



# National Information Assurance Partnership

## Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

### CCEVS Policy Letter #16

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**SUBJECT:** Validator Oversight Review (VOR) Scheduling Priorities

**PURPOSE:** This NIAP CCEVS policy establishes the criteria and a process by which the scheme prioritizes monthly VOR submissions received by the Common Criteria Testing Laboratories.

**BACKGROUND:** In order to best support the critical IA product needs of our Department of Defense (DoD) and Intelligence Community (IC) customers, CCEVS must prioritize expenditure of critical validator resources. Currently, the NIAP CCEVS anticipates that the number of VOR requests each month will exceed the availability of NIAP CCEVS validators to conduct these VORs. We must; therefore, implement a prioritization process to more effectively manage VORs. Based on validator resource availability, the CCEVS established a ceiling for the number of VORs that can be accomplished in any given month. The priorities for scheduling VORs are outlined below.

**POLICY:**

1. Final VORs will be given first priority. If the number of requests exceeds the number of spaces available, they will be prioritized in the following manner:
  - i. Medium or High Robustness protection profile compliance claim
  - ii. Basic Robustness protection profile compliance claim
  - iii. EAL4 conformance
1. Test VORs will be given the next priority. If the number of requests exceeds the number of spaces available, they will be prioritized the same as stated above in item 1.
2. Lastly, as space is available, Initial VORs will be accepted. They will also be prioritized in the same manner as stated above in item 1.

If all slots fill up for any given month, any overflow will be moved onto the list for the following month and re-prioritized using the guidelines above.

Exceptions to the above policy will be based on critical customer needs.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** All new evaluations and on-going evaluations must conform to this policy effective the date of this correspondence.

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