

Annotated fictional certificate

Security assurance, procurement and ISMS teams

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Check the certificate's legal entity, scope and validity against the exact AI service you plan to use. Verify the issuing body and relevant accreditation independently. A genuine certificate can still cover a different service or exclude the feature you need; it is not a blanket guarantee about every AI interaction.

Read the full specimen before completing the scope worksheet. The teaching case deliberately excludes the buyer's proposed desktop service.

Every certificate field, entity, issuer and date is fictional. No certification, accreditation, signature or authoritative lookup result exists for this specimen.

Your review

Reviewer: _____ Date: _____

Organisation or team: _____

☐ **Compare proposed use with scope**

Identify the entity, feature, delivery model and exclusions before relying on the certificate.

☐ **Verify issuer and accreditation**

Use the relevant accreditation body and certification body, checking the applicable scheme scope.

☐ **Record a real verification result**

Retain the checked source, date and actual status; do not describe a missing lookup as automatically invalid.

Checked items record your review, not a compliance approval or an installed-product test result.

Notes and next actions

Decision and scope: _____

Evidence to collect: _____

Owner and next review date: _____

Review matrix

Specimen field	Fictional value	Annotation
Named entity	Example Text Services Ltd	Match the legal supplier, not only its brand.
Certificate reference	TRAINING-ONLY-27001-23	Use the real issuer's authoritative verification route in a real review.

Specimen field	Fictional value	Annotation
Scope	Hosted Example Business Workspace	The certificate scope must match the service actually purchased.
Exclusions	Consumer App and standalone Desktop Client	The proposed desktop use is not established as covered.
Validity	1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029, invented	Printed dates are not proof of current status.
Issuer/accreditation	Invented issuer; no accreditation claim	Do not infer trust from a logo or a fictional registry lookup.

Fictional certificate scope

- **TRAINING ONLY:** Example Text Services Ltd

No actual certificate or issuer.

- **Included:** Hosted Business Workspace
- **Excluded:** Standalone Desktop Client

This is the buyer's intended service.

- **Verification:** Issuer, accreditation and current status

No lookup result is invented.

FICTIONAL CERTIFICATE SPECIMEN: NOT VALID

No certificate has been issued. Every organisation, reference and date below is invented for this exercise. No signature, accreditation logo or official mark is represented.

Specimen face

- Claimed standard: ISO/IEC 27001:2022, shown only as a fictional certificate field.
- Certificate reference: TRAINING-ONLY-27001-23.
- Named organisation: Example Text Services Ltd (fictional).
- Management-system scope: operation and support of the Example Business Workspace hosted text service.
- Named site: Example Operations Centre, fictional location.
- Scope exclusions: Example Consumer App and the standalone Example Desktop Client are not included.
- Illustrative issue date: 1 March 2026.
- Illustrative expiry date: 28 February 2029.
- Issuing body: Example Certification Body, invented for this exercise.
- Accreditation claim: none. No accreditation body has assessed this fictional issuer.

Buyer's proposed use

The fictional buyer intends to deploy Example Desktop Client. The supplied specimen therefore does not establish that the intended service is within the stated scope. This is a reading conclusion about the exercise, not a finding about a real supplier.

Annotation key

1. Match the named entity to the contract. A group brand is not enough.
2. Read the service and location scope, including attached schedules.
3. Compare the proposed feature with the explicit exclusions.
4. Verify issuer accreditation for the relevant scheme using an authoritative directory.
5. Verify the actual certificate and current status through the relevant issuer or registry.
6. Keep the lookup record and date; do not invent a successful lookup for this specimen.

Sources and scope

Sources checked 2026-09-21. Review the current requirements and your actual agreement before using this workbook for a real decision. General information, not professional approval or a completed control test. Aona does not validate another vendor's ISO certificate or certify the customer's ISMS.

[UKAS: Validating management-system certificates](#). Independent checks of certificate authenticity, certification-body accreditation and the relevant verification route.

[UKAS CertCheck](#). Public verification of claims of UKAS-accredited management-system certification; its scope is UKAS-accredited certificates.