

WORKS WITH HOME ASSISTANT
CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT
(Agreement)

between

Open Home Foundation
c/o Treforma AG
Grabenstrasse 25
6340 Baar
Switzerland

Certification Provider

and

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Certified Partner

Certification Provider and Certified Partner individually **Party** and together **Parties**

regarding

Certification of Products

Preamble

- A. The Certification Provider is a Foundation duly incorporated in accordance with the laws of Switzerland having its registered office in Baar, Switzerland. The Certification Provider intends to empower society with knowledge, technology and tools so that individuals can build smart homes that revolve around privacy, choice and sustainability. To achieve this, the Certification Provider develops open-source software products and intellectual property rights. Among others, the Certification Provider holds the rights to “Home Assistant” as set forth in Annex A (Home Assistant).
- B. The Certified Partner is [...]. The Certified Partner produces and/or trades with household devices and products that are sold to wholesalers and private customers.
- C. The Certified Partner wishes to make the devices and products it produces and/or trades with technically compatible with the software products developed by the Certification Provider and to advertise the compatibility of these devices and products accordingly. For this purpose, the Certification Provider shall issue a corresponding Certificate as defined further below to the Certified Partner in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement (**Certification Terms and Conditions**).

Based on the above, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Subject of Agreement

- 1.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the Certified Partner with the Certification Terms and Conditions under which the Certified Partner is eligible to obtain the Certificate as defined further below and use the System provided by the Certification Provider.
- 1.2 The Certified Partner will comply with all Certification Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, especially as stated below in the Sections 3.1 and 4.1 of this Agreement.
- 1.3 The Certification Provider is entitled to change the Certification Terms and Conditions aimed to improve its products for the end-service users from time to time. Any change of Certification Terms and Conditions shall be announced to the Certified Partner at least two (2) months prior to a potential audit of the compliance with the Certification Terms and Conditions (whether regular or irregular).

2. Certification Process

- 2.1 For the duration of this Agreement, the Certified Partner is authorized to use the Certificate as defined further below for all devices and products that have been approved by the Certification Provider and to advertise the respective devices and products with the associated compatibility to the software products developed by the Certification Provider.
- 2.2 In order to ensure such compatibility, the Certified Partner undertakes to provide the Certification Provider with at least 2 test units per device or product it wants to have certified by the Certification Provider. In any case, a Certificate as defined further below will only be granted after a corresponding examination by the Certification Provider. The Certification Provider decides independently whether such compatibility is given. The Certification Provider will provide its reasons for its decisions to the Certified Partner. If such compatibility is not given the Certified Partner has the right to terminate this Agreement without any liability.

3. Certificates

- 3.1 The certification program of the Certification Provider consists of the following Certificates (each a **Certificate**) which attest that the respective devices or products of the Certified Partner are

interoperable with the respective software product of the Certification Provider and for which the following minimum requirements are:

- **“Locally”**
 - Such a Certificate is issued if the following requirements are met:
 - The integration of the device or product in Home Assistant must at least meet the requirements of the “Gold Status” as defined by the Certification Provider in its quality standard published under ADR0022 as amended or revised from time to time. The current quality standard set by the Certification Provider is attached to this Agreement and forms an integral part thereof (Annex 3.1) (**ADR0022**).
 - The Certified Partner must actively maintain its Home Assistant core integration either itself or through a third party. The Certified Partner provides the Certification Provider with the contact details of the developers in charge.
 - Libraries used in the Home Assistant integration need to be published under an OSI-approved license.
- **“Zigbee”, “Z-Wave” or “Matter”**
 - Such a Certificate is issued if the Certified Partner proves that the device or product in question has been certified by one of the following certifiers with regard to the communication protocols used:
 - Connectivity Standard Alliance (CSA): for the “Zigbee”- and/or “Matter”-Certificate.
 - Z-Wave Alliance: for the “Z-Wave”-Certificate.
 - The device or product in question needs to provide firmware updates over Home Assistant supported channels. At least the current running firmware must be available.
- **“Bluetooth”**
 - Such a Certificate is issued if the Certified Partner proves that:
 - The device or product in question is certified by the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (Bluetooth SIG); and
 - It meets the requirements for the issuance of a Locally-Certificate.

- **“BTHome”**

- Such a Certificate is issued if the Certified Partner proves that:
 - The device or product in question is certified by the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (Bluetooth SIG); and
 - The device or product in question uses the BTHome protocol to communicate with Home Assistant via Bluetooth.

