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Wi-Fi Alliance Derivative Certification Process for i.MX Platforms Running FreeRTOS

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Keywords	Wi-Fi Alliance (WFA), certificate qualification, certification process, derivative
Abstract	Overview of Wi-Fi Alliance certification program, the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders, and the step-by-step procedure of the Wi-Fi derivative certification process

1 About this document

The document presents the Wi-Fi Alliance derivative certification process.

2 Wi-Fi certification program

The Wi-Fi CERTIFIED™ logo on a product certifies the compliance with the industry agreed standard for interoperability, security, quality and a range of application specific protocols.

The Wi-Fi certification program guarantees tested and proven interoperability among Wi-Fi devices.

The Wi-Fi certification is an important milestone before the product launch. You can complete this last milestone at an authorized test laboratory (ATL) or at a solution test laboratory (STL).

For more information, visit ref.[1].

2.1 Certificate qualification

IW416 (AW-AM457-uSD, AW-AM510-uSD, EAR00385 M.2 + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2), 88W8987 (AW-CM358-uSD, EAR00364 M.2 + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2), IW612 (EAR00409 M.2+ LBEE0ZZ2WE-uSD-M2), IW611 (EAR00422 M.2 + LBEE5PL2DL-uSD-M2), AW611 (JODY-W5 M.2), IW610 (EAR00500+ LBES0ZZ2LL-M2)

- STA | 802.11n
- STA | PMF
- STA | 802.11ac
- STA | FFD
- STA | SVD
- STA | WPA3 SAE (R3)[1]
- STA | 802.11ax STA | MBO

2.2 Roles and responsibilities

Wi-Fi Alliance (WFA)

- Owns the certification program.
- Maintains the policies and requirements.
- Reviews the ATL results.
- Owns the final approvral of Wi-Fi CERTIFIED products.

Authorized Test Laboratories (ATL)

- Operate as independent testing facilities.
- Submit the results to the Wi-Fi Alliance.
- Provide support for the ASD approval.
- Certify Wi-Fi products from any vendor.

Solution Test Laboratories (STL)

- The Wi-Fi Alliance (WFA) grants the STL accreditation for Wi-Fi products.
- NXP is a Wi-Fi Alliance STL.
- The STLs:
  - Test and validate the compliance of Wi-Fi products with IEEE 802.11 standards.
  - Only certify the Wi-Fi products from the solution provider.

1 Includes forward compatibility.

WFA members

- Acquire a membership (pre-requisite to obtain certification).
- Select a laboratory.
- Deliver the products to the laboratory.

2.3 Certification process

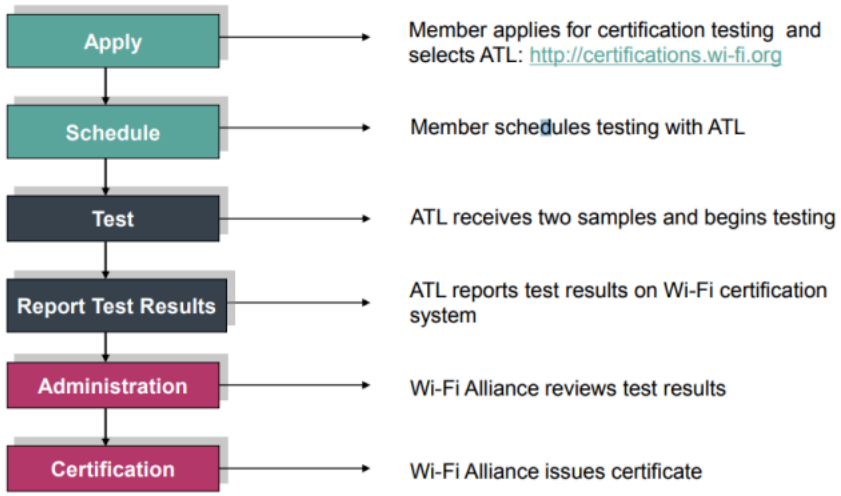

Figure 1. Certification process

Note: *Some steps of the certification process are skipped for a derivative certification. The process is explained in the following section.*

3 Derivative certification

A derivative certification is a cost-effective way to utilize test results of a Wi-Fi CERTIFIED source product.

Multiple derivative certifications can be submitted from the same source product.

The new product must have the same silicon, operating system, and firmware as the Wi-Fi CERTIFIED source product.

