



Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard

Attestation of Compliance for Report on Compliance – Service Providers

Version 4.0.1

Publication Date: August 2024



PCI DSS v4.0.1 Attestation of Compliance for Report on Compliance – Service Providers

Entity Name: ANS Group Limited

Date of Report as noted in the Report on Compliance: 12th May 2026

Date Assessment Ended: 12th May 2026



Section 1: Assessment Information

Instructions for Submission

This Attestation of Compliance (AOC) must be completed as a declaration of the results of the service provider's assessment against the *Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) Requirements and Testing Procedures* ("Assessment"). Complete all sections. The service provider is responsible for ensuring that each section is completed by the relevant parties, as applicable. Contact the entity(ies) to which this AOC will be submitted for reporting and submission procedures.

This AOC reflects the results documented in an associated Report on Compliance (ROC). Associated ROC sections are noted in each AOC Part/Section below.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this document have the meanings set forth in the PCI DSS Report on Compliance Template.

Part 1. Contact Information

Part 1a. Assessed Entity (ROC Section 1.1)

Company name:	ANS Group Limited
DBA (doing business as):	ANS
Company mailing address:	Archway 1, Birley Fields, Manchester, M15 5QJ, Lancashire, UK
Company main website:	www.ans.co.uk
Company contact name:	Katie King
Company contact title:	Head of Information Security & Compliance
Contact phone number:	+44 800 230 0032
Contact e-mail address:	katie.roberts@ans.co.uk

Part 1b. Assessor (ROC Section 1.1)

Provide the following information for all assessors involved in the Assessment. If there was no assessor for a given assessor type, enter Not Applicable.

PCI SSC Internal Security Assessor(s)	
ISA name(s):	Not Applicable
Qualified Security Assessor	
Company name:	Blackfoot UK Limited
Company mailing address:	Maria House, 35 Millers Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 5NP, UK
Company website:	www.blackfootuk.com
Lead Assessor name:	Paul Farmer
Assessor phone number:	+44 (0)203 393 7795
Assessor e-mail address:	Paul.farmer@blackfootuk.com
Assessor certificate number:	QSA, 203-579



Part 2. Executive Summary

Part 2a. Scope Verification

Services that were **INCLUDED** in the scope of the Assessment (select all that apply):

Name of service(s) assessed:

Physical hosting, infrastructure and managed services

Type of service(s) assessed:

Hosting Provider:

- Applications / software
- Hardware
- Infrastructure / Network
- Physical space (co-location)
- Storage
- Web-hosting services
- Security services
- 3-D Secure Hosting Provider
- Multi-Tenant Service Provider
- Other Hosting (specify):

Managed Services:

- Systems security services
- IT support
- Physical security
- Terminal Management System
- Other services (specify):

Payment Processing:

- POI / card present
- Internet / e-commerce
- MOTO / Call Center
- ATM
- Other processing (specify):

Account Management

Fraud and Chargeback

Payment Gateway/Switch

Back-Office Services

Issuer Processing

Prepaid Services

Billing Management

Loyalty Programs

Records Management

Clearing and Settlement

Merchant Services

Tax/Government Payments

Network Provider

Others (specify):

Note: These categories are provided for assistance only and are not intended to limit or predetermine an entity's service description. If these categories do not apply to the assessed service, complete "Others." If it is not clear whether a category could apply to the assessed service, consult with the entity(ies) to which this AOC will be submitted.



Part 2. Executive Summary (continued)

Part 2a. Scope Verification (continued)

Services that are provided by the service provider but were NOT INCLUDED in the scope of the Assessment (select all that apply):

Name of service(s) not assessed:	None	
Type of service(s) not assessed:		
Hosting Provider: <input type="checkbox"/> Applications / software <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure / Network <input type="checkbox"/> Physical space (co-location) <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Web-hosting services <input type="checkbox"/> Security services <input type="checkbox"/> 3-D Secure Hosting Provider <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Tenant Service Provider <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hosting (specify):	Managed Services: <input type="checkbox"/> Systems security services <input type="checkbox"/> IT support <input type="checkbox"/> Physical security <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Management System <input type="checkbox"/> Other services (specify):	Payment Processing: <input type="checkbox"/> POI / card present <input type="checkbox"/> Internet / e-commerce <input type="checkbox"/> MOTO / Call Center <input type="checkbox"/> ATM <input type="checkbox"/> Other processing (specify):
<input type="checkbox"/> Account Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Fraud and Chargeback	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Gateway/Switch
<input type="checkbox"/> Back-Office Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Issuer Processing	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepaid Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Billing Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Records Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Clearing and Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax/Government Payments
<input type="checkbox"/> Network Provider		
<input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):		
Provide a brief explanation why any checked services were not included in the Assessment:		

