



Product Comparison Checklist

Andromeda (Migration 275)

About This Product Comparison Checklist

This checklist is designed to guide you in asking questions that are likely relevant to your operations and is designed to be used to compare operational software during demonstrations and proposal reviews.

Assess configuration freedom, connected processes and the evidence each system keeps – ask suppliers *including Argent* to demonstrate the relevant capabilities and confirm any extra products required, limitations and limits and ‘all in’ costs.

Your Evaluation

Element	Description
Evaluator	
Date	
Product A	
Product B	

In the following tables, enter one of the following responses in each comparison cell. If you leave a capability blank, it's important to add a note to explain why; this will help you later, or when someone else reviews your information.

The argent column has been filled out with elements that are available as of the Andromeda (Migration 275) release, with organisations utilising the whole work bench.

As a reminder, **there is no module-by-module charge with Argent** – organisations receive access to all modules and may elect to use all or only some of the system.

Response	Meaning
Yes	Available in the proposed solution.
Extra	Requires additional development time, cost or is a further paid module.
Custom	Can be implemented at additional cost.
No	Not available.
?	Not yet demonstrated or confirmed.

1. Configuration Freedom

Can the system adapt to your business as requirements change?

Capability	Argent	Product A	Product B
Create unlimited permit types.	Yes		
Create unlimited risk matrixes.	Yes		
Create unlimited document types.	Yes		
Configure risk terminology, likelihoods, consequences, scores and colour bands.	Yes		
Build business request forms with sections, questions, tables and attachments.	Yes		
Copy existing Workflow forms to create other processes.	Yes		
Configure approval pathways rather than relying on one fixed approval process.	Yes		
Create configurable registers for business-specific information.	Yes		
Configure roles and permissions to reflect organisational responsibilities.	Yes		
Enable selected modules and add others later, with dependency checks at no additional cost.	Yes		
Configure workflows and responsibilities at four different levels – named persons, system role, TNA positions AND reporting relationships (e.g., supervisor; manager-once-removed).	Yes		

2. Connected Workflows

Do the modules work together, or does information need to be copied between systems?

Capability to compare	Argent	Product A	Product B
Reuse people, teams, positions and sites across operational modules.	Yes		
Connect BBRA findings, BowTie analysis and Critical Control Management.	Yes		
Connect critical-control performance standards to verification evidence and deviations.	Yes		
Use learning and competency requirements within site-access checks.	Yes		
Apply competency requirements to configured permit roles and asset operation.	Yes		
Connect event reporting with investigations and configured injury-case creation.	Yes		
Generate defect follow-ups from configured inspections.	Yes		
Connect contractor prequalification evidence with configured site-access requirements.	Yes		
Bring tasks from multiple modules together in My Work.	Yes		

3. Risk and Critical Controls

Can the system help manage risk beyond recording a risk rating?

Capability to compare	Argent	Product A	Product B
Conduct baseline risk assessments, WRACs and job safety assessments.	Yes		
Build graphical BowTie assessments.	Yes		
Build graphical event trees with branching outcomes and calculated annual frequencies.	Yes		
Maintain a register of material unwanted events and critical controls.	Yes		
Define control performance standards and accountable responsibilities directly from risk assessments.	Yes		
Schedule verification activities and retain the evidence collected.	Yes		
Record degraded, failed or unverified controls and manage the resulting deviations.	Yes		
Retain the assessment and matrix versions used for historical decisions.	Yes		

4. People and Workforce Readiness

Can the business see what people need, what is current and what requires attention?

Capability to compare	Argent	Product A	Product B
Maintain people, reporting relationships, teams and position assignments.	Yes		
Define learning requirements and view a training needs matrix.	Yes		
Training completion based on earliest achieved item date AND all items completed AND dynamic completion (only valid whilst all components are valid).	Yes		
Deliver online learning (built in quizzing and SCORM compliant learning programs), quizzes and practical-assessment workflows.	Yes		
Accept external certificates and evidence for authorised review.	Yes		
Keep submitted evidence separate from verified competency or completion.	Yes		
Bulk evidence upload tools for workers and courses.	Yes		
Record achievement and expiry information rather than treating upload time as achievement.	Yes		
Manage working rosters and assignments.	Yes		
Model advisory fatigue scenarios using natively integrated FIPS.	Yes		
Record attendance and hours-worked information.	Yes		
Support visitor registration and visitor learning requirements.	Yes		
More than 120 Units of Competency ¹ from the RII training package mapped and ready for immediate deployment ² .	Yes ³		

¹ Units are *mapped* and *aligned* to the RII training package requirements. Completion of the training items does not result in the issuance of a statement of attainment from a registered training organisation.

² Contextualisation of units is *highly recommended* prior to deployment to ensure the material reflects specific operation requirements.

³ Units of competency are not available on a month-to-month commitment plan – a minimum 12-month commitment is required.

5. Operational processes

How much of the day-to-day operation can be managed within the same platform?

