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Introducing the
Vendor Security Assessment (VSA)

Easy as 1 2 3

What is happening:
Starting October 1, 2025 the process for purchasing hosted/cloud based services is changing. UHS Information Security is simplifying and speeding up the process by replacing the Information Security Hosted Services Checklist (ISHSC) with the new Vendor Security Assessment (VSA).

What is changing:
UHS Information Security will require a Higher Education Community Vendor Assessment Toolkit (HECVAT) to complete the review of the service you are trying to buy. This form is filled out by the vendor. If the product has previously been purchased/approved for use by any university in the UH System, approval will be further expedited.

Complete your request in three easy steps:

1 Check the approved software list

2 Gather the required information from your vendor

3 Submit a Vendor Security Assessment (VSA) request

What's next:
Once submitted UHS Information Security will review your request and determine whether there are any information security related concerns with the purchase. If not, the purchase will be approved, and the product will be added to the approved software list.

Go Deeper:
Visit the UHS Information Security website for Third Party Risk Management (TPRM)

https://uhsystem.edu/offices/information-security/resources/
third-party-risk-management/third_party_risk_management.php

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