

Subscribing to an API

LIMOSS API Gateway

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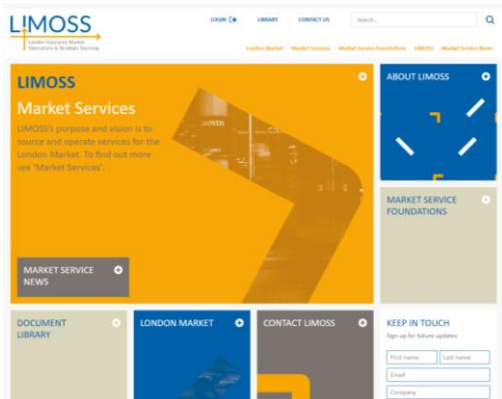
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Introduction to LIMOSS

Mission: Professionally source and operate common market services for the London Market

Good to know

- Not-for-Profit
- Single point of contact for key market services: simplifies integration, provides expert advice and reduces costs
- Owned by Lloyd's, IUA and LMA. Cross-market board including LIIBA representation
- Actively seeks market direction (E.g. market governance forums)



Other LIMOSS Services

- ESP (Electronic Submission Portal)
- SSO (LIMOSS Single Sign On)
- LIMOSS API Gateway
- DDM (Delegated Data Manager)
- MBG (Market Business Glossary)
- SDC (Structured Data Capture)
- ME (Message Exchange)
- Gemini (Expert fees)
- DXC contracts manager for IUA and LMA

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LIMOSS SSO Suite of Tools

Easier for

- End users to **access** Market Services
- In-house systems to **integrate** with other LIMOSS/Market solutions
- End users and systems to **securely share** data across the Market

3 Key Components¹:



LIMOSS Single Sign On (SSO)

Users can access LIMOSS and other Market solutions using the same username and password.²



LIMOSS API Gateway

Secure and simple method for integrating market firms' IT systems with LIMOSS and other Market solutions.



LIMOSS Secure Data Exchange (SDE)

Optional easy-to-use tool for securely exchanging data between Market participants. Can be accessed via online interface or via API.

[SDE User Video](#)

(<https://vimeo.com/302815716>)

¹ – Commercial Agreements may collectively refer to these components as “Common Services”

² – LIMOSS SSO does not see or store user passwords

LIMOSS SSO

Introduction



Simple Authentication Solutions

- Provides authentication for multiple market services – E.g. DDM; SDE; LIMOSS API Gateway
- Allows users to [access Lloyd's services with LIMOSS SSO](#) user accounts
- Online registration for [organisations](#) and [users](#)

Industry Standard Technology

- Built around a managed Azure Active Directory (AAD) tenant, using MS-Azure B2B
- Tenant contains guested-in user accounts registered within organisational entity groups
- Tenant also holds details of published APIs and registered client apps

Designed for use by London Market Organisations

- On-boarding involves KYC and contractual protocols
- Access is free to non-Carrier organisations
- Email servicedesk@LIMOSS.London for full charging details

Works for all Azure Presences

- LIMOSS SSO works for all end users, even if they do not have a [managed Azure presence](#)
- A managed Azure presence is recommended for developers and API calling accounts

“Authorised Contact” Approval Process

- All Service Requests must be approved by an “Authorised Contact” in each organisation.
 - E.g. Approval to add/remove user accounts; Approval to subscribe to an API
- Organisations must have a minimum of 1 Authorised Contact but there is no upper limit
- LIMOSS Recommends having different Authorised Contacts in lower environments

Authentication not Authorisation

- Having a LIMOSS SSO account gets a user account ‘into the lobby’. Accounts are unable to access any SSO protected app/API unless the relevant service owner allows it.

