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Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 form the legally binding Flexibility Market Rule.

Defined terms capitalised in this document shall have the meaning given in Section 4.

 Guidance

Summary of Pre-Qualification requirements Flexibility Market Rule

This section is provided as guidance to the Flexibility Market Rule. Therefore, it is not legally binding and falls outside of the formal change management process.

Context

Qualification of *FSPs* and their assets is a key activity within the registration process for the provision of *Flexibility Services*. This rule establishes a standardised set of pre-qualification questions and associated requirements from the *DNOs* to reduce complexity and duplication for *FSPs*.

The rule comes into force in February 2026 across *DNO sub-markets* and aims to simplify and harmonise the pre-qualification process, reducing costs and supporting market access.

Pre-Qualification Requirements

The rule introduces 31 standard commercial and 35 standard technical criteria, which must be used by all *DNOs*. It also includes aligned pass criteria for those questions.

Commercial questions include information such as company registration, key contacts, acceptance of terms, financial standing, and insurance cover. Technical questions include information such as connection status, technology, capacity, operating duration, and metering granularity.

The rule allows for *System Operators* to self-derogate variations to these terms, as long as these are submitted to the *Market Facilitator* ahead of use.

Alongside the standard implementation tracking, *DNOs* must also report on whether they use any non-standard terms. The number of variations will be tracked by the *Market Facilitator*.

We believe the impact of these requirements to be:

Impact on <i>System Operators</i>	Impact on <i>FSPs</i>
Must use standardised criteria for pre-qualification and report any variations.	Benefit from a simplified, consistent process and reduced duplication when engaging with multiple <i>DNOs</i> .

Implementation monitoring requirements

The key requirements are laid out below. A view across the rules is available in our deadline tracker.

Category	Requirement	Trigger for data submission	What we will do with it
Implementation tracking	Basic tracking of implementation status and target date	From 14/01/2026 (20 <i>working days</i> after the published date). Within 10 days of change	Track whether implementation is on track via our <i>Implementation tracker</i> .
<i>Flexibility Market Catalogue data</i>	Confirmation of use of standard or non-standard criteria	From 06/02/2026. Within 10 days of change	Provide an overview of <i>Sub-Markets</i> via the <i>Flexibility Market Catalogue</i> .
Effectiveness monitoring data	Number of variations to standardised criteria per <i>DNO</i>	Every 6 months	Assess alignment and identify areas for improvement via our Effectiveness Monitoring Report

1 Applicability of this Flexibility Market Rule

1.0 This *Flexibility Market Rule* applies to all *DNO Sub-Markets* within the *Market Facilitator's* scope.

Innovation trials are not bound by this requirement.

All *DNOs* shall only use the commercial qualification criteria and the technical qualification criteria as set out in sections 2.1 and 2.2 in their qualification processes.

All *DNOs* shall provide the data set out in section 3 no later than the timings also set out in section 3.

DNOs may only add or remove criteria to their qualification processes via a *Derogation* submitted ahead of use. These variations to the rule are self-derogated and do not require approval from the *Market Facilitator*

Variations to these criteria are only permitted if submitted to the *Market Facilitator* ahead of use.

The core dates for this *Flexibility Market Rule* are laid out below.

Table 1: Flexibility Market Rule dates

Published Date	04/02/2026
<i>Implementation Date</i>	06/02/2026
End Date	-

Guidance

Explainer: What is a Sub-Market?

