FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

2027–2028 PCI Security Standards Council India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board



Q. What is the role of the PCI SSC India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board?

A. The PCI SSC India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board serves in an advisory role to PCI SSC. Regional Advisors will represent the perspectives of Participating Organizations and stakeholders in India and South Asia, advising and providing feedback and guidance to PCI SSC on standards, program development, and adoption in India- South Asia.

Q. Why did PCI SSC establish the India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board?

A. Improving and increasing industry involvement in the development of PCI standards and resources is critical to the Council's mission to enhance global payment security. PCI SSC established the Regional Engagement Board in India-South Asia to assist in exchanging information and increasing payment security through adoption of PCI standards in this important region.

Q. What are the responsibilities of India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board members?

A. Board member responsibilities include providing advice, feedback, and guidance to PCI SSC as requested relating to payment data security issues, trends, and market changes in the region; representing the views and interests of regional constituents; assisting in the recruitment of new Participating Organizations and stakeholders; recommending agenda topics for the Regional Engagement Board meetings; and participating as needed in PCI SSC initiatives and projects. Board members will be expected to attend and participate in regular board meetings, which include: telephone conference meetings and one annual face-to- face meeting. Additional telephone-based meetings of the Regional Engagement Board may be called by PCI SSC as needed.

Q. How is the role of the PCI SSC Regional Engagement Board different from the PCI SSC Board of Advisors?

A. The Regional Engagement Board is focused on specific geographies and markets where increased input and engagement is needed to foster broad adoption of PCI security standards, whereas the Board of Advisors represents PCI SSC Participating Organizations worldwide to ensure global industry involvement in the development of PCI security standards. However, there will be an exchange of information and feedback both ways so that both groups will benefit from the topics and areas being discussed.

Q. How long is the PCI SSC India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board term?

A. Board members serve for a two-year term.

Q. How is the PCI SSC India-South Asia regional Engagement Board selected?

A. Eligible organizations will nominate individuals to serve on the India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board through the PCI SSC Member Portal. The PCI SSC Executive Committee will then select the Board from the list of nominees, based on what is needed to ensure broad representation from the payment ecosystem, and across industry sectors that offer the best level of support for PCI SSC priorities and initiatives in the region. Board seats will be allocated in each of these categories: Merchant, Issuer, Acquirer, Processor, Payment Service Provider, Regional Body or Group, Vendor, and Assessor.

Q. Who is eligible to nominate and serve on the PCI SSC India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board?

A. All Participating Organizations (which includes Affiliate Members) and Qualified Security Assessors (QSAs) with a significant presence* India-South Asia that are in good standing** are eligible to nominate and serve on the PCI SSC India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board. Additionally, associations or groups that PCI SSC has determined as representing one or more category of regional constituents and/or influencing the adoption of PCI standards may be eligible. The final seated Board shall comprise up to thirty-five (35) Regional Advisors and is intended to reflect a diverse cross-section of regional stakeholders. No more than ten percent (10%) of seats may be allocated to QSA Companies.

Q. Are current Board of Advisor members eligible to also serve on the India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board?

A. Yes, India-South Asia-based Board of Advisor members are eligible to nominate themselves for the India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board. However, preference will be given to eligible non-Board of Advisor nominees to ensure broad representation.

Q. How are nominations submitted for the PCI SSC India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board?

A. Primary Contacts at eligible Participating Organizations, Affiliate Members, and QSA companies may submit a nomination on behalf of their Organization to serve as a candidate for the PCI SSC India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board through the PCI SSC Member Portal from 2 November through 20 November 2026. For assistance accessing the Member Portal, please contact support@pcisecuritystandards.org.

Q. How many candidates can an organization nominate?

A. Each organization may nominate one primary representative and one alternate representative. The alternate representative may participate if the primary representative is unable to attend.

Q. What information must be included in the nomination form?

A. The nomination form requires a primary and alternate contact from each eligible organization. It must also include information about the organization and how it participates in the payments industry, as well as why the organization should be elected to the PCI SSC India-South Asia Regional Engagement Board.

Q. How is the PCI SSC Member Portal accessed?

A. Primary Contacts at Participating Organizations, Affiliate Members, and QSA companies have been provided with PCI SSC Member Portal login credentials. The Member Portal can be accessed at programs.pcissc.org. For assistance with login credentials, please contact support@pcisecuritystandards.org.

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* For international companies to participate, PCI SSC does not require that the applicable company, legal entity, organization, association or group be based or formed in or have a principal business location in India-South Asia, but provide the best level of support, advice and interest for the Council and ensure broad representation across industry sectors that store, manage, process or transmit card-based payment data in India, and the appointed representative must be able to support the meeting language (English).

**Good standing means, with respect to a given PCI Program, being in compliance with the applicable rules and requirements of that PCI Program.