LIMOSS SSO (including SDE and the API Gateway) exists in 3 environments:

- 1. SANDBOX** – Development environment suitable for building APIs and Apps. This environment is suitable for developers but not for business users or live data
 - 2. PRE-PROD** – Test environment for integrating APIs and Applications. This environment is suitable for developers but not for business users (except for UAT/MAT) or live data.
 - 3. PROD** – Live production environment where business users and live APIs/Applications exist. APIs/Apps in development cannot be added to the PROD environment.
- Organisations must be on-boarded in PROD before accessing SANDBOX or PRE-PROD
 - Environments are standalone. E.g. An App in SANDBOX cannot call an API in PRE-PROD

LIMOSS API Gateway

Introduction



LIMOSS API Gateway

A brief introduction

- LIMOSS API Gateway is a synchronous, RESTful-based API Gateway
- It allows “Subscribers” in any approved organisation to securely call numerous API Endpoints provided from multiple API “Publishers”.
 - E.g. PPL are an API Publisher; Vendors/Market Firms will act as Subscribers.
- The API Gateway enforces 4 requirements for every API call:
 1. The organisation is known and registered for the API Gateway (using X509 SSL certs)
 2. The user account calling the API is known and authenticated.
 - Depending on how the APIs are published and how the subscribing app is developed, the account can be a service account OR an end user’s account. Whichever model is used, the account must be registered in LIMOSS SSO¹.
 3. The application calling the APIs is registered in LIMOSS SSO
 4. The organisation is authorised to call the specific API
- A successful API call will be passed through to the back-end platform E.g. PPL. The platform will perform additional authorisation checks on the account requesting the information before the API call is returned
- A list of response codes and suggested actions is at Annex A

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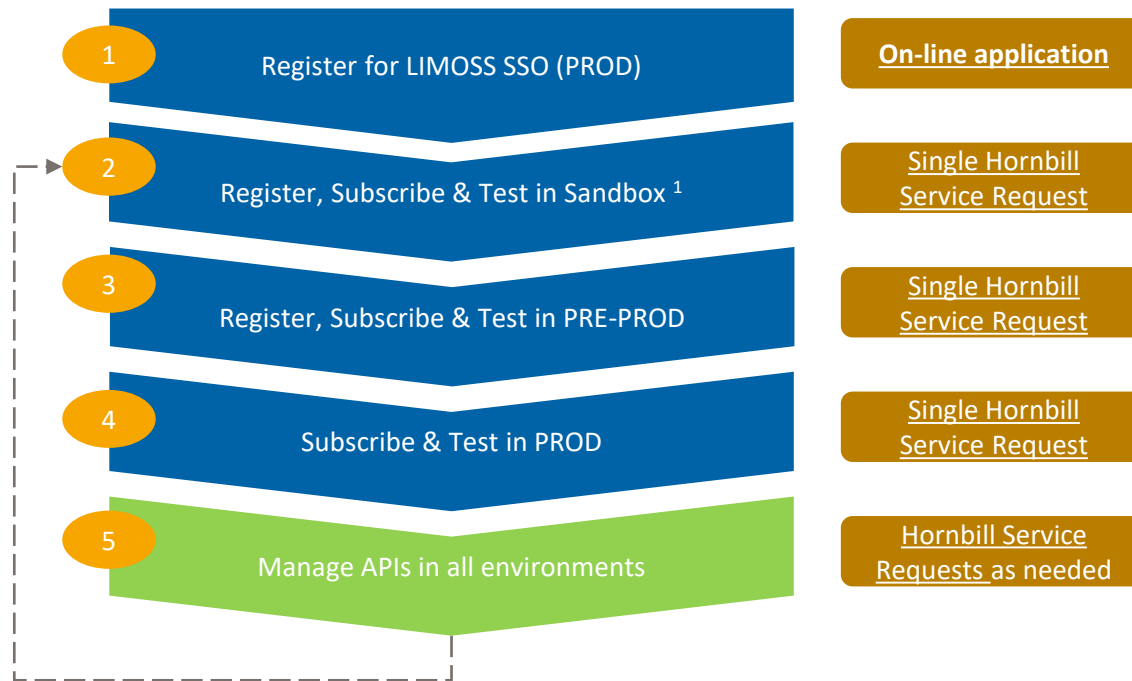
Overview



Subscribing to an API

High level view of Subscribing to an API

- Subscribing to an API via the LIMOSS API Gateway is a 5-step process:
 - First step is to register for SSO in PROD (one-time only requirement)
 - Steps 2-5 can be repeated as often as necessary for multiple different APIs
 - 3-5 working days should be allowed for each Service Request to be fulfilled



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Subscribe to an API - Breakdown