- **“ESPHome”**

- Such a Certificate is issued if the Certified Partner proves that the device is part of the “Made for ESPHome” program.

3.2 Devices or products that operate through a Vendor Hub may also be certified, provided that the respective Vendor Hub itself has been issued one of the above-mentioned Certificates. In such cases, the device or product to be certified must obtain a specific type of Certificate (**Add-on Certificate**). This Add-on Certificate indicates that it runs via a tested Vendor Hub. For the purposes of this Agreement, a Vendor Hub is defined as a connecting device manufactured and maintained by a Certified Partner, with firmware exclusively managed by the Certified Partner (**Vendor Hub**). The primary function of the Vendor Hub is to facilitate the connection of a selection of the same manufacturer’s end-devices to a protocol that seamlessly integrates with Home Assistant. Vendor Hubs will not be independently certified but will instead be evaluated as part of a suite of products within the same ecosystem. As a result, the certification process will require testing of both the Vendor Hub and the associated end-devices to ensure full compatibility and functionality.

4. **Rights and Obligations of Parties**

- 4.1 The Certified Partner shall, during the duration of this Agreement resp. before the granting of a Certificate by the Certification Provider, guarantee the following:
- a. to pay an annual fee of CHF 500, billed annually;
 - b. to provide the Certification Provider with the contact of an integration supervisor;
 - c. to provide the Certification Provider with a technical support contact;
 - d. to provide a link for each device or product certified in accordance with this Agreement through which users can reach customer support;
 - e. to comply with applicable law (incl. data protection regulations);
 - f. to comply with applicable regulatory standards (e.g. FCC- or CE-regulations);
 - g. to promptly notify any infringement of any Certificate by a third party, whereby the Certified Partner shall have neither the right nor the obligation to prosecute any infringement claims against third-party infringers;
 - h. to refrain from modifying, enhancing or changing the Certificate or combining it with another mark, or using, adopting or registering any marks confusingly similar to any Certificate;
 - i. to refrain from omitting portions or using a partial version of any Certificate;

- j. to refrain from using any Certificate, or any portion thereof, as a domain name, including, without limitation, as a subdomain name or name of a service or company;
- k. to always adhere to the principles of privacy, choice and sustainability of the Certification Provider;
- l. to be in good standing with the Certification Provider and the Home Assistant community;

4.2 The Certification Provider shall be entitled, at its sole discretion, to conduct evaluations to verify the Certified Partner's continued compliance with the Certification Terms and Conditions. For this purpose, the Certified Partner shall, upon written request, provide the Certification Provider with a reasonable number of samples of the certified device or product within ten (10) business days of receipt of such request, and shall grant the Certification Provider access to the relevant hardware and software environment. In addition to certified devices, the Certification Provider may, on a case-by-case basis, request supplementary equipment required for testing purposes but not itself subject to certification—such as demonstration units. Upon delivery, any such device, product, or supplementary equipment shall become the legal property of the Certification Provider. However, the Certification Provider may, at its discretion, return such items to the Certified Partner at the latter's cost, in which case ownership shall be legally re-transferred. This applies particularly to bulky or high-value items, but remains subject in all cases to the sole discretion and individual assessment of the Certification Provider. The Certification Provider reserves the right to revoke any certificate it has issued at any time. In such an event, the Certification Provider shall inform the Certified Partner of the reasons for such revocation.

4.3 The Certification Provider has the following obligations:

- a. to maintain a list of devices or products certified by the Certification Provider that can be accessed by the Certified Partner at any time;
- b. to publish a list on its official website (home-assistant.io or as its domain may change from time to time) detailing the Certificates issued together with the corresponding devices or products and, if applicable, the corresponding Vendor Hub;
- c. to organize quarterly updates to discuss upcoming changes and features for Home Assistant and the "Works with Home Assistant" program;
- d. to make reasonable efforts to be in good standing with the Certified Partner.

4.4 For the sake of clarity, it is noted that the Certification Provider is not obliged to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement until the Certified Partner fulfils all of its obligations. The Certified Partner is therefore obliged to perform in advance.

