

Achieving HAPAS Certification can involve two-year performance trials, and other trials may be required as products continue to be developed. Assessment Reports are also available, to provide an interim report on a product's performance.

Key benefits and status compared to full HAPAS approval



A HAPAS Assessment Report will:

- Allow Road Authorities and Contractors to make a more informed decision on the use of an innovative/proprietary product at an earlier stage in a product's development or assessment.
- Allow manufacturer's initial costs and timescales to be reduced or phased due to HAPAS involvement at an early stage in the product's development or assessment stage.

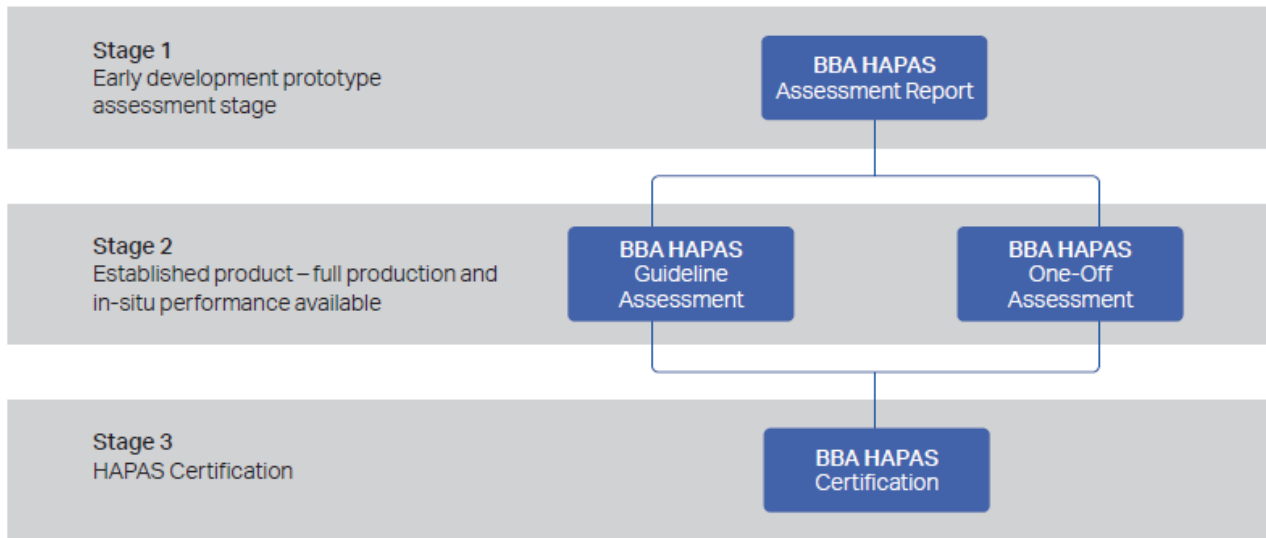
- Ensure information of appropriate quality is available when an application for full HAPAS Certification is made.
- Not be equivalent to a full HAPAS Certificate but will identify or recommend additional work required to achieve full HAPAS approval.