Individual steps involved in Subscribing to an API

“Subscribe to API” Hornbill Ticket



Tasks 1-5 are actioned by LIMOSS after a '[Subscribe to API](#)' request is submitted via Hornbill

Notes

- 1 – Actioned automatically if organisation is not already registered in that environment
- 2 – Additional user accounts can be added/edited/removed at any time
- 3 – The subscribing organisation must provide an [X.509 SSL Certificate](#) for each environment
- 4 – At least one web app or native app must be registered. This will generate the App-ID and App-Secret needed when the client app calls an API.
- 5 – Devs can select from the [list of available APIs](#). Not all APIs are available in both SANDBOX and PRE-PROD environments. Additional legal agreements exist for some APIs.
- 6 – The API Publisher may require test evidence prior to approving API subscription in a higher environment

Hornbill



Dear Matthew, thank you for contacting the LIMOSS Service Desk to Subscribe to an API via the LIMOSS API Gateway.

This option allows you to setup a new Subscription to an available API or to amend an existing Subscription.

For all new Subscriptions, you will need to provide the following information:

- Details of all user accounts that will need to use the API
- The Common Name of an X.509 SSL Certificate owned by your organisation
- Name and Email address of an Authorised Signatory in your organisation
- Details of any Applications you wish to use to call the APIs

If you don't have all this information now, don't worry. You can still create a Service Request and provide any missing information later. More information is available in the "Subscribing to an API" User Guide.

Your request will need approval by a LIMOSS SSO Authorised Contact in your organisation. If you are not an Authorised Contact, your request will be passed to your nominated Authorised Contact(s) for approval. Approval will also be needed from the API Publisher, which LIMOSS will request on your behalf.

Do you wish to setup a new Subscription to an API or amend an existing subscription?

Setup a new API Subscription

Which environment does your request relate to?

LIMOSS PRE-PROD Environment

Next

Online intuitive portal

Available to users with LIMOSS SSO PROD accounts

Users can raise Service Requests and Incidents for most LIMOSS Services

Guides users through relevant questions when subscribing to an API

Accessible at customer.hornbill.com/limoss and from the [LIMOSS SSO Portal](#)

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Devolved Admin Portal (DAP)

DAP is a self-service tool for adding, editing and removing User Accounts in LIMOSS SSO

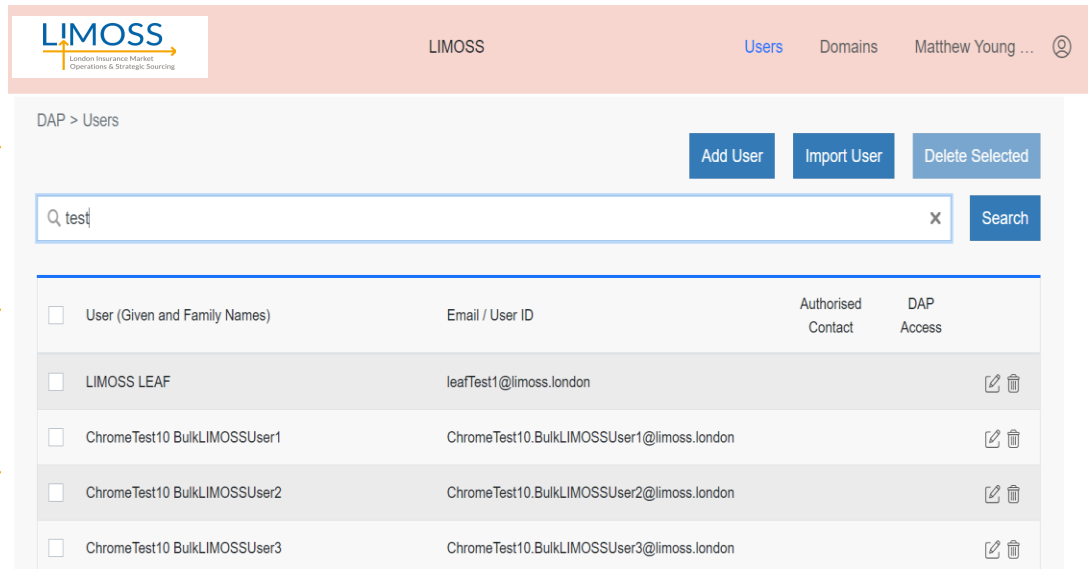
Online intuitive portal

Accessible to Authorised Contacts only

Real-time management of user accounts and approved domains

Learn more at [DAP User Guide](#)