4.5 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to:

- a. give either Party the power to direct and/or control the day-to-day activities of the other Party;
- b. give either Party the right to act on behalf or in the name of the other Party. Any warranty, limitation of liability or indemnity that the Certified Partner chooses to grant to its customers strictly relates only to the relationship between the Certified Partner and its customers and does not affect the Certification Provider;
- c. constitute the Parties as partners of a simple partnership in accordance with the meaning of Swiss law (Art. 530 et seq. of the Swiss Code of Obligations), joint venture partners, co-owners, or otherwise as participants in a joint or common undertaking;

- d. create an employment relationship;
- e. constitute the Certification Provider to be a commercial agent within the meaning of Swiss law, the provisions of EC Council Directive 86/653/EEC or any other applicable mandatory public order provisions with respect to commercial agents;
- f. allow the Certified Partner to create or assume obligations on behalf of the Certification Provider or vice versa except as provided herein.

5. Intellectual Property Rights

- 5.1 Each Party shall remain the sole owner of all intellectual property rights it owned prior to the effectiveness of this Agreement.
- 5.2 The Certification Provider shall retain all intellectual property rights relating to the Certificates. The same applies to all intellectual property rights resulting from the modification or improvement of its software products.
- 5.3 For the duration of the issuance of the respective Certificate, the Certification Provider grants the Certified Partner and its affiliated companies a non-sublicensable and non-assignable right to use the trademarks, patents and designs held or registered by the Certification Provider in connection with the respective Certificate so that the Certified Partner and its parent or affiliated companies can advertise the respective Certificate by the Certification Provider in accordance with the conditions set out in this Agreement. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "affiliated company" refers to a legal entity operating under the same brand as the Certified Partner and being part of the same group of companies as the Certified Partner, whereby all companies of that group must be directly or indirectly 100% owned by the same parent company. In addition, it is clarified that this right of use only applies to devices or products that are identical to the device or product certified by the Certification Provider in accordance with this Agreement.
- 5.4 The Certified Partner acknowledges that its use of any of the Certificates hereunder will not create any right, title or interest in the Certificate other than the limited rights granted in the Agreement and that all such use of the Certificates and the goodwill generated thereby will inure to the benefit of the Certification Provider. Should the Certification Provider, in its sole discretion, deem it necessary to record the Certified Partner as registered licensee of any Certificate in any jurisdiction, it shall do so at the expense of the Certified Partner (provided that the Certified Partner may avoid such expenses by covenanting in an amendment to this Agreement that it will not use the respective Certificate in such country), and the Certified Partner will cooperate with the Certification Provider to effect such recordation.
- 5.5 The Certified Partner warrants and represents with respect thereto that (a) it will not at any time challenge the Certification Provider's right, title or interest in any Certificate or the validity of the Certificate or any registration thereof; (b) it will not do or cause to be done or omit to do anything, the doing, causing or omitting of which would contest or in any way impair or tend to impair the rights of the Certification Provider in any Certificate; (c) it will not represent that it has any ownership in or rights with respect to any Certificate; and (d) it will not, either during or subsequent to the term of this Agreement, adopt, use or register any certification brand, trademark, service brand, trade name, insignia or logo that is confusingly similar to or a colourable imitation of any Certificate or any of the Certification Provider's other brands and/or intellectual property rights.
- 5.6 For the duration of this Agreement, the Certified Partner authorizes the Certification Provider to list the Certified Partner as a partner in an online-accessible list and, in particular, to use the Certified Partner's trademark for this purpose.

6. Term and Termination

- 6.1 This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and is concluded for an indefinite period of time.
- 6.2 Each Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving three months' notice as of the end of any calendar month.
- 6.3 Each Party has the right to terminate this Agreement at any time without notice if:
- the other Party breaches material obligations under this Agreement and has not remedied such breach within one month of receiving a warning to that effect; or
 - one Party has unlawfully committed a misdemeanour or felony against the other Party.

Furthermore, the Certification Provider has the right to terminate this Agreement at any time without notice in case the Certified Partner breaches one of its obligations in accordance with Section 4.1.

- 6.4 At the end of the term of this Agreement, the Certified Partner shall immediately cease any use of any Certificate, trademarks or other intellectual property rights of the Certification Provider. For the avoidance of doubt, the granted right to use such intellectual property rights pursuant to Section 5.3 shall terminate automatically at the end of the term of this Agreement.

7. Miscellaneous

7.1 Confidentiality

The Parties agree to keep the content of this Agreement confidential and undertake not to disclose any information relating to it to third parties without the explicit prior approval of the other Party. Legal and supervisory or regulatory disclosure obligations as well as disclosure for the enforcement of claims arising out of or in connection with this Agreement remain reserved.

