

# Manage the registry key

SQL Compliance Manager checks the permissions available on each SQL Server instance you want to monitor. This check runs automatically each time you register a new instance.

If the check fails, review the issue, and then access the `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Idera\SQLcompliance` to make the permission changes. For more information about the required permissions, see [Configuration wizard - Permissions Check window](#).

**To make a change to the registry key:**

- 1. Start `services.msc` using the Run command. The system displays the Services window.
- 2. Right-click the **SQLcompliance Collection Service**, and then select **Properties**.
- 3. In the SQLcompliance Collection Service Properties dialog box, click the Log On tab.
- 4. Log on to the SQL CM Service by typing the service account credentials, and then clicking **OK**.
- 5. Open the registry editor by typing **regedit** in the Run command window, and then clicking **OK**. The system displays the Registry Editor window.
- 6. In the directory tree, expand `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Idera\SQLcompliance`.
- 7. Right-click the **SQLcompliance** folder, and then select **Permissions**. The system displays the Permissions for SQLcompliance dialog box.
- 8. On the Security tab, click **Add**. This step allows you to add a user or group.
- 9. In the Select Users or Groups dialog box, search for the appropriate account by clicking **Advanced > Find Now**. The Select Users or Groups dialog box displays a list of relevant results.
- 10. In the **Search Results** field, select the service account used by SQL CM Services, and then click **OK**. The system adds the object to the list.
- 11. Click **OK**. Note that the account you selected appears in the **Group or user names** field of the Permissions for SQLcompliance dialog box.
- 12. Select the account name, and then add the appropriate permissions by checking the **Allow** checkbox for the permission(s).
- 13. Click **OK** after you make your selections. You can verify the permissions by right-clicking **SQLcompliance** in the Registry Editor, selecting **Permissions**, and then viewing the allowed permissions.

SQL Compliance Manager audits all activity on your server. [Learn more > >](#)

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