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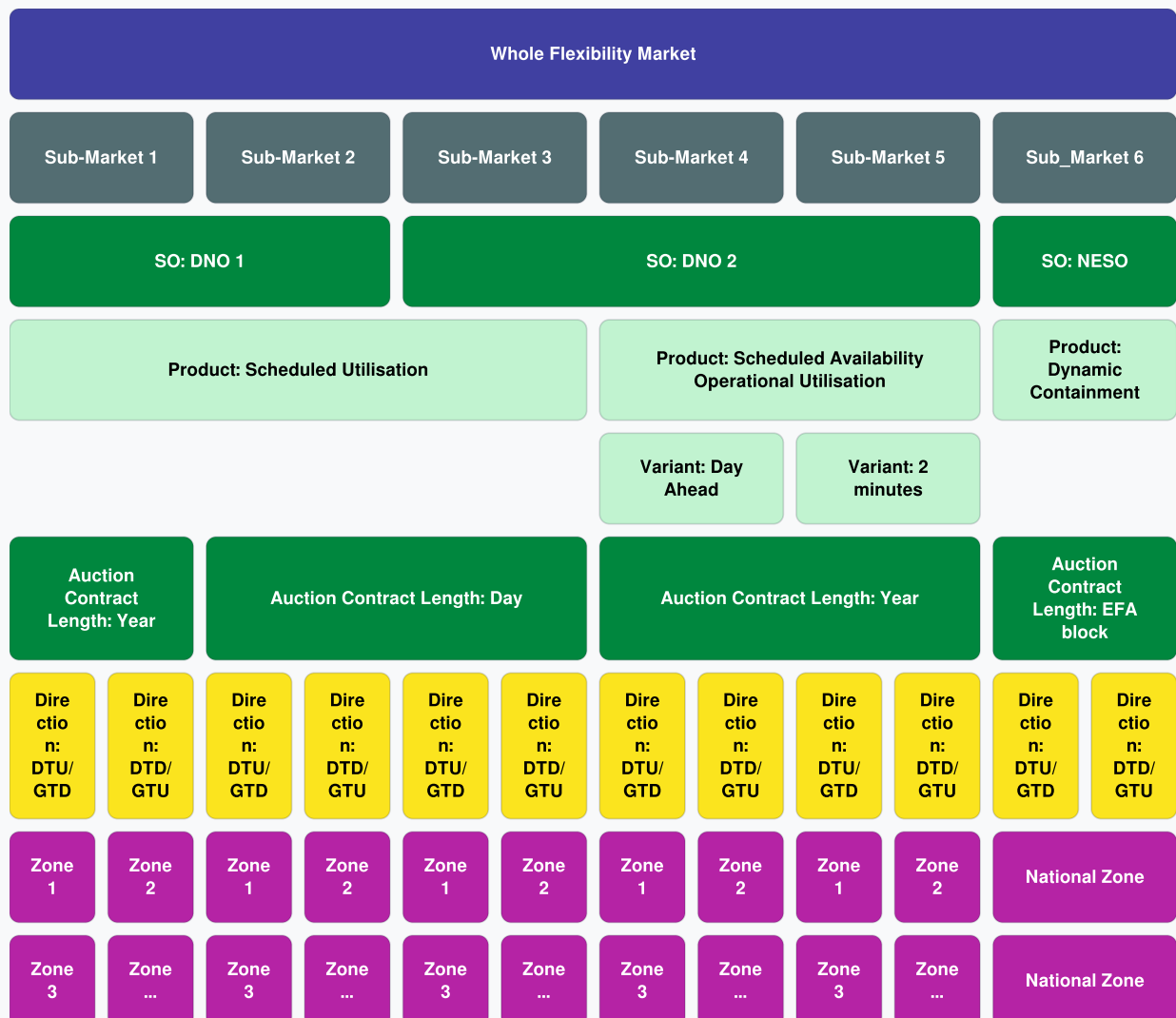
A *Sub-Market* means a specific segment of the overall *Flexibility Market*, distinguished by a specific *System Operator*, procuring a specific Product within a specific time period.

A *Sub-market* may be built of multiple distinct geographic zones, operating in different directions, clearing different volumes at different prices.

The diagram below visualises the definition.

Flexibility Market Structure

FMR



DTU means Demand Turn Up, GTD means Generation Turn Down.

DTD means Demand Turn Down, GTU means Generation Turn Up.

Guidance

Guidance: Interaction between Commercial and Technical qualification.

