



Altius- PAS82

In today's tough commercial world, how do you stand out from the crowd to win new business?

As members of NAS you already demonstrate your professionalism, but you can now go one step further by gaining the 'gold standard' designed especially for our industry.

The PAS 82 Shopfitting Management System was developed by NAS through the British Standards Institution (BSI) to raise shopfitting industry standards and create a nationally recognised accreditation for our members.

It promotes best practice procedures for corporate governance, health, safety and environmental performance, training, innovation and value engineering and customer service. By gaining PAS 82, you will show that you are a reputable business that meets the highest professional standards.

We're delighted to report that we have appointed Altius Vendor Assessment to take over management of the assessment and accreditation process, which will provide an award winning online assessment platform to make the process easier, quicker and more robust.

Altius is a British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) award winning assessment business with many clients in the retail and hospitality sectors, including Selfridges and Morrisons, SGP Property and Facilities Management, Arcadia Group, Superdrug, Debenhams, Punch Taverns and Trust Inns. The company also manages supply chain compliance and accreditation on behalf of major international companies such as Airbus.

PAS 82 was updated in 2012 and so it made sense to appoint Altius at this time to help develop the broader assessment. Altius has an excellent reputation and a wealth of experience that will enable our industry to aim higher and for companies to demonstrate and showcase their excellence and professionalism.

Because we are moving to an online assessment system we will be able to make the accreditation process easier and faster. Altius targets the completion of assessments within five working days; however 92% of all its assessments are completed in two working days, which is a demonstration of their capabilities and performance. The online process is designed to be intuitive and you will have full telephone support, should you have any questions or problems.



For those members who have accreditation for CDM 2007 Core Criteria Stage 1 through Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) member schemes, e.g. Chas, Safe Contractor, there will be a discount of £50 and you won't have to complete that part of the assessment. As a member of SSIP, Altius 'recognises' other members' awards.

In addition, if you are already an Altius Assured Vendor - meeting their stringent assessment criteria - there will be a larger discount of £150 and you will only be required to complete certain parts of the assessment.

Once you gain PAS 82 accreditation, you will have all the evidence of your company's high professional standards available to view and share with prospects and customers (if you wish).

Those companies which have already gained PAS 82 accreditation won't need to take any action until their renewal date, when they will be able to benefit from the simpler new online assessment process.

The PAS 82 standard was developed by NAS, in partnership with BSI, with support from an eminent steering group including: Royal Institute of British Architects; Chartered Society Designers; Association of British Insurers; Health and Safety Executive (Manufacturing & Construction); CITB Construction Skills; British Retail Consortium; British Property Federation and Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.