

## **PCI Security Standards Council statement on revoking QSA and PA-QSA status of Chief Security Officers (CSO)**

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Effective immediately, the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) has revoked the Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) and Payment Application Qualified Security Assessor (PA-QSA) status of Chief Security Officers, LLC (“CSO”), and CSO has been removed from the Council’s lists of approved service providers.

The Council requires all QSAs and PA-QSAs to participate in a clearly defined quality assurance program focused on ensuring the consistency, credibility, competency and professional ethics of their services. The change in CSO’s status occurs as a result of CSO’s failure to satisfy the high standard set forth for QSAs and PA-QSAs by the Council and reflected in relevant agreements and supporting validation requirements.

This necessary action upholds the Council’s commitment to maintaining a pool of consistent, high quality assessment providers and listing of validated payment applications for merchants and vendors to use confidently.

Organizations should continue to consult the Council’s [validated payment applications listing](#) as the resource for information on PA-DSS compliant applications.

Further information on this change in status can be found in this related [FAQ](#).

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