F.A.Q.

Q. What is DAOS?
A. DAOS is the MOD Design Approved Organization Scheme – refer to RA 1005 and RA 5101

Q. Why should a MOD Project Team Leader (PTL) or MOD organization only contract with DAOS approved organizations?
A. DAOS approval is a mandatory requirement - MRP RA 1005 refers. For any alternative approach refer to MAA03 MAA Regulatory Processes).

Q. How do I know if a contractor should be included within DAOS?
A. Refer to RA 1005. If RA 1005 does not address your question, then Email the details to DAOS Branch Head at the following email address: MAA-OA-DAOSGroup@mod.uk subject heading "DAOS matters".

Q. What’s the purpose of DAOS?
A. One of the Four Pillars of Airworthiness is the use of competent organizations. The Design Approved Organization Scheme (DAOS) is a mechanism by which competence of design organizations can be assured. The scheme aims to provide the MOD PTL/Sponsor with assurance of a contractor’s suitability to undertake a defined scope of design activity or Post Design Services (PDS). See RA 1005 for further details.

Q. Can a Design Organization make direct application to the MAA to be a DAOS registered DO?
A. A Design Organization must have a MOD sponsor (typically a DE&S PT) who will apply on their behalf.

The sponsor must place the task via the DAOS Branch Head as described below.

Q. How does the MOD Sponsor request a DAOS assessment of an Organization?
A. An application for an Organization to be included in DAOS is to be submitted to the DAOS Branch Head on MAA DAOS Form-80 via e-mail to MAA-OA-DAOS@mod.uk (signed and dated electronically) by the MOD Sponsor (typically a DE&S PT), or via signed and dated hardcopy to the address specified on the MAA DAOS Form-80.
Q. When should the MOD Sponsor request a DAOS assessment of an Organization?

A. Prior to contract award. If this is not possible the Sponsor should contact the DAOS Branch Head and consider adding a contract or tasking requirement on the organization to attain inclusion in DAOS post contract award.

Q. How long will the DAOS approval process take?

A. This depends on many factors, but principally will be determined by how quickly the organization provides a Design Exposition, supporting documentation and answers any related queries. Typically, if there are no unforeseen delays, the DAOS approval process will take 4 to 6 months from tasking to completion (issue of DAOS Approval Certificate).

Q. How long is the DAOS approval valid for?

A. Normally three years from the award of the Certificate.

Q. How do I advise the MAA of proposed changes to my approval?

A. The MAA is to be notified of proposed changes which could affect continued possession of the approval (e.g. change of company name, ownership, design organization, design signatories etc) using the MAA DAOS Form 82. Depending on the nature and magnitude of any change, the MAA may need to carry out an on-site assessment before issuing a new DAOS Certificate.

Q. How do I renew my approval?

A. The MAA are to be informed if there has been no change to the DO during the 3 year period of the approval at which point the MAA will re-issue a further 3 year approval. Please note that failure to comply with this condition may render the organization's DAOS approval invalid.

Q. What happens if the approved organization has not kept the MAA informed of changes to company ownership, infrastructure, design organization etc?

A. The DAOS approval would no longer be valid.

Q. Are there any exceptions to using the mandated DAOS route to determine competence of a company contracted to design aircraft or aircraft materiel?

A. DAOS approval is a mandatory requirement under RA 1005, however, the processes for requesting an Alternative Acceptable Means of Compliance (AAMC) to the regulation, Regulatory Waiver or Exemptions can be found in MAA03 – Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Processes.
Q. If I can’t find the answer to my query in the FAQ’s or have a concern about an existing DAOS approved organization, what should I do?

A. Email the details to DAOS Branch Head at MAA-OA-DAOSGroup@mod.uk, subject heading "DAOS matters".