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Commercial and Technical qualification are distinct processes (as highlighted in the End-to-End process *Flexibility Market Rule*) and are not mandated to happen concurrently, nor are they mutually dependent.

This rule does not require that one happens ahead of the other, or that changes to one trigger changes to the other. However individual *System Operators* may have such requirements to manage their registration process

2 Pre-Qualification Criteria

2.1 Commercial Qualification Criteria

The below tables present the standard commercial and technical qualification criteria that *System Operators* must use when assessing *Flexibility Service Providers (FSPs)* for entry into their local *flexibility markets*. Their purpose is to:

- Standardise the commercial and technical information required across all *System Operators*, ensuring consistency in onboarding processes.
- Reduce complexity and duplication for *FSPs* who engage with multiple *System Operators* by aligning the questions asked during pre-qualification.
- Define pass criteria for each question, clarifying what constitutes a complete or acceptable response.
- Support transparency and comparability by documenting the exact fields, allowable responses, and expectations.

The 31 standard questions are laid out in Table 2 below

Table 2: Standard Commercial Qualification Criteria

Area	Field Name	Commercial Qualification Questions	Allowable Responses	Pass Criteria	Description
Reference	COMM_REF_ORG1	Assigned Reference for this Organisation, if known	free text	completed	If the Organisation has previously been submitted and assigned a reference, this can be detailed here
Company Information	COMM_CI_CNAME	Registered or legal name of the contracting party	free text	completed	Full registered/legal name of the party wishing to enter into the <i>flexibility</i> contract

		COMM_ CI_REG NO	Compan y Register ed Number [Or Charity/ Trust]	free text	complet ed	Register ed No. as shown on Compani es House. Charity or Trust Registra tion No. is also accepta ble
		COMM_ CI_REG A1	Register ed address 1	free text	complet ed	Register ed Address line 1
		COMM_ CI_REG A2	Register ed address 2	free text	complet ed	Register ed Address line 2
		COMM_ CI_REG A3	Register ed address 3	free text, blank	complet ed, blank	Register ed Address line 3
		COMM_ CI_POS TC	Register ed address	free text	complet ed	Register ed Address

		postcode			Postcode
	COMM_CI_FIRST	Key contact First Name	free text	completed	First name of main contact in respect of this submission and any subsequent contract
	COMM_CI_CLAST	Key contact Last Name	free text	completed	Last name of main contact in respect of this submission and any subsequent contract
	COMM_CI_EMAIL	Key contact email	free text	completed	email address of main contact in

				respect of this submission and any subsequent contract
COMM_CI_TELNO	Key contact number	free text	completed	Contact telephone number of main contact in respect of this submission and any subsequent contract
COMM_CI_WEB SI	Organisation website	free text	completed	Web address for contracting party

		COMM_ CI_REL AT	Legal relations hip with <i>flexibility</i> asset/s	Owner, Operator , Aggrega tor	one code complet ed	declare relations hip to asset/s, only select one
		COMM_ CI_VAT NO	VAT Registra tion Number	free text	complet ed	VRN of the contracti ng party
	Terms and Condi tions	COMM_ TC_AC CEP	Confirm; You have read the applicabl e Contract ual requirem ents and understa nd it will be a requirem ent to accept these terms in order to form any contract for the delivery	Y, N	Y	Contract ing party must confirm their accepta nce of the Contract ual requirem ents applicabl e to the <i>DNO</i> they are pre- qualifyin g for

		of <i>flexibility</i> <i>services</i>			
	COMM_ TC_DEC LA	Do you declare that you have the <i>authority</i> to submit this applicati on and by confirmi ng you declare that to the best of your knowled ge, the informati on in this form is accurate ?	Y, N	Y	The individua l completi ng this submissi on must have the <i>authority</i> of the contracti ng party to both accept the Agreem ent and provide the informati on listed in this applicati on
Due Diligenc e	COMM_ DD_FLE XA	Is the contracti ng party a member of Flex Assure	Y, N	Y, N	Being a member of flex assure is not required in order

