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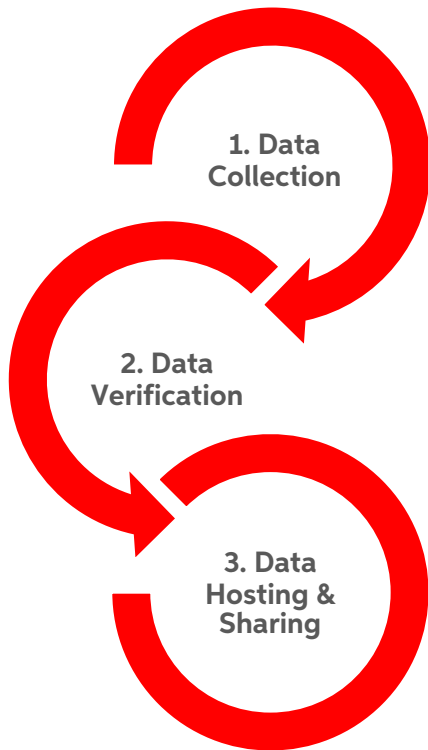
Social & Labor Convergence Program (SLCP)

*Converged Assessment. Collaborative Action.
Improved Working Conditions.*

Quick Guide for SLCP Verifier Bodies/ Verifiers

What are the roles of SLCP Verifier Bodies and SLCP approved Verifiers?

SLCP Assessment Process

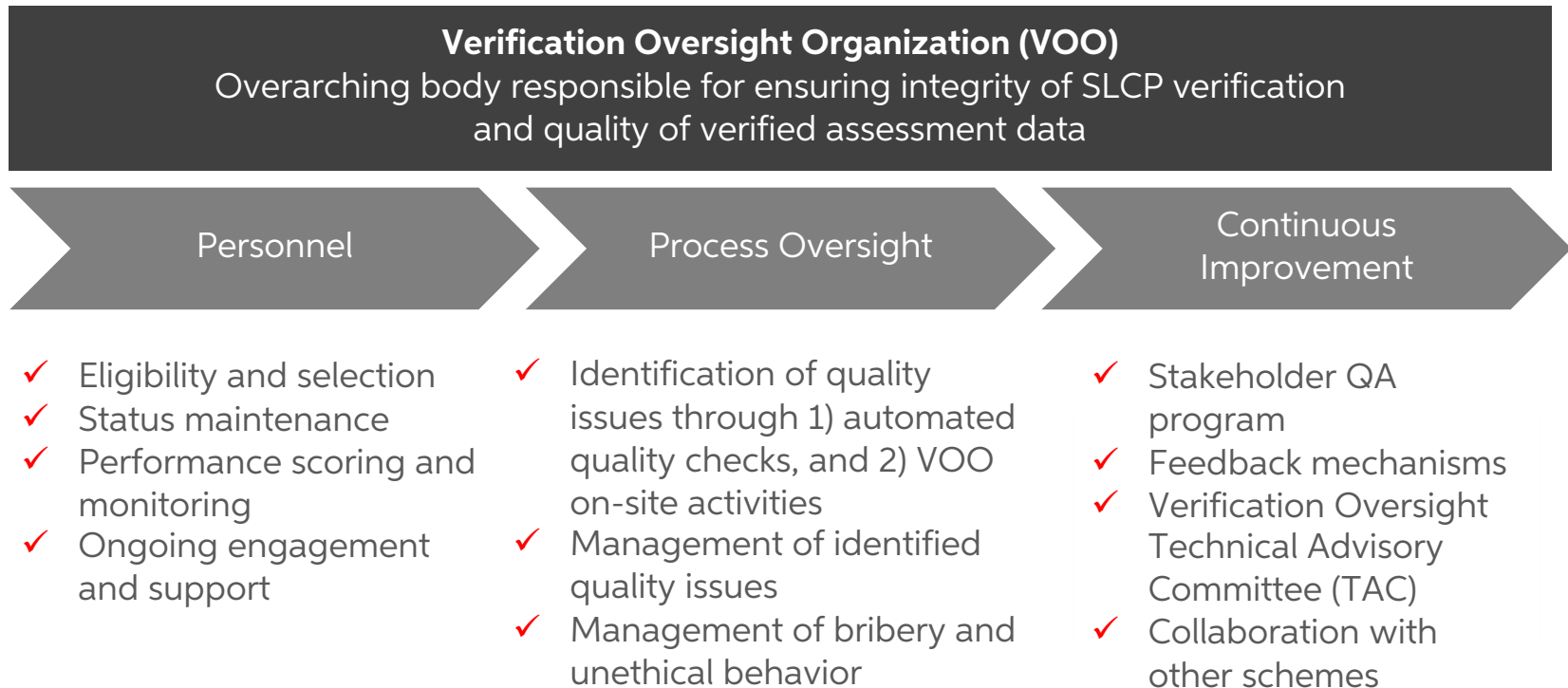


- Every SLCP assessment must be verified by a Verifier
- Following the [Verification Protocol](#) and [Verifier Guidance](#), Verifiers check the accuracy of the facility's self-assessment and correct inaccurate data where necessary.
- Verifiers must work for a Verifier Body (and cannot be freelance).
- Verifier Bodies (VBs) oversee the work of Verifiers and ensure the quality of verifications.
- SLCP has a Verification Oversight Organization (VOO) that qualifies and oversees the work of VBs and Verifiers.