The new product must operate in the same manner as the Wi-Fi CERTIFIED source product.

Any change in the new product MUST NOT affect the wireless functionality.

A derivative certification cannot be designated as a source.

A derivative certification cannot be used to seek another derivative certification.

3.1 Derivative certification process

Figure 2 illustrates the derivative certification process. Refer to Section 4 for details on each step of the process.

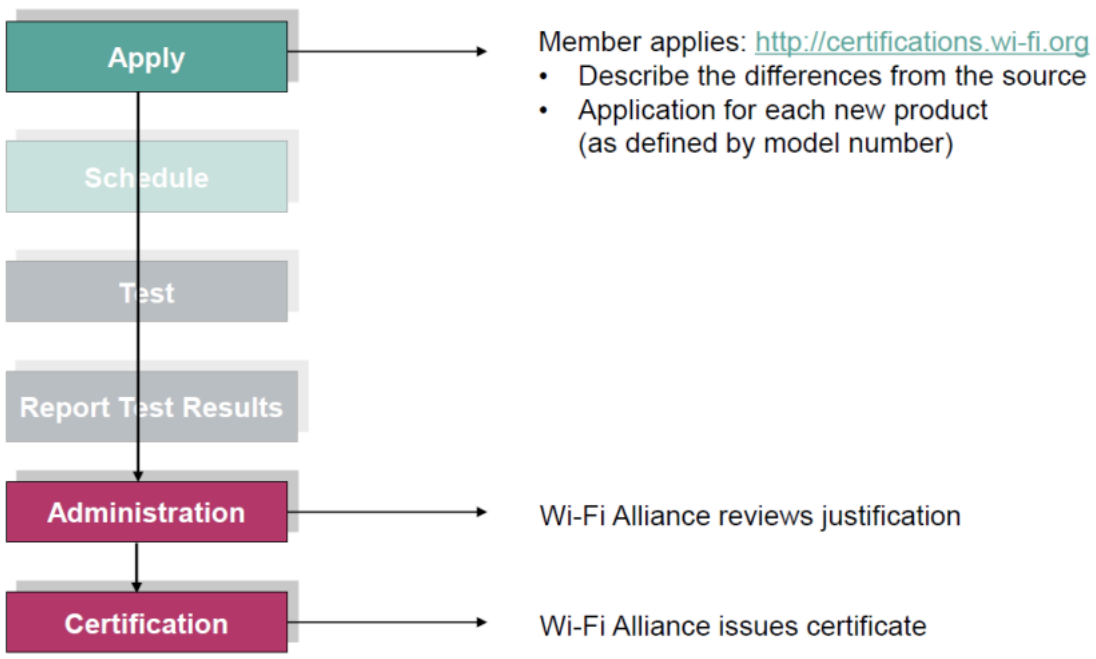

Figure 2. Derivative certification process

4 Step by step procedure

4.1 Sign in on Wi-Fi Alliance website and start a new application

- Open Wi-Fi Alliance website (link)
- Sign in as member
- Select the **New Application** tab. See Figure 3.

