

Arm Functional Safety Partnership Program (AFSPP)

F.A.Q.

1. What is intended by provider of 'Design Services' for functional safety?
 - a. It's intended for a partner providing one or more of the following services:
 - i. Creation of SoC technical safety concept
 - ii. Creation of preliminary safety analysis for the SOC
 - iii. Allocation of safety requirements to the individual blocks of the SoC, including IPs
 - iv. Integration of the IPs in SOC following methodologies recommended by safety standards
 - v. Integration of IPs' safety cases into the SoCs one
 - vi. Creation of qualitative and quantitative safety analysis at SoC level including results of the individual IPs' safety analysis

If you're unsure about how the above relate to your company, please contact safety.partners@arm.com with your queries.

2. Is there a connection with either the 'Arm Approved Design Partners program' or the 'Arm Approved Training Partners program'?
 - a. There is not a direct connection between these programs. Partners can join both if they like or only one as applicable. It should be noted that an Arm approved partner that enrolled under the Training Partner program or the Design Partner should not be considered as approved from the point of view of functional safety.
In the event partner is a member than more than one Arm program, partner will be asked to take steps to avoid giving the impression that Arm is endorsing or approving any specific design/service/product.
3. I've received the documentation to enrol but my legal department would like to propose some changes
 - a. Arm will endeavour to work with your legal team but please note that, due to current workload, any changes to the legal documentation may take up to eight weeks to discuss and process.
4. The documentation mentions 'annual business reviews'. What is really intended here?
 - a. Arm retains the right to invite partners to share feedback and views around the partnership program. This can happen in different form e.g. conference call or onsite meeting and either individually or jointly with all the partners.
5. My organization does not have an ISO 9001 certification, but we successfully provide services or products for functional safety.
 - a. Having a QM certification is often a pre-requisite for companies that provide services or products. If the partner has evidence that particular services or products have alternative qualification or certifications, that will be considered.
6. The documentation mentions that Arm will perform an assessment on the evidence produced to argue compliance with the quality standards. How will such assessment be performed?

- a. Arm would like to receive from the partners documented evidence that it complies with the quality standards set forth in the agreement. Evidences can be provided by email and when this is not allowed due to e.g. confidentiality alternatives can be discussed e.g. telco, onsite.
- 7. The documentation mentions that partners can discuss current and potential future opportunities of collaboration with Arm. What is it meant by this?
 - a. Arm committed to work on a case study with each and every partner. Additional joint activities e.g. webinar, press releases, white papers, etc are not automatically committed to but will be evaluated by Arm on a case by case basis.
- 8. Will a common customer of Arm and the partner be allowed to share the content of the licensed Arm safety package directly with the partner if needed?
 - a. No. Disclosure rights to third parties are regulated by Arm agreements with the individual supplier and/or customer. Should a customer appoint a partner to perform services around the use of Arm products, different agreements will have to be sought by the parties.
- 9. Will a common customer of Arm and the partner be allowed to share the content of the licensed Arm STL directly with the partner if needed?
 - a. No. Disclosure rights to third parties are regulated by Arm agreements with the individual supplier and/or customer. Should a customer appoint a partner to perform services around the use of Arm products, different agreement will have to be sought by the parties.
- 10. In the profile page template, what is it meant by 'Functional safety resources'?
 - a. In this context we mean all of what you can offer to customers in terms of functional safety and/or related references e.g. white papers, docs, etc. Please find below an example from a similar page under another program:
<https://developer.arm.com/solutions/automotive/arm-automotive-developer-community/automotive-ecosystem-partners/coreavi>