

# Qualified Node

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## Discussion

A [Node](#) becomes a Qualified Node when an authorized qualification process determines that the Node satisfies the criteria applicable to a defined governed function, scope, and operating context.

The qualification criteria address the characteristics relevant to the governed function. These characteristics include applicable interface, [semantic](#), policy, [Evidence](#), [Security](#), residency, sovereignty, operational, and service-level criteria.

Qualification supports trust, provider comparison, [Cost](#) attribution, compensation eligibility, and settlement. It prevents an unverified or unsuitable Node from receiving authorization or compensation for governed work.

Qualification also supports competition among implementations. Different Nodes compete to perform the same governed function when each Node satisfies the applicable qualification criteria and produces the required Evidence.

The qualification record identifies:

- The Qualified Node
- The governed function
- The applicable qualification criteria
- The operating context
- The applicable jurisdiction
- The qualifying [Authority](#)
- The qualification method
- The supporting Evidence
- The qualification date
- The validity period
- Any limitations or conditions
- The applicable [Version](#)
- The applicable [Configuration](#)

A material change to the Node, its Configuration, its operating context, or the applicable qualification criteria initiates the defined review or requalification process.

## Definition

*[Node](#) determined by an authorized qualification process to satisfy the criteria applicable to a defined governed function, scope, and operating context*

## Source

Financial Systems Archetype, Part 6: Cost Recovery, Compensation, and Settlement Plane

Financial Systems Archetype, Part 7: Governed Node Service Market

## Note

A Qualified Node differs from a running Node:

- A running Node has an operational presence
- A Qualified Node has recognized eligibility for a defined governed function, scope, and operating context

Qualification establishes eligibility to perform governed work. Qualification does not establish that the Qualified Node completed a particular item of work.

Evidence of completed work supports attribution, compensation, and settlement for that item of work.

Qualification applies only within its defined scope, operating context, validity period, and conditions. Qualification for one governed function does not establish qualification for another governed function.

## Example

An authorized qualification process evaluates a sanctions-screening Node against the policy, Evidence, residency, Security, interface, and service-level criteria applicable within a defined jurisdiction.

The resulting qualification record identifies the Node, governed function, jurisdiction, Configuration, Version, validity period, applicable criteria, and supporting Evidence.

The Node is a Qualified Node for sanctions-screening work within that defined scope. The qualification does not establish that the Node completed any particular sanctions-screening request.

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