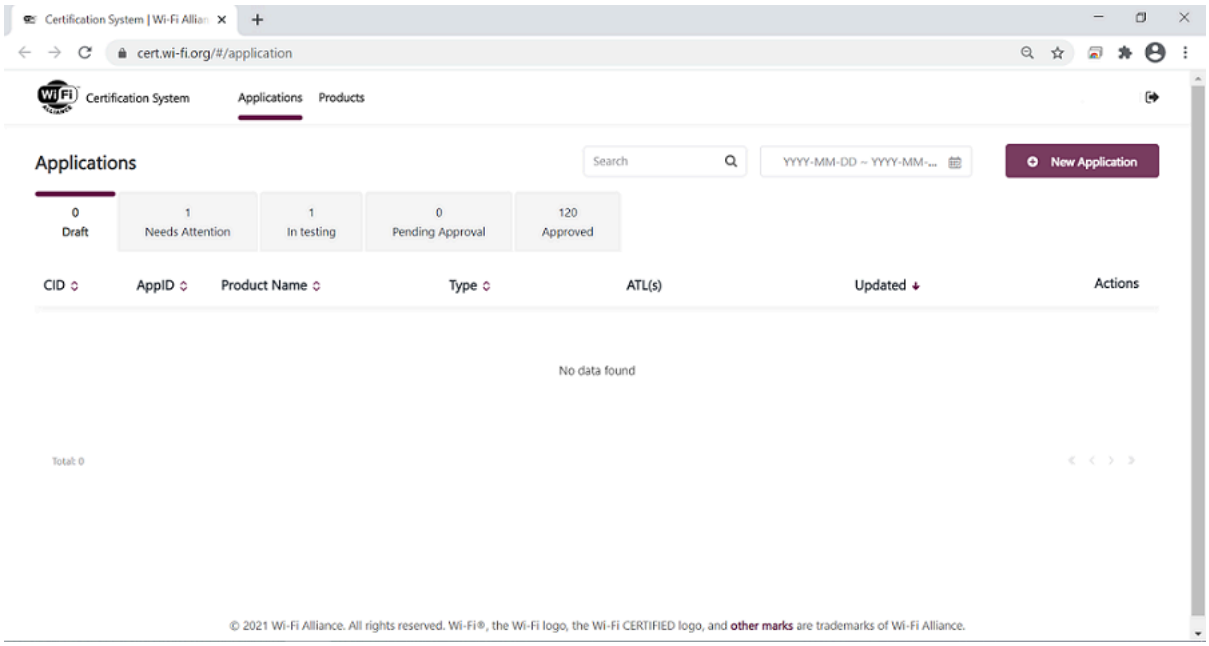

Figure 3. Initial page for members on Wi-Fi Alliance website

- On the **New application** page, select the certification type **A Derivative of Existing Product**. See Figure 4.

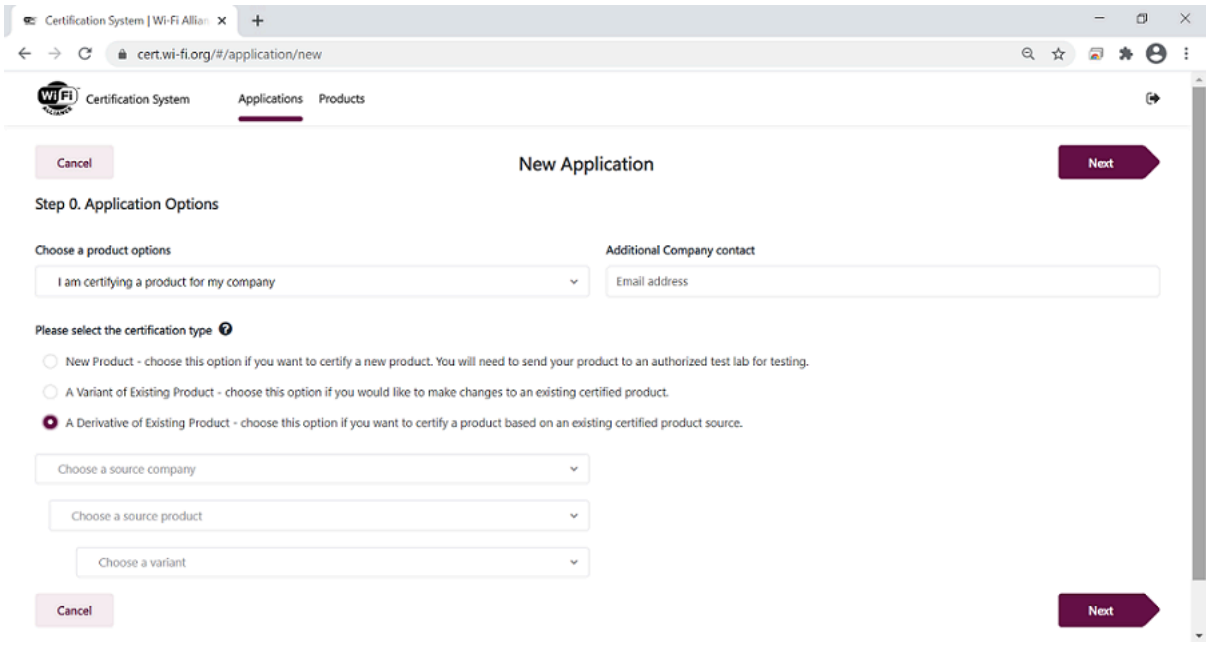

Figure 4. The New Application tab on Wi-Fi Alliance website

- In the drop-down list, select NXP as the **Source Company**
- In the second drop-down list, select the CID for a product based on a Wi-Fi component. Figure 5 shows the list of CIDs based on IW612 product.

