

# SVI Practitioner Application Rounds

## Number of rounds:

There will be 4 results rounds for Level 1 Associate Practitioner applications in 2021.

There will be 4 application rounds for Level 2 Accredited Practitioner and Level 3 Advanced Practitioner applications in 2021.

## Levels of SVI Practitioner status:

The SVI Practitioner Pathway is a professional development pathway. There are 3 levels for becoming an SVI Practitioner:

- **Level 1: Associate Practitioner:** Demonstrated theoretical competence in social value and impact management in line with the SVI Framework
- **Level 2: Accredited Practitioner:** Demonstrated practical competence in the application of social impact and social value assessment in line with the SVI Framework
- **Level 3: Advanced Practitioner:** Advanced demonstration of practical competence in the application of social impact and social value assessment with all aspects of SVI Framework applied in full.

## Application for Level 1: Associate Practitioner:

Level 1: Associate Practitioner applicants will be tested on their theoretical knowledge. This will be tested through an online Social Value and Impact Management exam.

Applicants can apply for Level 1: Associate Practitioner status at any time through the year, and undertake the online exam when most convenient for them.

**PLEASE NOTE: Payment for applications is taken through the exam website.**

Applications will be assessed by the Assurance Team, and results will be released during 4 rounds through the year. The round will be during the second week of the Report Assurance round as follows:

### **Round 1: January 2021**

L1 AP Results will be released between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

### **Round 2: April 2021**

L1 AP Results will be released between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

### **Round 3: July 2021**

L1 AP Results will be released between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

### **Round 4: October 2021**

L1 AP Results will be released between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Application for Level 2: Accredited Practitioner and Level 3: Advanced Practitioner:

Level 2 and Level 3 Practitioners will be tested on their practical competence in the application of social impact and social value assessment in line with the SVI Framework. Level 3: Advanced Practitioner will show advanced demonstration of practical competence in the application of social impact and social value assessment with all aspects of SVI Framework applied in full.

Assurance and Accreditation Steps:

The accreditation process runs through the following steps:

1. Applicant submits SVI Level 2 or 3 Practitioner application including report for assurance with supporting documentation
2. Assurance Team undertake first review of application and will communicate results to applicant within 1 week of end of round.
3. If report passes first review report is submitted for full anonymous assessment with external assessor. Applicant will receive their invoice.
4. External assessor returns feedback for review by assurance team
5. First results are sent to applicant and external assessor and applicant are put in touch. This will take place within 5-6 weeks from application date

At this stage applicants can have 3 different results:

- Report Assured
  - Report does not meet the assurance standard criteria, but can with an amendment period
  - Report does not meet the assurance standard criteria
6. If an applicant receives the result: 'Report does not meet the assurance standard criteria, but can with an amendment period' then Applicant and assessor communicate about feedback (recommendation for telephone call, but can be done over email)
  7. Applicant confirms if they are taking their amendment period or not. SVI will issue the applicants amendment period invoice to applicant.
  8. If taking the amendment period the applicant can amend their report and liaise with their assessor until they are happy they meet all of the necessary criteria and resubmit their report to the Assurance Team for final assurance
  9. If the report passes the final assurance assessment, then assurance of the report will be provided with the possibility of the following 2 results:
    - Report Assured
    - Report Assured with Limitation of the application of Principle 4: Only include what is material

**At this stage applicants will need to undertake an interview with the Assurance Team and their external assessor.**

10. Applicants will undertake an interview which will test their overall knowledge of Social Value and Impact Management, and with specific questions related to the analysis they are using as a part of their application. The interview will be between 1-2 hours. The interview will take place between 1 and 3 weeks after their final report assurance result.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All invoices for assurance services operate on a 10-day net payment terms. Results of assurance engagements cannot be released until payment is received.

## Round Dates:

### **Round 1: Feb/March 2021**

Round opens for applications – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Round closes – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Applications assigned to assessors – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Invoices issued – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Assessors to return results by – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Invoice paid by – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Results released to applicants – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Amendment invoice issued w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Amendment results expected by 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Interview week – Monday 10<sup>th</sup>-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

### **Round 2: May/June 2021**

Round opens for applications – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Round closes – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
Applications assigned to assessors – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June (bank holiday on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May)  
Invoices issued – Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Assessors to return results by – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
Invoice paid by – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Results released to applicants – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Amendment invoice issued w/c 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Amendment results expected by 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Interview week – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

### **Round 3: Sept/Oct 2021**

Round opens for applications – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Round closes – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Applications assigned to assessors – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Invoices issued – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Assessors to return results by – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Invoice paid by – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Results released to applicants – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Amendment invoice issued w/c 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Amendment results expected by 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Interview week – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Round 4: Nov/Dec 2021**

Round opens for applications – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Round closes – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Applications assigned to assessors – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Invoices issued – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Assessors to return results by – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Invoice paid by – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Results released to applicants – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (longer amendment period due to holidays)

Amendment invoice issued beginning of January 2022

Amendment results expected by 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Interview week – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is expected that there will be an amendment period after each round of 5 weeks, however this is not guaranteed to occur.