

Vendor Security Questionnaire – FAQ

What is this questionnaire?

This is a standardized Vendor Security Questionnaire completed by AppCheck Ltd, that answers common queries relating to vendor security and compliance, as part of due diligence on vendor onboarding of AppCheck by a client.

Why should we use this questionnaire and not our own?

Every day, industries across the globe depend on each other to embrace sound cybersecurity practices: yet in the past companies have not had a standardized way to assess the security of their peers. Vendors such as AppCheck end up having to answer the same questions in hundreds of separate documents and formats, leading to duplication of effort. For clients, vendor answers are unaudited and inconsistent in quality. The VSA was formed to solve these issues and streamline vendor security compliance through a standardised and audited set of responses.

How can I know it is accurate?

If you require additional assurance, then members of the VSA may leverage the VSA network of third party auditors, to carry out risk based assessments of their vendors. When the vendor questions are submitted, an auditor will be assigned. The auditors interviews the vendor (AppCheck in this instance) to ensure consistency and accuracy of the submitted results.

Who are the VSA?

The VSA is an industrial security standard that can be leveraged to ensure compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and similar regulations. The VSA is organized as a non-profit organization. The Vendor Security Alliance (VSA) is a coalition of companies committed to improving Internet security. In collaboration with the VSA, top security experts and experienced compliance officers will release a yearly questionnaire to benchmark their risk. Companies can leverage this questionnaire to qualify vendors and ensure the appropriate controls are in place to improve security for everyone.

Where can I find more information?

See the VSA website at <https://www.vendorsecurityalliance.org/index.html>