For more extensive FAQs, please visit the [SLCP Helpdesk](#).
[Click here](#) to see the list of all current SLCP Verifier Bodies.

What is the role of the Verification Oversight Organization?

SLCP has a robust Verification Oversight process in place to ensure the integrity and quality of SLCP verified data.



[Click here](#) to access the Quality Assurance Manual.

Who can be an SLCP Verifier Body?

SLCP Verifier Bodies must be an **SLCP signatory*** and meet the following criteria:

CRITERIA	SPECIFICS
Organization type and experience	2 nd party or 3 rd party SLCP signatory with minimum 3 years' track record in auditing of social and labor conditions in textile, apparel or footwear facilities
Geographical location	Experience with social and labor auditing in SLCP roll-out country
Internal Management System	Management system to ensure the competency of Verifiers, including policies and procedures on competence, training and internal quality assurance
Internal management system: Commitment to Developing SLCP Specific Policies	<p>In addition to having general policies on competency, VBs must commit to developing SLCP-specific policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to develop and enforce written policies and procedures on SLCP competence • Commitment to develop and enforce written policies and procedures on training SLCP approved Verifiers • Commitment to develop and enforce written policies and procedures on internal quality including rule to conduct an internal quality review of each verification before it is finalized • Commitment to develop and enforce written policies and procedures on calibration • Commitment to require / provide documented integrity / ethics training to Verifiers on a regular basis.

*To become an SLCP signatory, email info@slconvergence.org.

Please be aware there is a one-off signatory fee upon becoming a signatory:

- 3rd parties: USD \$1000
- 2nd parties: USD \$2000 or \$10 000 (depending on annual revenue)

What is the application process for Verifier Bodies?

Eligibility

- Check you meet the eligibility criteria (see previous slide)
- Check you operate in countries where SLCP has launched (see [SLCP Gateway](#))
- Sign up as an SLCP signatory ([email SLCP](#))

Application

- Submit your application to the Verification Oversight Organization (Sumerra) [here](#)

Select Verifiers

- Once approved as a Verifier Body, you will be sent a link to pass on to candidate Verifiers
- If candidates meet criteria, they are invited to complete seven e-learning modules & take an exam to qualify as a Verifier
- For every Verifier that qualifies, the Verifier Body must pay a \$200 USD annual access fee to SLCP

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Who can be an SLCP Verifier?

SLCP approved Verifiers must work for a Verifier Body and meet the following criteria:

CRITERIA	SPECIFICS
Work experience	Minimum of 3 years of conducting social and labor type of on-site audits/verifications, with robust proof of relevant experience (e.g. number of audit days etc.)
Education/ qualification	<p>Post-Secondary Degree / Diploma</p> <p>Required:</p> <p>Training on at least one social auditing system, e.g. SA8000, BSCI, WRAP, RBA or ICTI</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Training on at least one management systems auditing standard: ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001/ISO 45001> Experience in conducting management systems audits> APSCA registration/certification> Other relevant social scheme Auditor (e.g. Lead) approval / accreditation> Company internal social auditor trainings
Knowledge areas	<p>Thorough understanding of social and labor type of on-site verification processes, including project planning, communication, ethics</p> <p>Excellent command of English and local language(s) in roll out country</p> <p>Knowledge of international and local norms, laws and regulations relating to social and labor issues, e.g. local law, ILO conventions</p> <p>Knowledge of core management system requirements</p>

What is the application process for Verifiers?

VB Selection

- Approved Verifier Bodies (VB) will receive a link that they can pass on to individual candidate Verifiers

Application

- Candidate Verifiers follow the link to submit their application to the Verification Oversight Organization (Sumerra)

Training & Exam

- Eligible candidate Verifiers will be invited to complete a seven module e-learning course followed by an online proctored exam
- Candidates that successfully pass the exam will qualify as SLCP approved Verifiers

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What are the costs?

SERVICES	Facilities	Brands	Verifier Bodies
SLCP Gateway Account	Free	N/A	\$200 per Verifier annually (Access Fee: charged at end of successful Verifier application & exam)
SLCP E-learning	Free	Free	Free
Access to Data Collection Tool on Accredited Host (AH)	Small fee to AH may apply	N/A	Free
Verification	Fee set by Verifier Body (similar to audit fee). Can be paid by facility or brand		\$300 verification upcharge fee to SLCP
To access verified assessment reports via AH	N/A	Included in AH membership/ service fee	N/A

Visit our [Helpdesk](#) for a detailed fee table.