



FSA VERIFICATION | VERIFICATION AUDIT SCHEMES RECOGNISED BY SAI PLATFORM IN THE VB APPROVAL PROCESS

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This document is a list of the schemes by SAI Platform to demonstrate relevant audit experience for a Verification Body, in-house trainer, and/or Principal Auditor as part of the VB approval process. It should be read alongside the latest version of the SAI Platform FSA Third Party Verification System Requirements for FSA Verification Bodies and Auditors.

Only schemes on this list will be accepted as demonstrating relevant experience.

If you would like a different scheme to be considered or to be added to the list, please contact SAI Platform.

CRITERIA

For a scheme to be accepted to demonstrate relevant experience and approved by SAI Platform, it must:

1. Have been benchmarked at least FSA Silver Level Equivalent, not including legal benchmark, and therefore demonstrate experience in auditing the full range of aspects that the FSA covers.
2. Have a verification scheme recognised by the FSA benchmarking process.
3. Have VB and auditor requirements that reflect FSA requirements, in particular for independence and professional standards.
4. Be used wide enough for auditors to gain a reasonable level of audit experience within three years.
5. Ideally, be ISEAL Assurance Code benchmarked.

CURRENT LIST OF ACCEPTED SCHEMES:

- GCP Common Code for the Coffee Community (4C)
- Bonsucro
- Fair for Life
- GLOBALG.A.P IFA + GRASP
- ISCC EU
- ISCC Plus
- Rainforest Alliance (*and earlier versions of the standard, or UTZ*)
- Roundtable for Responsible Soy (RTRS)
- Union for Ethical Biotrade (UEBT)