



CMI PerforMark Factsheet

Your guide to understanding The PerforMark Verification Scheme

Introduction



Learn what the PerforMark Verification Scheme means, what products it applies to and how the process works.

Overview

Independent product verification against recognised standards

CMI PerforMark provides an independent third-party verification pathway for products assessed against specific **Australian, New Zealand and international standards**.

It is designed for products that require independent verification of their testing, performance and ongoing manufacturing controls but are not covered by CMI's ProdCert Scheme.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is PerforMark relevant to you?

PerforMark may be suitable if you are:

- Manufacturing products
- Importing products into Australia or New Zealand
- Supplying or distributing products
- Seeking independent verification against a specific product standard
- Working with a product not currently covered by CMI's ProdCert Scheme
- Looking to demonstrate that your product has been independently evaluated against specified testing and performance requirements

What PerforMark provides

PerforMark combines:

- Independent technical assessment
- Review of product testing and supporting evidence
- Manufacturing site assessment
- Verification of manufacturing and quality controls
- Ongoing surveillance

- Independent certification review and decision
- A CMI Certificate of Verification
- Product traceability through the CMI Certification Register

The scheme is based on third-party conformity assessment principles under **ISO/IEC 17065 and ISO/IEC 17067 Type 5**.

What does this mean for your product?

PerforMark provides independent verification that the certified product has been evaluated against the requirements of the applicable standard.

The certification process also provides ongoing oversight of manufacturing processes, components and materials to help ensure that certified products continue to be manufactured consistently with the product originally evaluated and tested.

What standards can be considered?

PerforMark has been developed for products assessed against specific:

- Australian Standards
- Australian/New Zealand Standards
- International Standards
- Other recognised standards, including applicable EN and ISO standards

The standard must contain suitable product-specific criteria and fall within CMI's capability and scope for the certification activity.

Not sure whether your product belongs under PerforMark or another CMI scheme?

Speak with our team and we can help identify the appropriate certification pathway.

What information will I need?

Requirements will depend on the product and applicable standard, but may include:

- Product specifications
- Test reports
- Product drawings and technical documentation
- Details of critical components and materials
- Manufacturer and manufacturing site information
- Product marking and labelling
- Installation or use instructions, where applicable
- Product Quality Plan or applicable quality management documentation

Testing and supporting evidence must meet CMI's applicable evidence requirements. The Scheme Rules also provide for additional testing, batch testing or product inspection where required.

What happens after you apply?

Once your application is submitted, the PerforMark process includes:

1. **Application and scope review**

CMI reviews your product, proposed certification scope and applicable standard.

2. **Initial risk evaluation**

The product and proposed certification are reviewed to determine the appropriate evaluation activities.

3. **Evaluation plan**

CMI establishes the technical assessment, audit and any additional testing or inspection requirements.

4. **Technical assessment**

Supporting evidence is evaluated against the applicable standard and certification requirements.

5. **Manufacturing site audit**

CMI assesses the manufacturing quality controls and production processes applicable to the product.

6. **Certification review and decision**

The completed evaluation is independently reviewed, and a certification decision is made.

7. **Certificate of Verification**

Once certification requirements have been successfully completed, CMI issues a PerforMark Certificate of Verification, and the certified product is added to the CMI Certification Register.

8. **Ongoing surveillance**

Annual surveillance is undertaken to verify continued conformity, including review of relevant testing, product changes, complaints, non-conformities and manufacturing controls.

How long is PerforMark certification valid?

A PerforMark Certificate of Verification may be valid for **up to five years**, subject to annual surveillance and continued compliance with the Scheme requirements.

Certification may be renewed for further periods following successful re-certification.

Can existing certification be transferred to CMI?

PerforMark provides a process for transferring applicable verification certification from another certification body.

Existing certification may be considered where the required information is available, including:

- A current valid Verification Certificate issued by an ISO/IEC 17065 accredited Certification Body
- A relevant audit report issued within the previous 12 months
- Evidence of closure of applicable non-conformities
- Supporting technical documentation

CMI reviews the supplied certification and evidence in accordance with the PerforMark transfer requirements before issuing CMI certification.

Ready to Apply?

Submit an application to CMI via the following link:

<https://cmicert.com.au/form-application/>

CMI can determine whether PerforMark is the appropriate pathway for your product and applicable standard.