			Code of Conduct ?			to pass commercial qualification, if the contracting party is a member it will speed the required due diligence checks
		COMM_DD_AC HIL	Contracting parties Achilles UVDB Registered No. if applicable	free text, blank	completed, blank	Being Achilles UVDB (Utilities Vendor Database) registered is not required in order to pass commercial qualification, if the contracting party is a member it will

					speed the required due diligence and credit checks
	COMM_ DD_CH ECK	Where Achilles UVDB registrati on has not been advised, you understa nd that the <i>DNO</i> may access the contracti ng Parties most recent audited financial accounts via Compani es House for the	Y, N, NA	Y, NA	Please confirm you understa nd that the <i>DNO</i> may perform credit checks as part of their due diligence checks relating to this applicati on

		purpose of credit checks.			
	COMM_ DD_RE CEI	Is this contracti ng party currently , or has it ever been in receiver ship?	Y, N	N	This respons e will be assesse d by the <i>DNO</i> as part of their due diligence checks
	COMM_ DD_AD MIN	Is this contracti ng party currently , or has it ever been in administ ration?	Y, N	N	This respons e will be assesse d by the <i>DNO</i> as part of their due diligence checks

	COMM_ DD_LIQ UI	Is this contracting party currently , or has it ever been in liquidation?	Y, N	N	This response will be assessed by the <i>DNO</i> as part of their due diligence checks
	COMM_ DD_DE BTS	Is this contracting party currently , or has it ever been unable to pay its debts as they fall due (within the meaning of Section 268 Insolvency Act 1986)?	Y, N	N	This response will be assessed by the <i>DNO</i> as part of their due diligence checks

		COMM_ DD_WIN DI	Is this contracti ng party currently , or has it ever had, in the past 3 years, any petitions for winding up (other than vexatiou s petitions)?	Y, N	N	This respons e will be assesse d by the <i>DNO</i> as part of their due diligence checks
		COMM_ DD_BA NKR	Is this contracti ng party currently , or has it ever had any petitions for bankrupt cy (or their equivale nt in the country in which the	Y, N	N	This respons e will be assesse d by the <i>DNO</i> as part of their due diligence checks

		Applicant is incorporated) within the last three years?			
	COMM_DD_OFFEN	Is this contracting party currently , or has it ever been convicted of any of the offences or has any discretionary exclusion occurred , as contained in Regulation 80 of the Utilities Contract Regulations 2016	Y, N	N	This response will be assessed by the <i>DNO</i> as part of their due diligence checks

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	COMM_ DD_TER MI	Is this contracti ng party currently , or has it ever had, in the past 3 years,	Y, N	N	This respons e will be assesse d by the <i>DNO</i> as part of their due	

		any similar contract s terminat ed prematur ely and/or had damage s claims or other compara ble sanction s brought against the contracti ng party for any significa nt or persiste nt deficienc ies in performa nce of a substant ive requirem ent of the contract ?		diligence checks
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	COMM_ DD_LITIG	Has the contracting party been subject to any material non-employment related litigation (pending, threatened or determined) or other legal proceedings against the contracting party within the last three years that may be relevant to your ability to	Y, N	N	This response will be assessed by the <i>DNO</i> as part of their due diligence checks

		deliver services.			
Insurance	COMM_IN_EMPLO	Does the contracting party have or commit to have Employer's liability insurance with a minimum limit of £5m	Y, N	Y	Confirm you meet the minimum insurance level required for Employers Liability
	COMM_IN_PUBLI	Does the contracting party have or commit to have Public liability insurance with a minimum limit of £5m	Y, N	Y	Confirm you meet the minimum insurance level required for Public Liability

	COMM_ IN_COP IE	Will the contracti ng party provide copies of such insuranc es upon request	Y, N	Y	Confirm you will be able to provide copies of insuranc es if requeste d by the <i>DNO</i>
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2.2 **Technical Qualification Criteria**

