

## 9.203 QPL's, QML's, and QBL's.

(a) Qualification and listing in a QPL, QML, or QBL is the process by which *products* are obtained from manufacturers or distributors, examined and tested for compliance with specification requirements, or manufacturers or potential *offerors*, are provided an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities to meet the standards specified for qualification. The names of successful *products*, manufacturers, or potential *offerors* are included on lists evidencing their status. Generally, qualification is performed in advance and independently of any specific *acquisition* action. After qualification, the *products*, manufacturers, or potential *offerors* are included in a Federal or Military QPL, QML, or QBL. (See 9.202(a)(2) with regard to any product, manufacturer, or potential *offeror* not yet included on an applicable list.)

(b) Specifications requiring a qualified product are included-

(1) In the GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions; and

(2) On the Department of Defense *Acquisition* Streamlining and Standardization Information System (ASSIST) website at <https://assist.dla.mil>.

(c) Instructions concerning qualification procedures are included in the following publications:

(1) Federal Standardization Manual, FSPM-0001.

(2) Department of Defense Manual 4120.24, Defense Standardization Program (DSP) Procedures, ( [www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/Issuances/dodm](http://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/Issuances/dodm) ) as amended by Military Standards 961 and 962 ( <https://assist.dla.mil> ).

(d) The publications in paragraphs (b)(1) and (c)(1) of this section *may* be obtained from the address in 11.201(d)(1).

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