Guidance on Accounts, Contacts, Users and Record Visibility within the ePQS Portal

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Accounts

Salesforce, the software running ePQS record uses the term account to describe an organization, or private individual.

An account can have zero, one or more related contact records. Meaning an account does not need to have a child contact.

![Diagram showing the relationship between account and contact records]

*Figure 1: Relationship between account and contact records.*
Accounts have several means of identification: Account UID (1); Legal Name (2), Account Name (3) (see figure 2).

![Account record identification fields.](image)

**Figure 2: Account record identification fields.**

Account UID is an automatically generated number. Legal Name, as the name suggests the legal name of the entity. Account Name is an internal name assigned by PQT to more easily differentiate entities with the same Legal name.

**Account Hierarchy**

With ePQS it is possible to organize accounts into a hierarchy if requested by companies. This has no systemic effect on record visibility, but is for information only.

Nonetheless, grouping accounts into a hierarchy can be very helpful for PQT to understand company oversight and responsibilities, as illustrate din figure

Contacts can be arranged freely among the hierarchy using direct and indirect relationships (covered in following sections).
Contacts

A contact record, is a record describing a person.

A contact must be related to at least one account.

A single contact record can be related directly to only one account.

A single contact record can be indirectly related to multiple accounts.

An example of where a single contact might have an indirect relationship might arise when a contact belongs directly to the corporate account of the company, but has responsibilities at one of the company’s manufacturing sites.
Figure 4: An example of Contact 2 having direct and indirect Account relationships.

Another example might arise, on rare occasions, if the person acts as an agent for more than one company.

Figure 5: An example of a Contact having indirect Account relationships with several Accounts.
Primary Account Contact

An account can have many related contacts, but it is possible to nominate a primary contact.

The primary contact has no additional system-related abilities, but can play a critical role as a contact point for the company.

Users

Practically speaking a user is a contact who can access the ePQS portal.

There are three types of external users and typically a user must choose only one. These are:

1. An Applicant, Manufacturer or Laboratory
2. A National Regulatory Authority user
3. An PQT external expert

The User type impacts the types of records a user will be able to see in the portal and what they can do within the portal.

Equally important, the relationship of the user’s contact record to other account records has an impact on which records a user can see in the portal (See Record Visibility).

Record visibility

An applicant, manufacturer or Laboratory user will typically see the following record types in the ePQS Portal:

- Any accounts record to which they are directly or indirectly related.
- The contacts records of any accounts they are directly or indirectly related to.
- Product records where directly or indirectly related accounts are listed as the Application Organization.
- Application records where directly or indirectly related accounts are listed as the Application Organization.
- Activity records assigned to themselves or any user of an account they are directly or indirectly related to.
- Inspections records, once completed, where directly or indirectly related accounts are listed as the Site Organization.
- All NRA CRP Agreement records.
It is important to understand that if a user (contact record) is related to more than one account (see indirect relationship) the user will see relevant records related to all of these accounts. Therefore attention should be given to account-contact relationship.

A National Regulatory Agency user will typically see the following record types in the ePQS Portal:

- Any accounts records to which they are directly or indirectly related.
- The contacts records of any accounts they are directly or indirectly related to.
- Application records where directly or indirectly related accounts are listed as the Application Organization.
- Collaborative Registration Procedure Agreement records, where their NRA Organization is listed.
- Any product records involved in an active CRP procedure, provided the NRA user is specifically recorded as the Agency’s Collaborative Registration Procedure (CRP) Contact.

An External expert will see:

- Their account record
- Their contact record
- Related Activity records
- Any records specifically shared with them in the course of their duties

Field visibility

External users do not have full visibility of the fields present on records, even if they have access to the record.