Part 2b. Description of Role with Payment Cards (ROC Sections 2.1 and 3.1)

Describe how the business stores, processes, and/or transmits account data.	ANS does not store, process or transmit any cardholder data and has no access to any cardholder data.
Describe how the business is otherwise involved in or has the ability to impact the security of its customers' account data.	ANS Group Limited (ANS) provides physical hosting, infrastructure and managed services from its 5 data centres in Manchester (MAN 4-8) and 2 data centres (London and Slough) which are managed by service providers Telehouse and Equinix. ANS also build and manage customer systems to the operating system level on customer request.



	ANS has no access to any cardholder data which may be used by its customers.
Describe system components that could impact the security of account data.	ANS are responsible for the physical security of hosting environment, provision of infrastructure and the secure management of the infrastructure to facilitate the hosting environment.



Part 2. Executive Summary (continued)

Part 2c. Description of Payment Card Environment

Provide a high-level description of the environment covered by this Assessment.

For example:

- *Connections into and out of the cardholder data environment (CDE).*
- *Critical system components within the CDE, such as POI devices, databases, web servers, etc., and any other necessary payment components, as applicable.*
- *System components that could impact the security of account data.*

There is no cardholder data stored, processed or transmitted by ANS. ANS do not have access to any customer cardholder data.

ANS are responsible for the provision of secure physical hosting, infrastructure and managed services to build and manage customer environments on demand.

Indicate whether the environment includes segmentation to reduce the scope of the Assessment.

(Refer to the "Segmentation" section of PCI DSS for guidance on segmentation)

Yes No

Part 2d. In-Scope Locations/Facilities (ROC Section 4.6)

List all types of physical locations/facilities (for example, corporate offices, data centers, call centers and mail rooms) in scope for this Assessment.

Facility Type	Total Number of Locations (How many locations of this type are in scope)	Location(s) of Facility (city, country)
<i>Example: Data centers</i>	3	<i>Boston, MA, USA</i>
Head Office	1	Manchester, UK
Data Centres (MAN4 - MAN8)	5	Manchester, UK
Data Centres (3rd Parties Telehouse and Equinix)	2	London and Slough, UK



Part 2. Executive Summary (continued)

Part 2e. PCI SSC Validated Products and Solutions (ROC Section 3.3)

Does the entity use any item identified on any PCI SSC Lists of Validated Products and Solutions.*?

Yes No

Provide the following information regarding each item the entity uses from PCI SSC's Lists of Validated Products and Solutions:

Name of PCI SSC validated Product or Solution	Version of Product or Solution	PCI SSC Standard to which Product or Solution Was Validated	PCI SSC Listing Reference Number	Expiry Date of Listing
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
				YYYY-MM-DD
				YYYY-MM-DD
				YYYY-MM-DD
				YYYY-MM-DD
				YYYY-MM-DD

* For purposes of this document, "Lists of Validated Products and Solutions" means the lists of validated products, solutions, and/or components, appearing on the PCI SSC website (www.pcisecuritystandards.org) (for example, 3DS Software Development Kits, Approved PTS Devices, Validated Payment Software, Point to Point Encryption (P2PE) solutions, Software-Based PIN Entry on COTS (SPoC) solutions, Contactless Payments on COTS (CPoC) solutions), and Mobile Payments on COTS (MPoC) products.



Part 2. Executive Summary (continued)

**Part 2f. Third-Party Service Providers
(ROC Section 4.4)**

For the services being validated, does the entity have relationships with one or more third-party service providers that:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store, process, or transmit account data on the entity’s behalf (for example, payment gateways, payment processors, payment service providers (PSPs, and off-site storage)) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage system components included in the entity’s Assessment (for example, via network security control services, anti-malware services, security incident and event management (SIEM), contact and call centers, web-hosting companies, and IaaS, PaaS, SaaS, and FaaS cloud providers) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could impact the security of the entity’s CDE (for example, vendors providing support via remote access, and/or bespoke software developers). 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If Yes:

Name of Service Provider:	Description of Services Provided:
Telehouse	Colocation datacentre hosting services
Equinix	Colocation datacentre hosting services

Note: Requirement 12.8 applies to all entities in this list.



Part 2. Executive Summary (continued)

Part 2g. Summary of Assessment (ROC Section 1.8.1)

Indicate below all responses provided within each principal PCI DSS requirement.