Available in [SANDBOX](#), [PRE-PROD](#) and [PROD](#) environments



The screenshot shows the LIMOSS DAP Users management interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the LIMOSS logo, the text 'LIMOSS', and user information 'Users Domains Matthew Young ...'. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'DAP > Users'. There are three buttons: 'Add User', 'Import User', and 'Delete Selected'. A search bar contains the text 'test' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar is a table with the following columns: 'User (Given and Family Names)', 'Email / User ID', 'Authorised Contact', and 'DAP Access'. The table contains five rows of user data.

| User (Given and Family Names) | Email / User ID | Authorised Contact | DAP Access |
|---|--|--------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIMOSS LEAF | leafTest1@limoss.london | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ChromeTest10 BulkLIMOSSUser1 | ChromeTest10.BulkLIMOSSUser1@limoss.london | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ChromeTest10 BulkLIMOSSUser2 | ChromeTest10.BulkLIMOSSUser2@limoss.london | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ChromeTest10 BulkLIMOSSUser3 | ChromeTest10.BulkLIMOSSUser3@limoss.london | | |

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LIMOSS API Gateway

Useful Information



Certificates

X509 Certificates

- All organisations using the API Gateway must provide an X509 certificate for each environment
- Both the cert Common Name (CN) and Public Key must be shared with LIMOSS
- Same certificate *may* be used in SANDBOX & PRE-PROD (although LIMOSS advise against this).
- The certificate provided for PROD must not be used in SANDBOX or PRE-PROD
- It is the organisation's responsibility to ensure certificates are kept in-date and that any changes to the CN (Certificate Name) are passed to LIMOSS Service Desk 4 weeks in advance
- X509 certificate must not be self-signed, wildcard or SAN certificate
 - SAN certificates can be used for a single path only
- Certificates must be sourced from a certificate Authority on the [Microsoft list of approved CAs](#)
- The price of certificates can vary but free certificates do exist
 - E.g. <https://letsencrypt.org>
 - LetsEncrypt appears under "Internet Security Research Group (ISRG)" on MS list
- The decision of which CA to use lies with the subscribing organisation.
- LIMOSS does not recommend or endorse any CA

Useful Information

Throttling; Security Model Review; Security Essentials

Throttling

- Throttling prevents a back-end solution being overwhelmed by a large volume of API calls
- Throttling is activated now for some APIs
- All client apps should be able to handle Response Code 429 (See [Annex A](#))
- Throttling is not an exact science - some calls either side of throttling rate may be accepted/rejected: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/api-management/api-management-access-restriction-policies#LimitCallRateByKey>

LIMOSS API Security Model Review

- LIMOSS is conducting a market-wide review of the current API Gateway security model
 - E.g. Possible relaxation of need for X509 certificates in lower environments
- Any changes will require full governance approval
- Current design will allow greater flexibility and easier on-boarding for developers but is intended to allow backwards compatibility

Security Essentials

- Organisations must not share the following information with any 3rd parties:
 - App-ID and App-Secret
 - User account passwords
 - X509 Private Key
- Inform the LIMOSS Service Desk immediately if any of these details are compromised

Useful Information

Email Invitations; Aligning User IDs

Email Invitations

- All LIMOSS SSO accounts receive an email that they must click to confirm their registration
- All accounts in LIMOSS SSO should have an SMTP email that matches their User ID
- 2 exceptions:
 - In lower environments ONLY: Request user invite link via LIMOSS Service Desk
 - For all environments: Use Azure 'Guest Inviter' status as detailed in [On-Boarding Guide](#)

Aligning User IDs

- The User IDs registered in LIMOSS SSO should match the User ID held in the market service
- All accounts in LIMOSS SSO should have an SMTP email that matches their User ID

Contact servidesk@LIMOSS.London for further details

LIMOSS Support

Service Desk & Escalation Points



LIMOSS Support

Support and Escalation Points

LIMOSS Service Desk provides support for LIMOSS SSO, LIMOSS SDE and LIMOSS API Gateway