The 35 standard questions are laid out in Table 3 below

Table 3: Standard Technical Qualification Criteria

Area	Field Name	Technical Qualification Questions	Allowable Responses	Pass criteria	Description
Reference	TECH_REF_DER1	Assigned Reference for this DER, if known	Free text, NA	Completed	If the DER has previously been submitted and assigned a reference, this can be detailed here
Connection	TECH_CN_STATUS	DER Connection status	Archived, Energised, Awaiting Energisation, Planned, Speculative	Energised, Awaiting Energisation, Planned, Speculative	One eligible response per DER must be provided to confirm the status of the assets connection to the

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the DER is not yet available for *flexibility* , Planned means a connection application is in progress but no installation work has started and there is no known date for energisation therefore the DER is not yet available for *flexibility* , Speculative means that the DER is still

					being sought through recruitment and once recruited will form an aggregated group therefore the DER is not yet available for <i>flexibility</i> .
	TECH_ CN_AW AI1	If awaiting energisation, firm date of energisation	DD/MM/YY, NA	Completed	If the DER is Awaiting Energisation the firm date of energisation must be provided , if energised, planned or speculative please

				respond NA
TECH_ CN_AW AI2	If awaiting energisa tion, connecti on referenc e number	Free text, NA	Comple ted	If the DER is Awaiting Energisa tion the connecti on referenc e number must be provided , if energise d, planned or speculati ve please respond NA

		TECH_ CN_PLA N1	If planned, connecti on voltage level	0.23, 0.40, 0.46, 3, 3.3, 6, 6.6, 7, 11, 13, 20, 22, 25, 33, 66, 132, NA	Comple ted	If the DER is Planned the voltage level at the point at which the DER is connecti ng onto the distributi on network must be provided , if Energise d, Awaiting Energisa tion or Speculat ive please respond NA
		TECH_ CN_PLA N2	If planned, connecti on offer status	Not yet applied, applied awaiting offer, offer issued,	Not yet applied, applied awaiting offer, offer	If the DER is Planned the status of the connecti

			offer accepte d	issued, offer accepte d	on applicati on must be stated, if Energise d, Awaiting Energisa tion or Speculat ive please respond NA
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		TECH_ CN_PLA N3	If planned, connecti on referenc e number	Free text, NA	Comple ted	If the DER is Planned the status of the connecti on applicati on must be stated, if Energise d, Awaiting Energisa tion or Speculat ive please respond NA
		TECH_ CN_PLA N4	If planned, what is the target delivery date?	DD/MM/ YY, NA	Comple ted	If the DER is Planned, the target for delivery/ energisa tion must be stated, if Energise d, Awaiting Energisa

				tion or Speculat ive please respond NA
TECH_ CN_SP EC1	If speculati ve, service readines s date	DD/MM/ YY, NA	Comple ted	If the DER is Speculat ive, the anticipat ed date the DER or aggregat ed group or DER will be available to deliver <i>flexibility</i> . If Energise d, Awaiting Energisa tion or Planned please respond NA

		TECH_ CN_SP EC2	If speculati ve, recruitm ent status	ASSET CONTR ACTE D, ASSET KNOWN , ASSET UNKNO WN, NA	Comple ted	If the DER is Speculat ive, the status of recruitm ent must be stated. If Energise d, Awaiting Energisa tion or Planned please respond NA
		TECH_ CN_SP EC3	CMZ Location , if known	Free text, NA	Comple ted	If known, the <i>DNO</i> Constrai nt Manage ment Zone the DER or if speculati ve, the Aggrega ted Group of DER, are sited within. Speculat ive must

					complete this field with a valid DER
Site/ Location	TECH_L N_POS TC	If Energised, Awaiting Energisation, Planned; Postcode	free text	Completed	The full post code of the site where the DER is located
	TECH_L N_IMP AN	If Energised, Awaiting Energisation, Planned; Import MPAN (Meter Point Administration Number) If known	free text (13 Characters), NA	Completed	The unique 13-digit identification of the meter associated with the DER's energy import from the network