For all requirements identified as either “Not Applicable” or “Not Tested,” complete the “Justification for Approach” table below.

Note: One table to be completed for each service covered by this AOC. Additional copies of this section are available on the PCI SSC website.

Name of Service Assessed: Physical hosting, infrastructure and managed services

PCI DSS Requirement	Requirement Finding More than one response may be selected for a given requirement. Indicate all responses that apply.				Select If a Compensating Control(s) Was Used
	In Place	Not Applicable	Not Tested	Not in Place	
Requirement 1:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 2:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 5:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 6:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 7:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 8:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 9:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 10:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 11:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement 12:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appendix A1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appendix A2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Justification for Approach



For any Not Applicable responses, identify which sub-requirements were not applicable and the reason.

- 1.2.4, 1.3.3 -There is no cardholder data in scope.
- 2.2.5 -There are no insecure services, protocols, or daemons.
- 2.3.1, 2.3.2 -There are no wireless networks in scope.
- 3.x - ANS does not have access to any cardholder data.
- 4.x - ANS does not have access to any cardholder data.
- 5.2.3, 5.2.3.1 - All in-scope servers have Windows Defender AV solution installed.
- 5.3.2.1 - Real time scanning in place.
- 5.3.3 - All removable media is disabled by default
- 6.2.1-6.2.4 - No bespoke and custom software development
- 6.3.2 - The only bespoke solution is TechDB
- 6.4.1, 6.4.2, 6.4.3 - There are no public-facing web applications in scope.
- 6.5.2,11.3.1.3, 11.3.2.1, 12.5.3 - There have been no significant changes
- 6.5.3, 6.5.4 - There is no pre-production environment
- 6.5.5, 6.5.6 - There is system development
- 7.2.5, 7.2.5.1 - There are no application and system accounts in scope.
- 7.2.6 - There is no user access to query repositories of stored cardholder data.
- 8.2.3 - There is no remote access to customer premises
- 8.3.10, 8.3.10.1 - There is no cardholder data or customer access in scope.
- 8.5.1 - MFA system is not susceptible to replay attacks
- 8.6.1, 8.6.2, 8.6.3 - There are no application and system accounts that can be used interactively.
- 9.4.1 – 9.4.5.1 -There is no media with cardholder data.
- 9.4.6 - There are no hard-copy materials with cardholder data.
- 9.5.1 - 9.5.1.3 - There are no POI devices that capture payment card data in scope.
- 10.2.1.1- There is no CHD in scope.
- 10.4.2.1, 10.7.1 - All log reviews are daily.
- 10.7.2 - There have been no failures of critical security control systems in the last year.
- 11.3.1.3, 11.3.2.1 - There has been no significant change.
- 11.4.7 - ANS is not a multi-tenant provider.
- 11.6.1 - There are no payment pages in scope.
- 12.3.2 - The customised approach has not been used for this assessment.
- 12.3.3 - There are no cryptographic suites or protocols in scope.
- 12.9.1, 12.9.2 - There are no TPSPs in scope.



	12.10.7 - There is no cardholder data in scope.
For any Not Tested responses, identify which sub-requirements were not tested and the reason.	Not Applicable



Section 2 Report on Compliance

(ROC Sections 1.2 and 1.3)

Date Assessment began: <i>Note: This is the first date that evidence was gathered, or observations were made.</i>	23rd February 2026
Date Assessment ended: <i>Note: This is the last date that evidence was gathered, or observations were made.</i>	12th May 2026
Were any requirements in the ROC unable to be met due to a legal constraint?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Were any testing activities performed remotely?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



Section 3 Validation and Attestation Details

Part 3. PCI DSS Validation (ROC Section 1.7)

This AOC is based on results noted in the ROC dated *(Date of Report as noted in the ROC 12th May 2026)*.

Indicate below whether a full or partial PCI DSS assessment was completed:

- Full Assessment** – All requirements have been assessed and therefore no requirements were marked as Not Tested in the ROC.
- Partial Assessment** – One or more requirements have not been assessed and were therefore marked as Not Tested in the ROC. Any requirement not assessed is noted as Not Tested in Part 2g above.