7.2 Prohibition of Assignment

The Parties may not assign or delegate, in whole or in part, either this Agreement or any of their rights and obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any such assignment or delegation performed without the aforementioned written consent shall be null and void.

7.3 Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall supersede all prior written or oral agreements or understandings related to the subject matters provided in this Agreement.

7.4 Notices

Notices or declarations vis-à-vis the other Party in connection with this Agreement must be in writing and are effectively transmitted if delivered by registered mail, by courier or email (notification as a pdf copy) at the address set forth below or at any other address designated in writing.

Certification Provider:	Open Home Foundation
	c/o Treforma AG
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	6340 Baar

Switzerland
wwha@openhomefoundation.org

Certified Partner:



For the purpose of adhering to a time limit, a notification is deemed to have been made in time if the notification is sent no later than on the last day of the time limit. For the purpose of triggering the start of a time limit, a notification is deemed to have been received when it arrives at the recipient (receipt).

Any changes of the addresses above shall be immediately communicated to the other Party in the manner provided for herein. Failure to timely notify a change of address shall not be to the detriment of the other Party.

7.5 Electronic Execution

This Agreement and any other documents relating to this Agreement, and any amendments or supplements thereto or mutually agreed cancellation thereof, shall be treated as a handwritten original delivered in person, to the extent that they are executed (i) using an electronic signature (such as DocuSign, Skribble or Adobe Sign, whether or not the electronic signature is issued by a provider recognized or accredited under applicable law) or (ii) by email delivery of a hand-signed PDF.

7.6 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of Switzerland, to the exclusion of the principles of conflicts of laws thereof.

Jurisdiction

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in relation to this Agreement or future non-contractual claims including the validity, invalidity, enforceability, interpretation, execution, breach, modification or termination thereof, shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts at the registered office of the Certification Provider.

Place, Date: _____

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Place, Date: _____

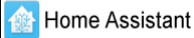
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Annex A

Licensed Intellectual Property Rights

Trademark	Logo	Registry	Status	Classes	App. no.	Reg. no	App. date	Reg. date	Exp. date	Countries
Home Assistant		EU EUIPO	Registered	9, 42	018721682	018721682	2022-06-22	2022-11-01	2032-06-22	European Union
Device Mark		US USPTO	Registered	9	97669149	7331035	2022-11-09	2024-03-19		United States
Device Mark		INT WIPO	Registered	9		1721759		2023-02-27	2033-02-27	Canada, European Union, United Kingdom
Device Mark		IGE	Registered	9,42	01015/2026	845043	2026-01-20	2026-03-05	2036-01-20	Switzerland
Device Mark		US USPTO	Registered	9, 42	98199718	8111592	2023-09-27	2026-01-20		United States
Device Mark		INT WIPO	Registered	9, 42		1791450		2024-03-18	2034-03-18	Australia, Canada, European Union, United Kingdom
Word&Device Mark		IGE	Registered	9, 42	17096/2024	829168	2024-12-06	2025-04-08	2034-12-06	Switzerland
Trademark	Logo	Registry	Status	Classes	App. no.	Reg. no	App. date	Reg. date	Exp. date	Countries

Word&Device Mark	 Home Assistant	INT WIPO	Registered	9, 42		1874512	2025-06-02	2025-09-04	2035-06-02	Australia, Canada, European Union, United Kingdom, United States, China, Japan
Word&Device Mark	 WORKS WITH Home Assistant	IGE	Registered	9, 42	13912/2025	838927	2025-09-18	2025-11-04	2035-09-18	Switzerland
Word&Device Mark	 WORKS WITH Home Assistant	INT WIPO	Registered	9, 42		1914148	2026-02-09	2026-04-23	2036-02-09	Australia, Canada, European Union, United Kingdom, United States, China, Japan

Annex 3.1

ADR0022

22. Integration quality scale

Date: 2024-11-20

Status

Accepted

Context

Home Assistant is a powerful open-source home automation system that enables you and all other users to automate and control various smart devices and services in their homes. We have established the integration quality scale to ensure a high-quality and consistent user and contributor experience for our open-source project.

This scale provides a framework for everybody contributing to enhancing the integrations while offering transparency regarding the reliability and capabilities of integrations offered to our users.