		TECH_L N_EMP AN	If Energise d, Awaiting Energisa tion, Planned; Export MPAN (Meter Point Administ ration Number) If known	free text (13 Charact ers), NA	Comple ted	The unique 13-digit identifica tion of the meter associat ed with the DER's energy export to the network
		TECH_L N_MSID 1	If Energise d, Awaiting Energisa tion, Planned; MSID (where applicabl e)	free text, NA	Comple ted	If applicabl e, the BSC unique identifier of the meter associat ed with the DER
		TECH_L N_ANA ME	DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group]	free text	Comple ted	The human readable name the contracti ng party

		Name/Ref			wishes to name the DER
Technology	TECH_TG_GROU1	Asset Scale	DOMESTIC, I&C	Completed	Identifies whether the DER is connected at a site that is domestic, or industrial and commercial.
	TECH_TG_GROU2	Metering Point	POINT OF CONNECTION, ASSET LEVEL	Completed	Describes where the DER is metered. 'Asset Level' means behind the meter and 'Point of Connection' means the connection

					on at the boundary to the network.
	TECH_T G_GRO U3	DER Type; Generati on &/OR Storage	Y, N	Y, N	Identifies if the purpose of the DER is for generation and/stor age
	TECH_T G_GRO U4	DER Type; Demand	Y, N	Y, N	Identifies if the purpose of the DER is for demand <i>flexibility</i>
	TECH_T G_GSC L1	If Generati on &/OR Storage, Energy Conversi on Type	Battery, Compre ssed air system, Engine (combus tion / reciproc ating), Gas	Comple ted	Comple te only if the DER is for generati on and/stor age

			turbine (OCGT), Geother mal power plant, Hydro power system, Liquid air system, Offshore wind turbines, Onshore wind turbines, Photovol taic, Steam turbine (thermal power plant), Steam- gas turbine (CCGT), Tidal lagoons, Tidal stream devices, Wave devices		
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		TECH_T G_GSC L2	If Generati on &/OR Storage, Energy Source	Advance d Fuel (produce d via gasificati on or pyrolysis of biofuel or waste), Biofuel - Biogas from anaerobi c digestion (excludin g landfill & sewage) , Biofuel - Landfill gas, Biofuel – Other, Biofuel - Sewage gas, Biomass , Fossil - Brown coal/ligni te, Fossil - Coal	Comple ted	Comple te only if the DER is for generati on and/stor age	
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gas, Fossil – Gas, Fossil - Hard coal, Fossil – Oil, Fossil - Oil shale, Fossil – Other, Fossil – Peat, Geother mal, Hydroge n, Nuclear, Solar, Waste, Water (flowing water or head of water), Wind, Stored Energy (all stored energy irrespect ive of the original energy source)					
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	TECH_T G_DDC LS	If Demand , Technol ogy Type	Air source heat pump, Ground source heat pump, Water source heat pump, Hybrid Heat pump, EV Charger DSR, EV Charger V2G, On site Battery, Flexible Site Demand	Comple ted	Comple te only if the DER is for demand <i>flexibility</i>

DER Parameters	TECH_P S_INCA P	DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group] Installed capacity (MW)	free text	Comple ted	The full- load output of the DER
	TECH_P S_FCDT U	DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group] Flexible Active Capacity - Demand Turn-up (MW)	free text	Comple ted	The capacity, in MW, of your DER to increase its generati on output. If Zero, please respond '0'
	TECH_P S_FCDT D	DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group] Flexible Active Capacity - Demand	free text	Comple ted	The capacity, in MW, of your DER to reduce its generati on output. If Zero,

