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What is a JSP?

A Joint Services Publication applies to all sectors within the Ministry of Defence.

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What is a JSP 600?

Joint Services Publication 600 (JSP 600) is a series of documents setting out the concepts, procedures and regulatory instruments with which MOD manages interoperability in its information related affairs.

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There are too many JSPs, why do we need yet another one?

We are actually reducing the number of JSPs. JSP 600 rationalises directions that were previously diluted across a number of JSPs and other documents that in some cases were conflicting, out-of-date, incomplete and not aligned to Smart Acquisition principles.

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Is the JSP 600 series mandatory?

Yes, all MOD CIS procurements are obliged to use the JSP 600 Series. The JSP 600 Series Directions are mandatory and aim to provide the minimum necessary controls.

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What authority does the JSP 600 series have?

Its authority comes from the Defence Information Reference Group, which is a high level management board (at two star level) chaired by Director General Information (DG Info). Authority for the creation and approval of the JSP 602s is delegated to the JSP 600 Steering Group.

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What is the Steering Group?

The JSP 600 Steering Group is responsible for the creation, maintenance and authorisation of the JSP 600 series publications. It comprises key stakeholders from DEC CCII, DCSA, DG Info and the IA.

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What areas will the JSP 602 directions cover?

JSP 602 directions are being developed to address policies across the following subject areas: Data/Information, Applications, Infrastructure, Communications, Security, Legislation and Integration.

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My area produces CIS related policy. Does my policy documentation now need to be converted into JSP 602 format?

Your policy documentation does not necessarily need to be converted but it must comply with JSP 602s. Please contact the JSP 600 HelpDesk.

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Who monitors the usage of JSP 602s?

The Integration Authority at Abbey Wood.

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I have a great idea for a new JSP 602 - who do I speak to?

Contact the JSP600 HelpDesk in the first instance.

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Who creates JSP 602s?

The JSP600 Steering Group are the only body who can authorise the creation or modification of a JSP 602. They normally delegate the actual production or amendment task to an expert or focus group.

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Lucky me, I've been chosen - How do I write a 602?

Further advice can be obtained from the JSP600 HelpDesk.

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I have been asked to contribute to the production of JSP602 Directions. My time and resources are extremely limited. What's in it for me?

You could find yourself having to comply with JSP 602s that fail to meet your needs simply because you did not influence their production.

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Who do I contact if I think a JSP 602 is incorrect or contradicts other guidance?

Contact the JSP600 HelpDesk.

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What is the difference between JSP 602 and international standards?

JSP 602s provide directions that make use of all relevant standards which include COTS and International Standards.

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Will JSP 602 reflect policies/standards contained within e-GIF?

Yes. The e-GIF has been mandated on all Government Departments and the JSP 600 Series is the compliance mechanism for MOD.

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Will industry be involved in the development of JSP 602s?

Yes. Their main involvement is during JSP 602 Review Process. Members of Industry not currently involved in this process and who wish to participate should contact the JSP600 HelpDesk.

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Where can I find the JSP600 Series?

The JSP600 Series is available to all users on the Internet and Defence Intranets (through the RLI).

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