Based on the results documented in the ROC noted above, each signatory identified in any of Parts 3b-3d, as applicable, assert(s) the following compliance status for the entity identified in Part 2 of this document *(select one)*:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Compliant: All sections of the PCI DSS ROC are complete, and all assessed requirements are marked as being either In Place or Not Applicable, resulting in an overall COMPLIANT rating; thereby ANS Group Limited has demonstrated compliance with all PCI DSS requirements except those noted as Not Tested above.</p>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Non-Compliant: Not all sections of the PCI DSS ROC are complete, or one or more requirements are marked as Not in Place, resulting in an overall NON-COMPLIANT rating; thereby <i>(Service Provider Company Name)</i> has not demonstrated compliance with PCI DSS requirements.</p> <p>Target Date for Compliance: YYYY-MM-DD</p> <p>An entity submitting this form with a Non-Compliant status may be required to complete the Action Plan in Part 4 of this document. Confirm with the entity to which this AOC will be submitted before completing Part 4.</p>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Compliant but with Legal exception: One or more assessed requirements in the ROC are marked as Not in Place due to a legal restriction that prevents the requirement from being met and all other assessed requirements are marked as being either In Place or Not Applicable, resulting in an overall COMPLIANT BUT WITH LEGAL EXCEPTION rating; thereby <i>(Service Provider Company Name)</i> has demonstrated compliance with all PCI DSS requirements except those noted as Not Tested above or as Not in Place due to a legal restriction.</p> <p>This option requires additional review from the entity to which this AOC will be submitted.</p> <p><i>If selected, complete the following:</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 35%;">Affected Requirement</th> <th>Details of how legal constraint prevents requirement from being met</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Affected Requirement	Details of how legal constraint prevents requirement from being met						
Affected Requirement	Details of how legal constraint prevents requirement from being met								



Part 3. PCI DSS Validation (continued)

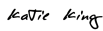
Part 3a. Service Provider Acknowledgement

Signatory(s) confirms:

(Select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The ROC was completed according to <i>PCI DSS</i> , Version 4.0.1 and was completed according to the instructions therein.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All information within the above-referenced ROC and in this attestation fairly represents the results of the Assessment in all material respects.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PCI DSS controls will be maintained at all times, as applicable to the entity's environment.

Part 3b. Service Provider Attestation


Signed by:

 4E546C1EF92B4E6...

Signature of Service Provider Executive Officer ↑	Date: 13 May 2026
Service Provider Executive Officer Name: Katie King	Title: Head of InfoSec & Compliance


Part 3c. Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) Acknowledgement

If a QSA was involved or assisted with this Assessment, indicate the role performed:

- QSA performed testing procedures.
- QSA provided other assistance.
If selected, describe all role(s) performed:

DocuSigned by:

 72A8E5DF644D84F0...

Signature of Lead QSA ↑	Date: 12th May 2026
Lead QSA Name: Paul Farmer	

DocuSigned by:

 72A8602D0B9B4D3...

Signature of Duly Authorized Officer of QSA Company ↑	Date: 12th May 2026
Duly Authorized Officer Name: Andrew Wortley	QSA Company: Blackfoot UK Limited

Part 3d. PCI SSC Internal Security Assessor (ISA) Involvement

If an ISA(s) was involved or assisted with this Assessment, indicate the role performed:

- ISA(s) performed testing procedures.
- ISA(s) provided other assistance.
If selected, describe all role(s) performed:



Part 4. Action Plan for Non-Compliant Requirements

Only complete Part 4 upon request of the entity to which this AOC will be submitted, and only if the Assessment has Non-Compliant results noted in Section 3.

If asked to complete this section, select the appropriate response for “Compliant to PCI DSS Requirements” for each requirement below. For any “No” responses, include the date the entity expects to be compliant with the requirement and provide a brief description of the actions being taken to meet the requirement.

PCI DSS Requirement	Description of Requirement	Compliant to PCI DSS Requirements (Select One)		Remediation Date and Actions (If “NO” selected for any Requirement)
		YES	NO	
1	Install and maintain network security controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Apply secure configurations to all system components	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Protect stored account data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Protect cardholder data with strong cryptography during transmission over open, public networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Protect all systems and networks from malicious software	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Develop and maintain secure systems and software	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Restrict access to system components and cardholder data by business need to know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Identify users and authenticate access to system components	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9	Restrict physical access to cardholder data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10	Log and monitor all access to system components and cardholder data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11	Test security systems and networks regularly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12	Support information security with organizational policies and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Appendix A1	Additional PCI DSS Requirements for Multi-Tenant Service Providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Appendix A2	Additional PCI DSS Requirements for Entities using SSL/early TLS for Card-Present POS POI Terminal Connections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Note: The PCI Security Standards Council is a global standards body that provides resources for payment security professionals developed collaboratively with our stakeholder community. Our materials are accepted in numerous compliance programs worldwide. Please check with your individual compliance accepting organization to ensure that this form is acceptable in their program. For more information about PCI SSC and our stakeholder community please visit: https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/about_us/