



## ***First Certified* Date on SAS Certified Sites List**

The *First Certified* date for a site on the SAS certified sites list on the GSMA website indicates the year that the site first gained SAS provisional or full certification for any scope element within that scheme.

The *First Certified* date is provided for information only. All SAS certified sites within each scheme are audited to the same requirements during their initial and renewal SAS audits, and each certified site has demonstrated an ability and intent to sustain compliance during its certification period.

A site participating in both schemes (SAS for UICC Production (SAS-UP) and SAS for Subscription Management (SAS-SM)) will have a separate *First Certified* date for each scheme.

A *First Certified* date is provided for primary sites and independently certified cloud regions only. A *First Certified* date is not provided for supporting sites, as these sites do not hold independent SAS certification.

For cloud service providers, the *First Certified* date indicates the year that the cloud service provider first gained SAS-SM certification for any cloud region within the scope of its certification.

Temporary lapses in SAS certification at a site do not affect the *First Certified* date unless these reflect, in the view of the GSMA, a substantial disengagement by the site from the scheme. Following the introduction of the *First Certified* date onto the website, any lapse in certification longer than 3 months would normally be considered as a substantial disengagement by the site. If a site regains SAS certification following a period of substantial disengagement, the *First Certified* date shall be reset to the date when SAS certification was regained.

Certified sites sometimes transfer their production to different buildings or facilities within the same campus, locality or city, and host the necessary audit(s) to gain certification at the new building or facility as part of the transfer. In the view of the GSMA, if the combination of personnel, production processes and relevant policies at the new building or facility is substantially the same as was certified at the former building/facility, the *First Certified* date will not be affected.

Major changes at a site including significant production, process or relevant policy changes, and including transfer of site ownership, do not affect the *First Certified* date, on condition that the site remains actively engaged with the scheme and holds the necessary audits to maintain certification of the site.