Content of HAPAS Assessment Reports

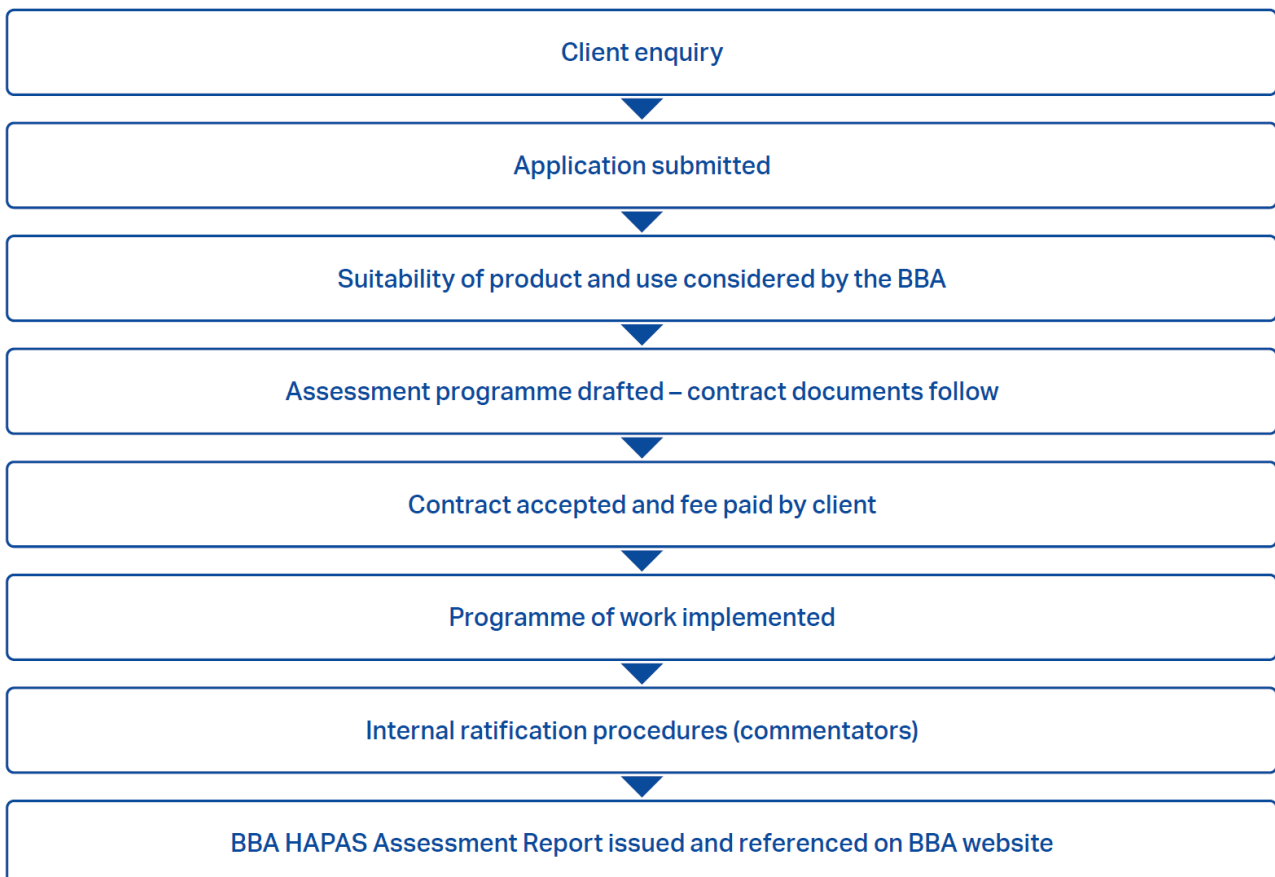
Generally, a HAPAS Assessment Report will define the product assessed, the conditions of use, and the current understanding of its performance. A typical report would include:

- Product information, such as specification, anticipated applications and installation details.
- Details of assessment work completed, e.g. key factors assessed.
- Details of the basis of any assessment work completed to date, e.g. test programme or data sources.
- Details of any third party (e.g. BBA) assessment work carried out in addition to the manufacturer's own.
- Information on applicable standards or regulations.
- Conclusions of the interim assessment, including the BBA's opinion of product performance against HAPAS criteria, based on information present to date.
- Recommendations for additional work (e.g. additional laboratory and/or site testing) required to move toward Stages 2 and 3, including development of specifications for suitable tests if applicable.
- Status of production control.

The role of a HAPAS Assessment Report within the HAPAS Certification process can be illustrated as follows:




Route to HAPAS assessment report



See also:

For further information on test data acceptability, see Datasheet 31, available on the BBA website.



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