

## **:: COMSEC Certification Scheme 2026 (CCS-2026) ::**

1. 3 level security certifications:

<b>Security Assurance Level</b>	<b>ITSAR compliance requirement</b>	<b>SDoC requirement</b>	<b>Validity</b>	<b>Renewal</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
SAL1	≥ 80% of all select ITSAR clauses suggested by OEM* are to be complied	2 SDoC clauses shall be added upon finalization of SDoC language	5 years	Upon meeting the applicable threshold compliance for all agreed select ITSAR clauses (including subsequently newly added) for SAL1 at the time of renewal	Mandatory
SAL2	≥ 70% of ITSAR clauses (including all SAL1 clauses) to be complied	SDoCs/undertakings shall be submitted as per ITSAR upon finalization of SDoC/undertaking language	10 years	Upon meeting the applicable threshold ITSAR compliance requirement for SAL2 at the time of renewal	Voluntary
SAL3	≥ 90% ITSAR clauses (including all SAL1 clauses) to be complied	SDoCs/undertakings shall be submitted as per ITSAR upon finalization of SDoC/undertaking language	10 years	Upon meeting the applicable threshold ITASR compliance requirement for SAL3 at the time of renewal	Voluntary

SAL – Security Assurance Level      SDoC – Self Declaration of Conformity

\*No of select ITSAR clauses (at present): IP Router - 25, WiFi CPE - 26, ONT - 20, OLT - 20, SMF - 33. This count of ITSAR clauses is expected to be revised upward in due course of time.

2. The COMSEC certification scheme 2026 shall be reviewed every six months by a standing committee headed by Sr. DDG, NCCS and consisting of representatives from NCCS, DOT HQ and members of OEM committee to gradually improve ITSAR compliance level. The committee may also review the need for rationalization of ITSARs.
3. Before mandating a new device/equipment ITSAR for security certification, the details of ITSAR clauses to be complied for SAL1 level of certification shall be decided by standing committee.
4. SDoCs/undertakings language finalization in consultation with OEMs shall be concluded within 6 months for including the same in different levels of certification.
5. Hardening guide and road map with time lines shall be considered only for SAL1 and SAL2 compliance. However, for SAL1 compliance road map with time lines is optional.
6. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in due course shall review Pro Tem scheme, which is presently valid till 31-12-2027, so as to decide continuation of the same.
7. NCCS shall issue OM/notification on the COMSEC certification scheme 2026 prescribing levels of certification and mentioning their ITSAR compliance requirement.