

**Conformity assessment –
General requirements for bodies operating
certification of persons**

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National Foreword

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The development of certification schemes for persons, in response to the ever increasing velocity of technological innovation and growing specialization of personnel, can compensate for variations in education and training and thus facilitate the global job market.

Certification of persons is a means of providing assurance that the person that has been certified meets the requirements of a respective certification scheme which in turn provide confidence by means of a worldwide accepted process of assessment as well as periodic re-assessment of the competency of certified persons.

Differently from other forms of conformity assessment bodies, such as management system certification bodies, the certification body for persons is to conduct an examination using objective criteria to measure competence and scoring and if well planned can ensure impartiality of operations thus reducing the risk of conflict of interest.

It is necessary, however to distinguish between situations where certification schemes for persons are justified and situations where other forms of qualifications are more appropriate and instances where alternatives to certification can still be necessary in positions where public services, official or governmental operations are concerned.

In any cases this adopted standard which sets out the general requirements can serve as the foundation for the recognition of the certification bodies for persons and the certification schemes under which persons are certified, in order to facilitate their acceptance at the national and international levels. Only the harmonization of the system for developing and maintaining certification schemes for persons can establish the environment for mutual recognition and the global exchange of personnel.

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The main changes are as follows:

- addition or revision of terms and definitions;
- additional requirements for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) added in 6.5;
- alignment with the PROC/33 text that establishes common elements for standards developed by CASCO.

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Introduction

This document has been developed with the objective of achieving and promoting a globally accepted set of requirements and principles for bodies operating certification of persons. Certification of persons is one means of providing assurance that the certified person meets the requirements identified in the certification scheme. Confidence in the respective schemes for certification of persons is achieved by means of a globally accepted process of assessment and periodic re-assessments of the competence of certified persons.

However, it is necessary to distinguish between situations where schemes for certification of persons are justified and situations where other forms of qualification are more appropriate. The development of schemes for certification of persons, in response to the ever-increasing velocity of technological innovation and growing specialization of personnel, can compensate for variations in education and training and thus facilitate the global job market. Alternatives to certification can still be necessary for job positions where public services, official or governmental operations are concerned.

This document can serve as the basis for the recognition of the bodies operating certification of persons, in order to facilitate their acceptance at the national, regional and international levels. Only the harmonization of the methodologies for developing and maintaining schemes for certification of persons can establish the environment for mutual recognition and the global exchange of persons.

This document specifies requirements which ensure that bodies operating certification of persons operate in a consistent, comparable and reliable manner. The requirements in this document are considered to be general requirements for bodies operating certification of persons. Certification of persons can only occur when there is a certification scheme. Schemes for certification of persons are based on market needs or demand or can be required by governments.

This document can be used for accreditation or peer assessment or designation by governmental authorities, scheme owners and others.

1 Scope

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this document, the term "certification body" is used in place of the full term "body operating certification of persons", and the term "certification scheme" is used in place of the full term "scheme for certification of persons".

NOTE 2 [Annex A](#) contains principles for certification of persons.

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