

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Reader Qualified Technology List (QTL)

Later this year, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will begin a program to qualify card reader conformance to the TWIC® Reader Hardware and Card Application Specification. Readers determined to be conformant to TSA TWIC Reader requirements will be placed on a Qualified Technology List (QTL) maintained and made available to the public by TSA. QTL qualification requirements vary by reader type and claimed features of the vendor. All functional reader testing for the new QTL program will be performed by a National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) accredited laboratory. Reader conformance with TWIC® environmental specifications, such as a temperature range, humidity, shock and vibration, will require the vendor to supply to TSA certificates of conformance for all mandatory environmental requirements and any additional environmental qualifications.

TSA will provide a list of NVLAP accredited laboratories in the coming months. When implemented, the TWIC Reader QTL will replace the Initial Capability Evaluation (ICE) list of readers.

TWIC® reader vendors should consult the TWIC® Reader Hardware and Card Application Specification published on May 30, 2008 along with all normative TWIC® Technical Advisories for all technical requirements. These documents are available at www.tsa.gov/twic/reader.

For clarification, in order to obtain qualification and listing on the TWIC Reader QTL, all TWIC® readers, including those on the current ICE List, will need to meet all QTL approval requirements.

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