

## **Supply Chain Pre-Qualification**

The Kier supply chain includes anyone carrying out work on behalf of Kier e.g. contractors, principal contractors, sub-contractors, designers, consultants, professional advisers and labour agencies. All are referred to as “supply chain member” (SCM) within this document.

### **Stage 1 assessment**

Before being accepted as part of the Kier supply chain, potential SCM’s must undergo the pre-qualification process to demonstrate their capability at a business level through assessment of their safety, health and environmental competence. This does not replace the requirements for additional project or contract specific assessment.

It is a requirement that all SCM’s accepted by Kier are registered as “Compliant” by The Contractors Health and Safety Scheme ([CHAS](#)) or other Safety Schemes in Procurement ([SSIP](#)) mutual recognition scheme, where the scope of the scheme covers their activities. It is important that the registration includes the scope of the proposed work, including design where appropriate.

Where a proposed sub-contractor falls outside the scope of CHAS or SSIP, or registration under CHAS or a SSIP scheme is confirmed as inappropriate by the responsible Kier director (e.g. some specialist consultancy or professional services), further appropriate checks shall be made.

The Kier Subcontractor Database will also be consulted for records of performance and any limitations of scope such as geographical location or scale.

**It should be noted that pre-qualification is only the first step in the procurement process, and requires to be followed up by specific enquiries relating to the work to be let.**