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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL QUALIFIED INTEGRATORS AND RESELLERS™ TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE

- Specialized training on proper installation of payment applications to help address risks to cardholder data security -

WAKEFIELD, Mass., October 03, 2012, Year—[The PCI Security Standards Council \(PCI SSC\)](#), a global, open industry standards body providing management of the [Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard \(PCI DSS\)](#), [PIN Transaction Security \(PTS\)](#) requirements and the [Payment Application Data Security Standard \(PA-DSS\)](#), today announced availability of the eLearning training course and exam for the Qualified Integrators and Resellers (QIR)™ Program. Eligible organizations and individuals can register for the QIR program by visiting the PCI SSC [website](#).

Earlier this year, the Council [announced the QIR program](#) to provide training and qualification for integrators and resellers that sell, install and/or service payment applications on the secure installation and maintenance of PA-DSS validated payment applications to support merchant PCI DSS security efforts.

A response to the industry's request for more instruction to help address security risks during this installation process that can lead to cardholder data compromise, QIR training is comprised of three core elements – review all QIR program and related documentation, successful completion of the QIR eLearning course and subsequently the QIR exam.

The self-paced eLearning QIR course is made up of three modules that educate participants on topics including:

- What it means to be an integrator/reseller of a PA-DSS application

- Understanding the payments industry participants (card brands, acquirers, solution providers, etc.)
- PCI DSS awareness overview and applicability to integrators/resellers and the clients for which they are implementing PA-DSS solutions
- How integrators and resellers can help their customers work towards PCI DSS compliance
- PA-DSS overview and importance of the PA-DSS Implementation Guide.
- Integrator/reseller staff - screening and training employees with implementation and remote administration responsibilities
- Environmental landscape - preparing the merchant's environment before implementing the solution

Interested QIR program candidates should review the following documents available in the [PCI SSC Documents Library](#) and then submit the [application form](#) on the website:

- QIR Qualifications Requirements
- QIR Program Guide

Once registered, participants will receive credentials for the eLearning course that they can access from their home or office computer, and upon successful completion will be authorized to schedule the 90-minute exam at one of more than 4,000 Pearson VUE Testing Centers worldwide.

When an organization has two employees complete the training and pass the exam, the company and QIRs will be listed on the PCI SSC website for merchants to use as a resource for choosing a PCI SSC approved provider. QIRs will also receive 5 CPE credits, with annual requalification training required as part of the QIR program.

“We’ve had an overwhelming response to the QIR program since announcing it earlier this year. There’s a real appetite in the marketplace for this type of instruction from PCI SSC experts” said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. “So we’re excited that folks can now start taking advantage of the training course and get listed on our website as QIRs. This resource will be a great help to merchants in their PCI security efforts.”

For more information on the QIR program, pricing, and participation requirements, please visit the [training section](#) of the PCI SSC website. Questions? Email us at training@pcisecuritystandards.org.

The QIR program will also be a topic of discussion at the upcoming European PCI Community Meeting in Dublin, Ireland on October 22-24. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/communitymeeting/2012/>.

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is an open global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)) and other standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc., the Council has over 600 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: <http://pcisecuritystandards.org>.

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