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Summary	This AISEP Interpretation provides guidance in the AEP on the re-use of previous DEA evidence.
Reference	AISEP Evaluator Policy v4.0 (AEP)

Evaluation Requirement

At present, the AISEP Evaluator Policy (AEP) provides guidance on the conduct of the Development Environment Assessment (DEA) but no policy related to the re-use of evidence from previously conducted DEAs.

Background

In September 2011, members from the CCRA conducted a Voluntary Periodic Assessment (VPA) of the Australasian CC scheme. To maintain compliance with CCRA requirements, the following observation was made:

"It is suggested that the AISEP develop a clear policy regarding re-use of previous DEA results."

Evaluation Guidance

Upon release of AI012, the relevant affected paragraph in section 2.2.8 of the AEP (Conduct a development environment assessment) should read:

96 For CC evaluations above EAL2, a site visit may be required. However, the level of effort required for a site visit should be commensurate with the level of assurance. In some cases the AISEF may be able to combine the development site visit and assessment with other evaluation activities or evaluation tasks. When an AISEF has conducted a DEA on the affected sites within the previous three years, re-use of DEA results may be considered. The AISEF should obtain from the vendor any changes that have occurred since the last DEA and show that the changes do not adversely affect the assurance areas specified within this section (2.2.8). The ACA will use this information to make an assessment on the amount of evidence which may be re-used. The ETR **MUST** identify any re-use of previous DEA results, along with new DEA evidence as applicable.