Capability to compare	Argent	Product A	Product B
Manage contractor companies and prequalification submissions.	Yes		
Dedicated company modules allow contractors to manage their own workforces.	Yes		
Manage competency-gated site-access requests.	Yes		
Configure permit forms, participating roles and approval steps.	Yes		
Maintain an asset register and operating requirements.	Yes		
Complete inspections and observations using configurable field forms.	Yes		
Manage defects and rectification work.	Yes		
Report events and manage investigation workflows.	Yes		
Manage changes through assessment, approval and implementation.	Yes		
Maintain legal obligations, reviews and related actions.	Yes		
Manage standalone actions as well as actions within operational workflows.	Yes		
View site-based lightning reporting and weather information through configured aggregated services.	Yes		

6. Health and Chemical Management

Can specialist requirements be managed without losing their access controls and evidence?

Capability to compare	Argent	Product A	Product B
Configure health assessment and declaration forms.	Yes		
Manage medication declarations with Australian medicine lookup <i>and</i> manual entry.	Yes		
Configure medication evidence requirements and prohibited-substance warnings.	Yes		
Configure initial and secondary drug-and-alcohol testing methods and outcomes.	Yes		
Maintain sourced medication cross-reaction and metabolite information.	Yes		
Manage injury cases, work capacity and associated plans.	Yes		
Maintain a searchable chemical register with original SDS attachments.	Yes		
Approve a new chemical for its stated site and intended use.	Yes		
Request introduction of an approved substance to another site through its own approval process.	Yes		
Require risk assessment for chemicals where configured approval rules call for it.	Yes		

7. Forms and Approvals

Can you establish who acted, what they reviewed and what was approved?

Capability to compare	Argent	Product A	Product B
Save incomplete drafts before submitting for approval.	Yes		
Route Workflow approvals to nominated people, maintained lists, roles, positions or supervisors.	Yes		
Apply conditional stages based on form responses.	Yes		
Return submissions for changes while retaining previous versions.	Yes		
Keep submitted forms tied to the form version and approval pathway used.	Yes		
Separate permission to edit a record from permission to approve it.	Yes		
Configure reminders and overdue notifications.	Yes		
Manage controlled documents through versioning, review and approval.	Yes		
Retain supporting evidence alongside the relevant record.	Yes		
Maintain audit records of material actions and decisions.	Yes		

8.Access and Reporting

Can people find and complete their work without exposing information they should not see?

Capability to compare	Argent	Product A	Product B
Provide role-based access and scoped Mine / My Team / All permissions in supported workflows.	Yes		
Apply separate restrictions to clinical and confidential information.	Yes		
Support configured single sign-on.	Yes		
Provide browser-based access with responsive layouts.	Yes		
Provide searchable user guidance within the application.	Yes		
Export authorised information through supported CSV and PDF outputs.	Yes		
Build reports from supported governed datasets.	Yes		
Configure automated rules using supported business records and relationships.	Yes		
Provide scoped read APIs and configured webhooks for supported resources.	Yes		

9. Commercial limits and total cost

You should ask every supplier – **including Argent**, to answer these questions in writing.

Question to confirm	Argent proposal	Product A	Product B
Which modules are included in the quoted price?	All current and future modules. The organisation has full agency to determine which modules they do or do not use at no additional cost.		
Are users (e.g., workers/contractors), visitors or sites subject to pricing bands or caps?	User count determines pricing – visitors are unlimited within the scope of the fair use policy.		
Are there charges or caps for additional permit types, matrices, document types or forms?	No additional cost – these are all configurable by Administrators.		
Which configuration changes can our administrators make without paid development?	Extensive no-code configuration options are available.		
What storage, upload, API and processing limits apply?			
Which external services require separate subscriptions or usage charges?	None		
What are the implementation, migration, training and support costs?			
What can we export when leaving, in which formats and at what cost?	All records and any submitted evidence delivered in any combination of CSV files, database dumps and ZIP files (or similar – e.g., TAR).		
What backup/recovery, hosting and uptime agreements are included?	Daily backups of the system with a 99.9% uptime SLA. Cost recovery options occur at <99% and <95% availability per-month (averaged over 12 months).		
What is the total three-year cost for our expected use?			

10. Demonstration scenarios

Ask the suppliers (including Argent) to demonstrate the process for a number of elements that you think will assist your business.

Process 1:

Business Process:		Notes
Argent Process		
Alternative A Process		
Alternative B Process		

Preferred product: _____

Main reason: _____

Process 2:

Business Process:		Notes
Argent Process		
Alternative A Process		
Alternative B Process		

Preferred product: _____

Main reason: _____

Process 3:

Business Process:		Notes
Argent Process		
Alternative A Process		
Alternative B Process		

Preferred product: _____

Main reason: _____

Process 4:

Business Process:		Notes
Argent Process		
Alternative A Process		
Alternative B Process		

Preferred product: _____

Main reason: _____

Summary

Preferred System:

Argent

Alternative A

Alternative B

Main reason:

If you have selected Argent as your preferred system, you can download our briefing pack to help deliver the message to those with decision making authority from our website.

