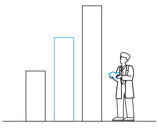
What are the differences between Certification, Qualification or Approval?

	Certification	Qualification	Approval
Level of confidence	+	++	+++
Functional Certification	✓	✓ + CCN-STIC-140	✓ + CCN-STIC-140 + CCN-STIC-130
Security Target validated by the CCN	X	✓	✓
Systems that handle classified Information (if applies)	X	X	✓
Secure Usage Procedure validated by the CCN	X	✓	✓
Included in the CPSTIC	X	✓	✓
Scope of usage	Not Specific	ENS low range systems	Systems that handle classified Information

Certified Product



It has passed an evaluation process performed by an **independent** and **accredited laboratory** who acknowledge the veracity os the Security Target with a **certain level of Assurance (EAL)**.



The manufacturers of the products choose which functionalities are going to be **included in their certifications** and the **level of certification Assurance.**

Common criteria

LINCE

At the moment, there are two main certification methodologies used.

Qualified Product / Service

1



It has passed a certification process that complies with the requirements established by the CCN in the **CCN-STIC-140** guide for the family or families the product belongs.

2



All the products and services that end the **process of qualification** have a **Secure Use Procedure published under a CCN-STIC guide.**

3



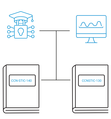
Is suitable for use in systems under the scope of the ENS whose category is, at most, the category for which they have been **qualified**.

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The **security functionability** included in the product/service is guaranteed to be suitable for use in the **Administration.**

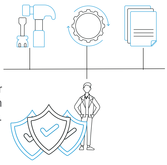
Approved product

1



It has **functional certification** according to the requirements described in the annexes of the **CCN-STIC-140 guide** and has also passed a **cryptologic evaluation** and a **TEMPEST evaluation** according to the CCN-STIC 130 guide.

2



As in the case of **qualidfied products**, a **Safe Use Procedure** is also developed for these products, which must be taken into account in the **installation, configuration and operation** of the product.

3



It is suitable for use in systems handling Classified Information whose classification level is, at most, the level for which the product is approved.

4

For all that, this products offer **greater** security **guarantees** than the **certified** or **qualified products**.