Here is an overview of the different tiers in the quality integration scale:

 **Bronze:** This is the baseline standard and requirement for all new integrations added to Home Assistant. The integration can be configured via the UI, and there is documentation on how to set it up.

 **Silver:** Enhanced reliability and robustness of the integration, ensuring a solid runtime experience. The integration handles errors correctly, including authentication errors and offline devices. The documentation provides more information on what the integration provides. The integration has one or more code owners who help to maintain the integration and ensure this runtime experience lasts.

 **Gold:** The gold standard in delivering the best possible user experience with advanced features and comprehensive support. The integration is fully featured, user-friendly, and accessible to a wider audience. It is fully translated, capable of discovering its devices, providing device updates through Home Assistant, and has extensive documentation with examples, use cases, and troubleshooting. The integration provides means for debugging issues and can be fully adjusted through the UI.

 **Platinum:** The epitome of quality within Home Assistant. Not only does this integration provide an outstanding user experience, but it also adheres to the highest technical standards with optimized performance, efficiency, and code quality.

Besides the four scaled tiers above, we also have four additional special tiers:

 **No score:** An integration that is available via the UI but has not been evaluated against the integration quality scale or does not meet the minimum requirements for scoring.

 **Internal:** This is an integration used internally by Home Assistant to provide basic components and building blocks for the core program of Home Assistant or for other integrations to build on. The Home Assistant project maintains integrations of this level.

 **Legacy:** An older integration that has not yet transitioned to the Home Assistant user interface and lacks modern (nowadays considered normal) features.

 **Custom:** The Home Assistant project does not create, maintain, audit, review, or support custom integrations; therefore, they cannot be graded and placed on the integration quality scale.

Decision

Scaled tiers

Home Assistant integration quality scale has four differentiated tiers to which an integration can be graded:  Bronze,  Silver,  Gold, and  Platinum.

Each tier builds on the previous tier; for example, "Silver" has everything required by "Bronze", and "Gold" has everything both "Silver" and "Bronze" require.

While some integrations may not be graded in the top tier, they might still implement parts of other (higher grade) tiers.

Bronze

The bronze tier has the following characteristics:

- Can be easily set up through the UI.
- The source code adheres to basic coding standards and development guidelines.
- Automated tests that guard this integration can be configured correctly.
- Offers basic end-user documentation that is enough to get users started step-by-step easily.

Silver

The silver tier has the following characteristics:

- Provides everything "Bronze" has.
- Provides a stable user experience under various conditions.
- Has one or more active code owners who help maintain the integration.
- Correctly and automatically recover from connection errors or offline devices, without filling log files and without unnecessary messages.
- Automatically triggers re-authentication if authentication with the device or service fails.
- Offers detailed documentation of what the integration provides and instructions for troubleshooting issues.

Gold

The gold tier has the following characteristics:

- Provides everything "Silver" has.
- Has the best end-user experience an integration can offer; streamlined and intuitive.
- Can be automatically discovered, simplifying the integration setup.
- Integration can be reconfigured and adjusted.
- Supports translations.
- Extensive documentation, aimed at non-technical users.
- It supports updating the software/firmware of devices through Home Assistant when possible.
- The integration has automated tests covering the entire integration.
- Required level for integrations providing devices in the Works with Home Assistant program.

Platinum

The platinum tier has the following characteristics:

- Provides everything "Gold" has.
- All source code follows all coding and Home Assistant integration standards and best practices and is fully typed with type annotations and clear code comments for better code clarity and maintenance.
- A fully asynchronous integration code base ensures efficient operation.
- Implements efficient data handling, reducing network and CPU usage.

Special tiers

Besides the four scaled tiers mentioned above, Home Assistant also provides four special tiers to denote a special case, causing them not to fit into the regular scale set out above.

Note that while an integration might have been given one of these special tiers, they still might pursue the integration quality equivalent to any of the other scaled tiers.

No score

These integrations can be set up through the Home Assistant user interface. The "No score" designation doesn't imply that they are bad or buggy, instead, it indicates that they haven't been assessed according to the quality scale or that they need some maintenance to reach the now-considered minimum "Bronze" standard.

The "No score" tier cannot be assigned to new integrations, as they are required to have at least a "Bronze" level when introduced. The Home Assistant project encourages the community to help update these integrations without a score to meet at least the "Bronze" level requirements.