		Turn-down (MW)			please respond '0'
	TECH_P S_FCGT U	DER [If Speculative, then Aggregated Group] Flexible Active Capacity - Generation Turn-up (MW)	free text	Completed	The capacity, in MW, of your DER to increase its demand on the network. If Zero, please respond '0'
	TECH_P S_FCGT D	DER [If Speculative, then Aggregated Group] Flexible Active Capacity - Generation Turn-down (MW)	free text	Completed	The capacity, in MW, of your DER to reduce its demand on the network. If Zero, please respond '0'

		TECH_P S_REA CE	DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group] Reactive Export Capacity - Generati on Turn- up (MW)	free text	Comple ted	The capacity, in MVar, that an DER has to generate reactive power: providin g an inductive load and lagging effect on current with respect to the network voltage. If Zero, please respond '0'
		TECH_P S_REA CE	DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group] Reactive Import Capacity - Generati	free text	Comple ted	The capacity, in MVar, that a DER has to absorb reactive power: providin g a

		on Turn-down (MW)			capacitive load and leading effect on current with respect to the network voltage. If Zero, please respond '0'
	TECH_P F_MINO D	DER [If Speculative, then Aggregated Group] Min Operating Duration (HH:MM)	HH:MM	HH:MM	Minimum amount of time the DER is able to provide a <i>flexibility</i> response. Where a DER is able to run continuously beyond 24hrs, respond 'Unlimited'

		TECH_P F_MAX OD	DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group] Max Operatin g Duration (HH:MM)	HH:MM, Unlimite d	HH:MM	Maximu m amount of time the DER is able to provide a <i>flexibility</i> respons e. Where a DER is able to run continuo usly beyond 24hrs, respond 'Unlimite d'
		TECH_P S_RESP O	DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group] Respons e Time (minutes)	HH:MM	HH:MM	The minimu m time required for the DER to respond to a utilisatio n instructi on.

		TECH_P S_REC OV	DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group] Recover y Time	HH:MM	HH:MM	The time required by the DER [If Speculat ive, then Aggrega ted Group] to recover from one instructi on until the next instructi on can be actioned .
Metering		TECH_P S_MET ER	Metering Granular ity (Second by Second, Minute by Minute or Half Hourly)	SS, MIN, HH	MIN, HH	The metering frequenc y available for the DER, or if speculati ve then for the Aggrega ted Group. Entry

					should be relevant to the service applicable, for example many DNOs do not accept second x second metering .
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3 Market Information

3.1 Implementation tracking

The *DNOs* must provide the *Market Facilitator* with the data set out in Table 1 for each *Sub-Market* in scope of this *Flexibility Market Rule*. The data provided should accurately reflect their implementation of the rule within each *Sub-Market*.

The expected values required for compliance are also set out in Table 1.

Initial data shall be sent no later than 20 *working days* after the Published Date of this *Flexibility Market Rule*.

Updates shall be sent as soon as reasonably practical, and no later than 10 *working days* after any changes to the values.

Elaxon reserves the right to publish this data within its *Implementation Tracker*.

Table 1: Implementation tracking requirements

FMR-PQC	Parameter	Required value (per <i>Sub-Market</i>)
	Implementation Status	Dependent on date: • Before <i>Implementation Date</i>: Not yet started, Implementing, Paused, Implemented • Between <i>Implementation Date</i> and End Date: Implemented • After End Date: Superseded
	Target <i>Implementation Date</i>	No later than <i>Implementation Date</i>

3.2 Flexibility Market Catalogue data

The *DNOs* must update the *Market Facilitator* with the data set out in Table 2 below for each *Sub-Market* in scope of this *Flexibility Market Rule*. This should accurately reflect their implementation of each *Sub-Market*.

The expected values required for compliance are also set out in Table 2.

Initial data shall be sent no later than the *Implementation Date* of this *Flexibility Market Rule*.

Updates shall be sent as soon as reasonably practical, and no later than 10 *working days* after any changes to the values.

DNO/System Operators shall also publish this information themselves.

Elxon reserves the right to publish this data within its *Flexibility Market Catalogue*.