[Hornbill Self-Service Portal](#)
(Requires PROD LIMOSS SSO Account)

[Online Form](#)

[Email](mailto:ServiceDesk@LIMOSS.London)
ServiceDesk@LIMOSS.London

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Annex A

API Gateway Response Codes



LIMOSS API Gateway Response Codes 1/2

| Code | Response | Response Description | Suggested Action |
|------|--|--|--|
| 200 | OK | Standard response for successful requests | No action needed |
| 403 | Token validation failed: malformed token or empty issuer | Error is thrown when the provided failed to parse token or token doesn't have issuer | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 404 | API operations not found | Error is thrown when the provided API operation isn't found | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 429 | Throttling Rate Exceeded | The number of calls per min has exceeded the throttling limit set by the API publisher | Wait for number of seconds stated in header and re-submit API call |
| 500 | Gateway error | Investigation by LIMOSS SSO Vendor is needed | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 500 | Gateway error: multiple MPOs found | | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 500 | Error retrieving token certificates: Gateway error | | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 500 | Error retrieving token certificates: OpenID has no public keys | | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 500 | Error retrieving token certificates: error calling JWKS url | | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 500 | Error retrieving token certificates: no jwks in OpenID | | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 500 | Error retrieving token certificates: error calling OpenID url | | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 500 | Error validating token: Gateway error | | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |

LIMOSS API Gateway Response Codes 2/2

| Code | Response | Response Description | Suggested Action |
|------|---|---|--|
| 400 | Error validating token: malformed amr | Error is thrown when the provided token's AMR claim values are incorrect | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 400 | Error validating token: malformed appid | Error is thrown when the provided token's AppId claim value is incorrect | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 400 | Trace header length exceeded | Error is thrown when the provided trace header length is more than 24 symbols | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 401 | Bearer missing in Authorization token | Error is thrown when the provided token Bearer prefix is missed | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 401 | Client certificate is missing | Error is thrown when the certificate is missed | Check X509 Certificate is correct, in date and registered with LIMOSS Service Desk |
| 401 | Authorization token is missing | Error is thrown when the token is missed | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 403 | Authorization failed | Error is thrown when the token validation is failed | Raise to LIMOSS Service Desk as Incident |
| 403 | Client certificate validation failed: expired certificate | Error is thrown when the provided certificate is expired | Check X509 Certificate is correct, in date and registered with LIMOSS Service Desk - specifically certificate expiry date |
| 403 | Client certificate validation failed: incorrect start date | Error is thrown when the provided certificate start date is incorrect | Check X509 Certificate is correct, in date and registered with LIMOSS Service Desk - specifically certificate start date |
| 403 | Client certificate validation failed: untrusted certificate | Error is thrown when the provided certificate is untrusted | Check X509 Certificate is correct, in date and registered with LIMOSS Service Desk |
| 403 | Client certificate validation failed: unknown domain | Error is thrown when the provided certificate CN isn't set in MPO object | Check X509 Certificate is correct, in date and registered with LIMOSS Service Desk Check that correct domain name has been provided in API Call |

Annex B

Glossary



CMS Vendor Subscriber

LIMOSS API Gateway Response Codes 2/2

| Term | Definition |
|--------------------|---|
| Authorised Contact | A trusted person in a client's organisation that is authorised to approve any Service Request for that organisation within the LIMOSS SSO suite of tools. |
| API | Application Programming Interface |
| App | Application |
| CH | Change |
| CR | Change Request |
| CS | Common Services. This term may be used in legal and other documentation to refer to LIMOSS SSO, LIMOSS SDE and LIMOSS API Gateway |
| CSV | Comma Separated Values |
| DAP | Devolved Admin Portal |
| IE | Internet Explorer |
| LIMOSS | London Insurance Market Operations & Strategic Sourcing |
| MPO | Market Participant Organisation |
| MUA | Master User Agreement |
| SDE | Secure Document Exchange |
| SSO | Single Sign On |
| T&C's | Terms and Conditions |
| URI | Uniform Resource Identifier |
| URL | Uniform Resource Locator |