

CONSENSUS ASSESSMENTS INITIATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE (CAIQ) V3.0.1 GUIDING DOCUMENT PRINCIPLES

INTENT OF THIS TAB: To assist reviewers/users of document to understand both the intent and structure of CAIQ

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Questionnaire is organized using CSA 16 governing & operating domains divided into “control areas” within CSA’s Controls Matrix structure
- Questions are to assist both cloud providers in general principles of cloud security and clients in vetting cloud providers on the security of their offering and company security profile
- CAIQ is not intended to duplicate or replace existing industry security assessments but to contain questions unique or critical to the cloud computing model in each control area
- Each question should be able to be answered yes or no
- If a question can’t be answered yes or no then it was separated into two or more questions to allow yes or no answers.
- Questions are intended to foster further detailed questions to provider by client specific to client’s cloud security needs. This was done to limit number of questions to make the assessment feasible and since each client may have unique follow-on questions or may not be concerned with all follow-on questions