Table 2: *Sub-Market* definitions

Parameter	Description	Required Value
Non-Standard criteria in use?	Does the <i>DNO</i> use any non-standard terms (as submitted to the <i>Market Facilitator</i> as per section 2)	-

3.3 Effectiveness monitoring

The following metrics shall be used to assess the effectiveness of the rule.

All *DNOs* must provide the *Market Facilitator* with any Additional Input Data as set out in Table 6 below for each *Sub-Market* in scope of this rule. The data provided should accurately reflect their implementation of the rule within each of their *Sub-Markets*.

The expected values minimum required values for compliance, if any, are also set out in Table 6.

Initial Additional Input Data shall be sent no later than 20 *working days* after the *Implementation Date* of this *Flexibility Market Rule*.

Additional Input Data shall be sent in accordance with the Cadence set out in Table 6.

Updates to Additional Input Data shall be sent as soon as reasonably practical, and no later than 10 *working days* after any changes to the values.

Elxon reserves the right to publish this data within its *Implementation Tracker*.

Table 3: Effectiveness monitoring metrics

Metric 1	Description	Number of variations to standardised pre-qualification criteria implemented per <i>DNO</i>
	Why are we tracking this?	To understand the level of alignment and difference across <i>system operators</i>
	Cadence	Every 6 months
	Data Source	Existing Data – <i>Derogation</i> requirements as set out in section 1 Additional Input Data - None
	What does good look like?	0
	Minimum Requirement	-

4 Glossary

4.0 The following definitions are specific to this *Flexibility Market Rule*. These are supplemented by the definitions in the *Market Facilitator Glossary*. If there is an inconsistency between definitions, the definition in this document shall prevail.

Term	Meaning
None used in this document	

FMR: Pre-Qualification Criteria - Amendment record

 Guidance

This section is provided as guidance to the Flexibility Market Rule. Therefore, it is not legally binding and falls outside of the formal change management process.

Version	Published Date	Document Status	Description of Changes	Change Proposal Reference	Market Facilitator Decision Report Ref
1.0	12/12/2025	Final	Document Published	-	-
2.0	04/02/2026	Final	Housekeeping change	CP002	CP002

4.0.2 Annex 1: Associated meta-data

 Guidance

This annex is provided as guidance to the Flexibility Market Rule. Therefore, it is not legally binding and falls outside of the formal change management process.

Identifier	FMR-PQC
Title	Pre-Qualification Criteria
Type	<i>Flexibility Market Rule</i>
Collection	<i>Sub-Market Alignment</i>
Audience	<i>DNOs, Flexibility Service Providers</i>
Expertise	Contracting, Onboarding
Owner	<i>Market Facilitator</i>
Expected benefit	Aligned, simplified process reducing <i>FSP</i> costs associated with the process
Related end-to-end process reference	Q.2 Qualify Counterparty (Commercially) Q.6 Pre-Qualify Assets
References	
IsReferencedBy	
Published version number	2.0
Applicability	<i>All DNO sub-markets</i>

Published Date	04/02/2026
<i>Implementation Date</i>	06/02/2026
End Date	-
Terms of variations	<i>Self-derogation</i>
IsReplacedBy	N/A
Replaces	N/A
Status	Final
Change since last version	Housekeeping change – Correction of <i>Implementation Date</i> . Addition of 10 technical criteria missed in first version. . Update to section 3.3, <i>sub-market</i> guidance and guidance on links segregation between Commercial and Technical qualification.
Description	What? This rule aligns the questions asked by <i>DNOs</i> to pre-qualify into their markets. How? There are now 31 standard commercial criteria, and 35 technical criteria to be used by the <i>DNOs</i>. Variations are permitted, but only if submitted to the <i>Market Facilitator</i> Who? This rule impact all <i>DNOs</i>, and in turn their <i>Flexibility Service Providers</i>. When? This rule comes into force in February 2026 Why? This rule aims to align and simplify

the pre-qualification process, reducing the complexity and costs incurred by *Flexibility Service Providers*