Find out everything about **SERMI certification in 4 steps**

From 1 April 2024 working on components and software related to vehicle security may only be carried out under certificate. Certification via the SERMI directive can be done quickly and easily through the Kiwa webshop. Discover in this infographic how you can prepare in advance.



What is SERMI?

The SERMI certificate is named after the European alliance of manufacturers and independent car companies. SERMI certification gives you direct access to the data from the car manufacturer and you no longer need to submit a separate application for each brand.

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Who should certify?

If you or your mechanics work on security-related components of vehicles, such as keys, ignition switches, door locks and the ECU, the mechanics and your company will have to be SERMI certified.

What are the benefits?

Kiwa has been your committed vehicle security certification body for many years. As one of the first companies in Europe, we are an accredited inspection body for SERMI. Certification makes working on vehicle security:

Simpler

You can log in to all manufacturers with a single login (Digidentity) to access security-related information;

More economical

Direct access to information from different vehicle manufacturers in once instead of for each brand separately;



Faster

You no longer need to submit a separate application to the manufacturer for each brand. Moreover, the procedure to get SERMI certification is shorter than the access procedures at the manufacturers;

Carefree

You are certified for a period of 5 years. During these 5 years, Kiwa will do one audit at your premises to see whether you still meet the SERMI requirements.

What do I have to comply with?

For both the application of a certificate for a company as well as for an employee, you should submit a number of documents, declarations and data in our portal. See below what you can prepare*:



APPLICATION FOR A COMPANY

- Upload a proof of registration in the trade register:
- Germany: Upload a proof of registration in the trade register of the Chamber of Commerce showing that you are in the automotive business;
- Austria: Upload a proof or registration in the Gewerberegisterauszug Wirtschaftskammer (GISA) showing that you are in the automotive business(§ 94 Z 43 Karosseriebau- und Karosserielackiertechniker; Kraftfahrzeugtechnik (verbundenes Handwerk) oder § 94 Z 59 Metalltechnik für Metall- und Maschinenbau; Metalltechnik für Schmiede und Fahrzeugbau);
- Luxembourg: Upload a proof of registration in the Handels- und firmenburgregister RCS) showing that you are in the automotive business;
- Upload a form of identification (ID or passport) of the legal representative.
- Tick the box declaring that your company is engaged in legal activities;
- Tick the box declaring that you do not carry out any work related to vehicle emissions (chiptuning);
- Upload proof of company liability insurance with a minimum coverage of €1,000,000 for personal injury and €500,000 for property damage;
- Provide a unique email address and mobile phone number of every employee to be SERMI certified;
- Have a digital declaration signed by the company's legal representative that it complies with the procedural requirements;
- Stafregister:
- Germany: Upload a Certificate of Good Conduct for Legal Entities issued less than 6 months ago;
- Austria: Upload a Strafregisterbescheinigung issued less than 6 months ago;
- Luxembourg: Upload an extract of the criminal record of a legal entity issued less than 6 months ago.

APPLICATION FOR AN EMPLOYEE

- Upload a form of identification (ID or passport);
- Strafregister:
- Germany: Upload a Certificate of Good Conduct issued less than 6 months ago;
- Austria: Upload a Strafregisterbescheinigung issued less than 6 months ago;
- Luxembourg: Upload a criminal record certificate, issued less than 6 months ago;
- Upload a proof of employment contract;
- Tick the box declaring that the employee never had a SERMI certificate revoked;
- Tick the box declaring that the employee has more than two years of experience as an auto mechanic or at least completed a training for motor vehicle technician or motor vehicle mechatronics technician. Discover the training requirements of an Independent Operator employee (IOe) per country.

*The European Association is still compiling a so-called sanctioned interpretation list.

It is possible that one or more of the above requirements may be adjusted.



APPLY FOR SERMI CERTIFICATION

Certification can quickly and easily be done through the Kiwa webshop: www.kiwa.de/sermi-certification.

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