program.

This listing attribute will be removed from the PCI Secure Software Lifecycle Standard and Program v2.0.

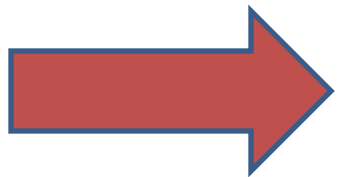
# 'Business Units' and 'Locations'

Intended to remove these listing attributes as part of the v2.0 SSLC Program.

Provide feedback as applicable on this intent. Please denote this feedback category as '**Program**'.

# RFC Timeline:

- The RFC period will run from **15 May 2026** through **15 June 2026**.
- Be sure to submit **all** feedback to the Portal **on or before:** 8:00pm Eastern Time on **15 June 2026**.



***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 Guidelines

**To help get the most out of your feedback, please be sure to:**

- Identify the document, page, section/requirement, and sub-requirement (if applicable) that your feedback refers to. **Ensure the feedback item is obvious in what it refers to.**
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- Use the '*Suggested Solution*' field to recommend a solution based on the Comment. **Do NOT copy/paste the Comment into the Suggested Solution or otherwise duplicate the entries between the two fields.**
- When providing feedback that relates to more than one requirement, simply create one entry and denote the requirements your comment applies to. **Do NOT create multiple entries all with the same comments/suggested solutions.**
- **Ensure your feedback is constructive.**
- **Note there are options to select other documents aside from the Standard – use those as applicable.**
- **Denote Tech Writer-esque comments with the 'TW' category.**

# Important Items of Note

- Submit your feedback **via the portal**. Feedback that is not provided via the portal **will not be considered**.
- **Submit your feedback on or before the due date.**
- Agreement to a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) to download the document **is required**.
- **Your feedback, your organization's name, and how PCI SSC actioned your feedback comments will be made available for review by RFC participants in the PCI SSC portal.**
  - Review the PCI SSC [RFC Process Guide](#) for more information.
  - Please avoid including company sensitive information and remember to keep your comments professional and collaborative.
- Each company is asked to consolidate their feedback at a **maximum of 75 feedback entries**.

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- If you are unsure who the primary contact is for your company, please contact [participation@pcisecuritystandards.org](mailto:participation@pcisecuritystandards.org) for assistance.

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- Accept the non-disclosure agreement (NDA).
- Click to download the document.
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