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AI Assurance - AI Tester Accreditation Programme

Ensuring competencies of AI testing firms so businesses can deploy AI reliably

Singapore - 19 May 2026 – As AI adoption and deployment for enterprises accelerates, businesses need to assess and verify that their AI systems are trustworthy, reliable and operate as needed – a process called AI Assurance. Businesses typically work with independent third-party technical testers to test their systems. However, the challenge today is that there is no clear definition for a qualified AI testing firm. This makes it difficult to identify which testing service providers have the capability to assess the systems effectively. This gap is particularly obvious for technical testing services, which require specialised expertise and remain in short supply. This creates an opportunity for Singapore to contribute to setting the standards on good quality testing.

2. To meet this need, AI Verify Foundation will be launching an accreditation programme for third party assurance service providers – **AI Tester Accreditation Programme (AI TAP)**. The programme aims to build a pipeline of competent testing firms that can rigorously assess AI systems across industries, from healthcare and finance to hiring and public services. The first-of-its-kind in Asia, the programme will set a clear bar for what good AI assurance testing looks like. This will provide businesses greater confidence in the assessments made by accredited testing firms and in turn, assure end-users of the reliability of the AI systems they are interacting with. This is aligned to Singapore's practical, risk-based approach to AI that maximises innovation and adoption with appropriate guardrails. These critical elements are needed to build a trusted ecosystem.

How the programme works

3. The programme anchors accreditation to best practices, ensuring that testing service providers are assessed against a meaningful and practical bar. By bringing clarity and credibility to this space, the programme helps both buyers and providers of

AI testing services operate with greater confidence. Accredited testing service providers will be recognised for capability in technical testing for AI risks and have the opportunity to connect with potential customers. Buyers can build stakeholder confidence when their AI has been tested independently. At the same time, they can learn from experts to strengthen internal capabilities in AI testing.

Scope of Accreditation programme

4. Interested assurance testing service providers will be assessed according to the criteria below.

Focus	Evaluation	Objective
Testing service Assessment	**Technical**	Ensure technical competency by validating claimed specific testing services against guidelines such as IMDA Starter Kit for Testing LLM-Based Applications for Safety and Reliability
Company Assessment	**Good Standing**	Ensure good standing through relevant track record, with a commitment of business activity in SG
	Financials	Ensure financial sustainability
	Operations	Ensure operational readiness and capacity
	Business Scope	Ensure declared business scope matches actual capabilities

4. AIVF will continue to engage industry to refine the scope of assessment. The AI Tester Accreditation Programme is expected to be available in 3Q26 and testers keen to participate can express interest to AIVF at AI Verify Foundation via assurance@aiverify.sg. Testing companies such as Advai, AIDX, Ernst & Young, Knovel Engineering, PwC, Resaro, Vulcan have expressed early interest in the programme. There will be no application or accreditation fees, reflecting AIVF's intent to support and enable the growth of the AI assurance ecosystem. More information can be found here: https://aiverifyfoundation.sg/tester-accreditation

5. The programme follows the success of the **Global AI Assurance Sandbox** that aims to codify emerging norms and best practices around technical testing of Generative AI (Gen AI) applications. It looked at two elements of testing – what to test and how to test. Since its launch in February 2025, the Sandbox has tested 30 AI applications from 14 sectors, covering new archetypes such as agentic AI and risks such as vulnerability to prompt injections.

About AI Verify Foundation

AI Verify Foundation, a non-profit organisation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of IMDA, is set up to harness the collective power and contributions of the global open-source community to build AI governance testing tools. The mission of the AI Verify Foundation is to foster and coordinate a community of developers to contribute to the development of AI testing frameworks, code base, standards and best practices. It will establish a neutral space for the exchange of ideas and open collaboration, as well as nurture a diverse network of advocates for AI testing and drive broad adoption through education and outreach. The vision is to build a community that will contribute to the broader good of humanity, by enabling trusted development of AI.