

## **Implementation of SAMAR Certification for Defence Manufacturing Industry Partners from 01 May 2026**

DRDO in collaboration with the Quality Council of India (QCI) has formulated System for Advanced Manufacturing Assessment and Rating (SAMAR) to serve as a comprehensive benchmark for evaluating and measuring the manufacturing maturity of defense manufacturing industry partners engaged in Defence production of DRDO developed systems.

To facilitate faster implementation of SAMAR, a dedicated web portal ([www.samar.gov.in](http://www.samar.gov.in)) was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on 14 Feb 2023 at AERO India, Bengaluru.

This initiative ensures that industries involved in manufacturing and delivering DRDO-developed systems and technologies to the Armed Forces adhere strictly to highest standards of quality and reliability.

SAMAR Assessment Model offers a structured roadmap for all categories of defence manufacturing enterprises including startups, micro, small, medium and large enterprises to systematically enhance their manufacturing capabilities.

*Given the critical importance of quality and reliability in defence systems, it is proposed that obtaining SAMAR Certification will be mandatory from 01 May 2026 for all Industry partners involved in manufacturing components, subsystems and complete systems for any DRDO lab or establishment.*

*All Industries aiming to engage in development activities with DRDO are therefore advised to pursue SAMAR Certification at the earliest.*

Comments; if any on the above proposal may be forwarded to DQR&S, DRDO HQrs on mail IDs [hitendra.singh.hqr@gov.in](mailto:hitendra.singh.hqr@gov.in) by 31 Jul 2025. For any further information, please contact: Director, Directorate of Quality, Reliability and Safety, DRDO HQrs, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi

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