

Sr. No.	EPS Component	Assessment Activity	STQC Assessment Charges (Rs.)		
			Charges in case Testing & Audit by STQC *	Charges in case of Testing & Audit by other agency and review of Test/Audit reports by STQC **	STQC empanelled software ITTLs***
1a	e-Tendering Software Module	High Level Design Review	50,000/	25,000/	NIL
		Source Code Review	1,00,000/	25,000/	
		Functional Testing	3,00,000/	1,00,000/	
		Security Testing	1,00,000/	50,000/	
		Usability Testing	1,00,000/	25,000/	
		Interoperability Testing	1,00,000/	25,000/	
1b	e-Auction (Forward/Reverse) Software Module	High Level Design Review	50,000/	25,000 /	NIL
		Source Code Review	1,00,000/	25,000/	
		Functional Testing	2,00,000/	75,000/	
		Security Testing	1,00,000/	50,000/	
		Usability Testing	1,00,000/	25,000/	
		Interoperability Testing	1,00,000/	25,000/	
1c	Other Software Modules (Charges per Additional Module)	High Level Design Review	50,000/	25,000/	NIL
		Source Code Review	1,00,000/	25,000/	
		Functional Testing	1,00,000/	50,000/	
		Security Testing	1,00,000/	50,000/	
		Usability Testing	1,00,000/	25,000/	
		Interoperability Testing	1,00,000/	25,000/	
2	Data	Audit of Data Security in Storage	50,000/-	25,000/	NIL
		Audit of Data Security in Communication			
3	IT Infrastructure (Host & Network)	System Architecture Review & Deployment Audit	1,00,000/	25,000/	NIL
		Performance Testing	1,00,000/	25,000/	
		Vulnerability Assessment (Servers & Network Devices)	1,00,000/	25,000/	
		Penetration Testing of the System	50,000/	25,000/	
4.	Security Processes	ISO 27001 Process Audit	50,000/-	25,000/-	NIL
5.	Service Levels	SLA Audit	50,000/-	25,000/-	NIL
6.	Standards & Guidelines	Compliance Verification - GFR 2005	1,00,000/-	1,00,000/-	1,00,000
		Compliance Verification - CVC Guidelines			
		Compliance Verification - IT Act – Amendment 2008			
		Compliance Verification - DIT EPS Guidelines (Other Requirements)			
7.	Evaluation & Statement of Conformity	Analysis of review, testing and audit reports of EPS Evaluate compliance with 'Guidelines for Compliance to Quality requirements of e-Procurement Systems'	25,000/-		25,000

* - Charges to be taken in case STQC undertakes Testing & Audit of EPS software/ system/ other components.

A) Assessment Charges in case Testing & Audit by STQC:

The basis/ justification for arriving at the assessment charges are based on the following Considerations:

- a) Experience of initial EPS software/ system assessed has been used to estimate the typical effort involved in various EPS system components. The EPS components include EPS software, data, infrastructure (servers & network), security processes, SLAs.
- b) In most of the cases latest KBA guidelines (STQC KBA Service Charges & Support Guidelines, Doc No: KBA/SC/01, Issue 6.0), has been used for calculating assessment changes.

** - Charges to be taken in case Testing & Audit of EPS software/ system/ other components is undertaken by an independent third party testing & audit agency other than STQC. In such cases STQC will undertake review of Test & Audit reports and may do testing & audit on sample basis.

B) Assessment Charges in case of Testing & Audit by other agency and review of Test/Audit reports by STQC:

In this case since client is allowed to get the EPS solution/ system assessed from any third party agency other than STQC. Thereafter, the client is required to submit the test/ audit report to STQC for review. The focus of review will be to verify the adequacy and compliance to specified criteria.

Since this is going to be primarily review based activities, typical estimated effort involved in various activities has been taken.

***-Charges to be taken in case Testing & Audit of EPS software/ system/ other components is undertaken by STQC empanelled ITTLs.

C) Assessment charges in case of testing/audit of EPS software by STQC empanelled ITTLs

In this case STQC will undertake only activities as SNo. 6 & 7. The focus will be only on reviews of compliance to standards and guidelines as well as review of final test reports submitted by software ITTLs.

Note:

A) Initial Certification:

- 1) Software modules may be submitted separately or as an integrated EPS software solution
 - 2) The charges for other EPS components (Sr. No. 2 to 7) will be decided based on the deployment of the Software modules.
 - 3) In case of multiple variants of software, each will have to be certified separately.
 - 4) In case of an already certified software is deployed by an organization/ service provider for dedicated use by an organization, the software will be verified for valid certification but the other EPS components (Sr.No. 2 to 7) will be taken up for full testing and audit.
 - 5) In case of an already certified software is deployed by a service provider for use by multiple Organizations, the software will be verified for valid certification but the other EPS components (Sr. No. 2 to 7) (which may be dedicated or common for user organizations) will be taken up for full testing and Audit.
- a) STQC may undertake testing & audit on sample basis (at least 10%).

- b) Based on the sample selected for testing & audit, consolidated scope for testing & audit may be worked out.
- c) This will require architecture (Physical Deployment) details and Bill-of-Material (BoM) from the client including organizations served.
- d) For the identified scope of testing & audit, charges may be calculated using the above table.
- e) If it is felt that the scope of testing & audit is quite high (e.g., there are more than 8 servers), then calculate the actual charges as per latest KBA guidelines for preparing proposal/ quotation.

B) Re-Certification:

- 1) In case of changes in the EPS software/ system/ other components, identify the changes and workout the scope of assessment. Full charges for identified scope shall be levied (as mentioned in the table above).
- 2) In case of no changes in the EPS software/ system, 30% of the initial charges shall be levied for Sr. No. 1-5(as per the scope). Charges will be rounded to nearest Rs. 10,000/-.
- 3) Evaluation & Statement of conformity charges (Sr.No-6 & 7) of Rs. 1,25,000/- will be charged in all cases.

7.4 Discount Policy on Certification:

No specific Discount Policy.

7.5 Rationale for Certification charges:

The subcommittee has analyzed certification charges of other certification bodies such as BIS(Bureau of Indian Standards), IRQS, BVQI,BSI,NQA etc. It has been noted that Government certification bodies viz. BIS and IRQS have component based charging pattern for example: application fee, assessment fee, certification fee. However the multinational certification bodies do not have any fixed charging pattern. It is also noted that initial certification cost varies between Rs. 40,000/ - to Rs. 1.5 Lacs . Taking these in to consideration and aiming to be competitive in business, above charges have been determined and proposed. It may be noted that excessively high certification charges could result in loss of business while excessively low certification charges could also result in loss of business.