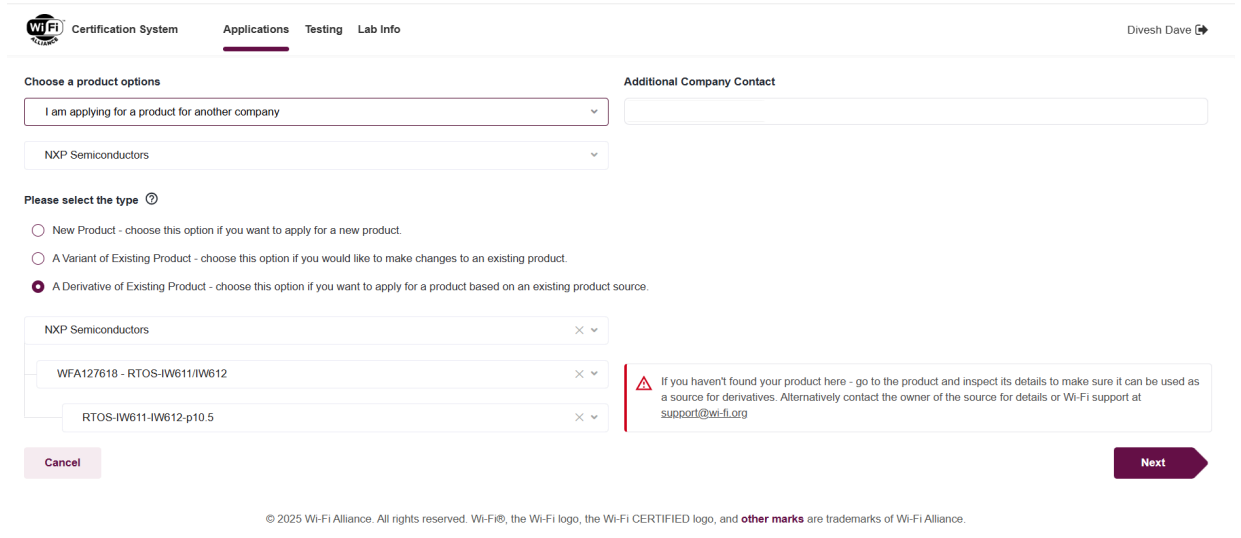

Figure 5. CID option for IW612-based products

- Click **Next** to open the **Product Information** page

4.2 Fill in the product information

When the **Product Information** page opens:

- Enter the **Product name** and **Variant name**
- Enter the **Module number** and provide the **Product URL**
- Select the **Primary Category of Product** in the drop-down list

Note: *Wi-Fi components cannot be modified. The list of Wi-Fi components shows for the CID option you have selected.*