Characteristics:

- Not yet scored or lacks sufficient information for scoring.
- Can be set up via the UI, but may need enhancements for a better experience.
- May function correctly, but hasn't been verified against current standards.
- Documentation most often provides only basic setup steps.

Internal

This tier is assigned to integrations used internally by Home Assistant. These integrations provide basic components and building blocks for Home Assistant's core program or for other integrations to build on top of it.

Internal integrations are maintained by the Home Assistant project and subjected to strict architectural design procedures.

Characteristics:

- Internal, built-in building blocks of the Home Assistant core program.
- Provides building blocks for other integrations to use and build on top of.
- Maintained by the Home Assistant project.

Legacy

Legacy integrations are older integrations that have been part of Home Assistant for many years, possibly since its inception. They can only be configured through YAML files and often lack active maintainers (code owners). These integrations might be complex to set up and do not adhere to current/modern end-user expectations in their use and features.

The Home Assistant project encourages the community to help migrate these integrations to the UI and update them to meet modern standards, making these integrations accessible to everyone.

Characteristics:

- Complex setup process; only configurable via YAML, without UI-based setup.
- May lack active code ownership and maintenance.
- Could be missing recent updates or bug fixes.
- Documentation may still be aimed at developers.

Custom

Custom integrations are developed and distributed by the community, and offer additional functionalities and support for devices and services to Home Assistant. These integrations are not included in the official Home Assistant releases and can be installed manually or via third-party tools like HACS (Home Assistant Community Store).

The Home Assistant project does not review, security audit, maintain, or support third-party custom integrations. Users are encouraged to exercise caution and review the custom integration's source and community feedback before installation.

Developers are encouraged and invited to contribute their custom integration to the Home Assistant project by aligning them with the integration quality scale and submitting them for inclusion.

Characteristics:

- Not included in the official Home Assistant releases.
- Manually installable or installable via community tools, like HACS.
- Maintained by individual developers or community members.
- User experience may vary widely.
- Functionality, security, and stability can vary widely.
- Documentation may be limited.

Adjusting the tier of an integration

Home Assistant encourages our contributors to get their integrations to the highest possible tier, to provide an excellent coding experience for our contributors and the best experience for our users.

When an integration reaches the minimum requirements for a certain tier, a contributor can open a pull request to adjust the scale for the integration. This request needs to be accompanied by the full checklist for each rule of scale (including all rules of lower tiers), demonstrating that it has met those requirements.

Once the Home Assistant core team reviews and approves it, the integration will display the new tier as of the next major release of Home Assistant.

Besides upgrading an integration to a higher tier on the scale, it is also possible for an integration to be downgraded to a lower tier. This can, for example, happen when there is no longer an active integration code owner. In this specific example, the integration will be downgraded to "Bronze", even if it otherwise fully complies with the "Platinum" tier.

Adjustments to rules contained in each tier

The world of IoT and all technologies used by Home Assistant are changing at a fast pace; not just in terms of what Home Assistant can support or do, but also in terms of the software on which Home Assistant is built. Home Assistant is pioneering the technology in the industry at a fast pace.

This also means that new insights and newly developed and adopted best practices will occur over time, resulting in new additions and improvements to the individual integration quality scale rules.

If a tier is adjusted, all integrations in that tier need to be re-evaluated and adjusted accordingly. One exception to this is integrations that have devices that are part of the Works with Home Assistant program. Those integrations will be flagged as grandfathered into their existing tier.

Works with Home Assistant

The Works with Home Assistant program is a device review and certification program in which a device can be certified to work with Home Assistant and provide an excellent user experience.

In order for these devices to be able to get certified, the integration used to integrate the device or service must have reached at least the "Gold" tier. The "Gold" tier is specifically designed to provide the best possible user experience possible.

If rules to our quality integration scales have been adjusted, it is possible that an integration with the Works with Home Assistant program doesn't comply with the newly adjusted standards yet. At that moment, the existing "Gold" tier is grandfathered. Once a new or extra device is certified for the same integration, the integration must be updated to also comply with the new or adjusted standards.

When all devices are removed from the Works with Home Assistant program of a grandfathered integration, the grandfathered flag will also be released and the integration quality scale tier adjusted to the current status of the integration.

Consequences

The integration quality scale will:

- give a clear and transparent framework for contributors to understand the quality expectations for their integrations.
- put pressure on the maintenance of the developer documentation to make sure the documentation is up-to-date. These can be found [here](#).