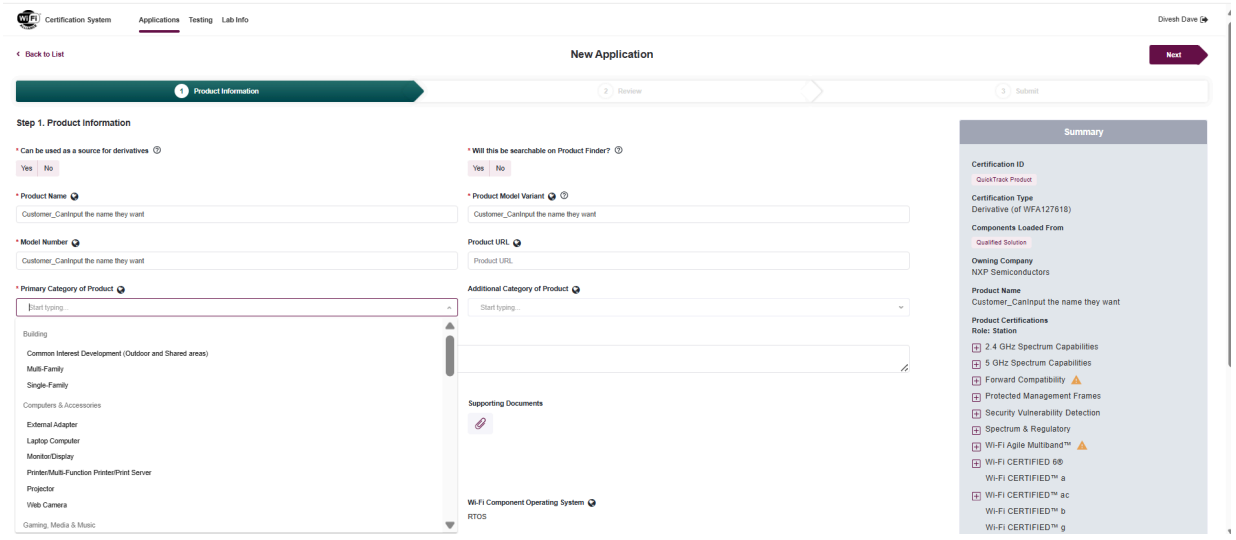

Figure 6. Product information page on Wi-Fi Alliance website

- Verify the Wi-Fi component details. Figure 7 shows the details for a IW612-based product.

Figure 7. Component details for IW612-based products

- Click Next to open the page with **Wi-Fi Alliance Terms and Agreements**

4.3 Submit the application

- Tick the two check boxes to accept Wi-Fi Alliance terms and agreements as authorized member and representative of your organization. See Figure 8.
- Click **Submit Application**

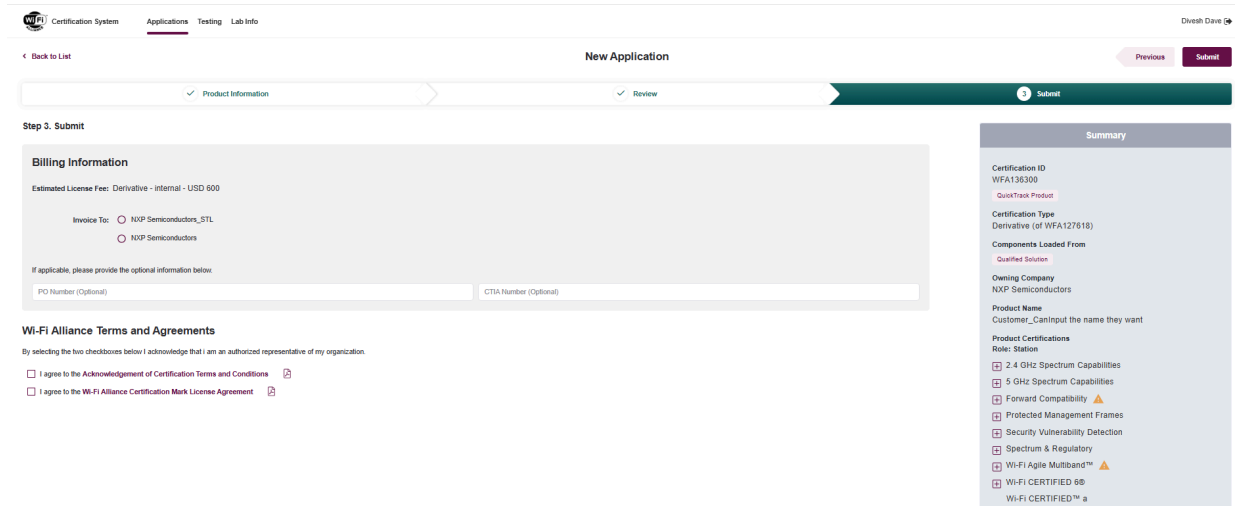

Figure 8. Wi-Fi Alliance Terms and Agreements web page

5 Obligations and outcomes for derivative certifications

- A member holding the source certification shall be informed of all approved derivative certifications.
- The member holding the source certification and the member holding the derivative certification shall both be accountable for addressing interoperability concerns.
- If interoperability concerns are found with a Derivative Certification and/or Source Certification then both certifications shall be subject to additional verification.
- If identified interoperability concern has not been resolved, the associated certifications shall be revoked.
- If information provided in the certification application(s) is found to be inaccurate, the associated certifications shall be revoked.
- If a Source Certification is revoked, all Derivative Certifications based on that Source Certification shall be revoked.
- A Member holding a Source Certification or a Derivative Certification shall be responsible for responding to Wi-Fi Alliance requests for information in support of these activities.

6 Abbreviations

Table 1. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
ATL	Authorized test labs
CID	Certification identification number

7 References

[1] Website – Wi-Fi Alliance (link)

8 Revision history

Revision history

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