

***International Personnel Certification Association:
Creating a Global Network***



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a short history



- ❑ **interested parties came together late 1993 formally establishing IATCA in Sydney**
- ❑ **multi-lateral agreements established 1998**
- ❑ **members from Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa and Australasia**
- ❑ **first programs – QMS and EMS (ISO9001, ISO14001)**
- ❑ **renamed as IPC (International Personnel Certification Association) November 2004 relocated to Athens**

what is IPC ?



- ❑ **an international association of personnel certification bodies and associate members**

- ❑ **incorporated as a not for profit company in Athens**
 - current membership - 21 organizations active in**
 - ❑ **63 countries**
 - ❑ **more than 100,000 professional certified worldwide**
 - ❑ **in more than 35 certification schemes**

membership



- **Full Membership** is only open to organisations which have in place a personnel certification scheme which has been accredited, by an accreditation body which is a member of IAF, as meeting the requirements of ISO/IEC 17024:2003 and approved IPC criteria.
- **Associate Membership** is only open to:
 - a personnel certification body which is not yet accredited as required for Full Membership;
 - an organisation that provides training or examination of competencies defined by IPC for a personnel certification scheme;
 - an industry association and other interested party
- **Observer Membership** is open to an organisation which is interested in the activities of IPC. Observer Members may be admitted as a non-voting Member, for a maximum of two (2) years, for an annual subscription not exceeding one third (1/3rd) of the annual subscription for a Full Member.

member countries



- ❑ **Australia (RAB/QSA and SAI Global)**
- ❑ **Caribbean (IAR)**
- ❑ **China (CNAT)**
- ❑ **Chinese Taipei (CNAB)**
- ❑ **France (AFAQ/AFNOR)**
- ❑ **Greece (PrCert Hellas)**
- ❑ **India (NABAT)**
- ❑ **Italy (CEPAS)**

member countries



- ❑ **Japan (JAB and JRCA)**
- ❑ **Korea (KAB)**
- ❑ **Malaysia (MRCA)**
- ❑ **Singapore (SAC)**
- ❑ **South Africa (SAATCA)**
- ❑ **Thailand (TISI)**
- ❑ **United Kingdom (IRCA and FATO)**
- ❑ **USA (RAB/QSA)**
- ❑ **Russian Federation (RR)**
- ❑ **Kazakhstan (QS Eurasia)**

value proposition to Industry (IPC's mission)



✓ promote business improvement

through the recognition of individuals who, having demonstrated competence to internationally agreed industry criteria, will provide an effective contribution to business performance

✓ provide assurance

through the provision of consistent, competent personnel performance...worldwide

how IPC achieves value



- ❑ **establishing agreed international competency based criteria for personnel certification**
- ❑ **ensuring equivalence of outcome:**
 - ❑ *through key stakeholder engagement*
 - ❑ *by defining the process of certification (determination and examination of competence)*
 - ❑ *by MLA members' accreditation to ISO 17024*
 - ❑ *by peer evaluation*
- ❑ **recognizing (MLA) personnel certification bodies**
- ❑ **MLA members grant IPC graded personnel certification**

key liaisons



- ❑ **ISO/CASCO** *International Organisation for Standardization, Council
Committee for Conformity Assessment*

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- ❑ **IAF** *International Accreditation Forum*

- ❑ **CODEX** *Codex Alimentarius Commission (Joint FAO/WHO Committee on
Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems)*

our new structure



Association Member

IPC
Board of Directors

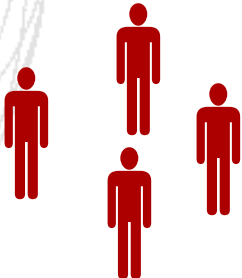
**stakeholder
engagement
define competencies
design scheme criteria**

Secretariat
(ATHENS)

Scheme Committee

**Asia
Europe
North America**

Regional
Committees

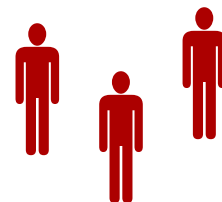


Personnel Certification Bodies

MLA - 17024

IPC Schemes

Approved Personnel Certification Schemes



Associate Members

Accreditation In International Level



International Accreditation Forum

Accreditation Bodies

Specific Interest Groups

Regional Accreditation Systems

“ Accreditation reduces risk for business and its customers by assuring them that accredited bodies are competent to carry out the work they undertake within their scope of accreditation ”

why IPC



- **International recognition**

The certificates issued to professionals will be immediately recognised by other IPC MLA members around the world, as well as by other organisations, with which IPC cooperates.

- **International acclaim**

IPC members are members of an international association that establishes rules and regulations for the certification of professionals for various sectors, an association which is esteemed by other organisations in the field (IAF, ISO, etc.) and the market in general.

why IPC



- **Interaction with other member PCBs**

You will join a team of highly-competent and successful Personnel Certification Bodies and other organisations, which will enable you to benefit from their respective experience in personnel certification. You will be able to liaise with members from all over the world and exchange views and ideas on performing business.

- **Interaction with major organisations**

IPC has established a network of contacts with all major organisations in the conformity assessment market, which it plans to continually expand. Therefore, members can benefit both directly and indirectly from the expertise of organisations such as IAF, ISO, CASCO, Codex Alimentarius, etc.

why IPC



- **Increased credibility/ reliability**

Both the certificates issued by your organisation and the performance of the professionals you certify will be viewed as conforming with a high set of standards, set by an association of organisations active in personnel certification and conformity assessment that strive to increase the status of certified personnel on a global scale.

- **Use of IPC expertise**

IPC aids its members and other parties interested in personnel certification and the development of certification schemes. Association's TC's are acting as scheme committees to IPC members, in order to assist them in their accreditation promoting and expanding personnel certification in various sectors.

why IPC



- **Improvement of certification and management systems**

Both the accreditation and the management system your organisation has implemented can be improved, through the exchange of ideas with other members and the Peer Evaluation IPC performs amongst its members, in order to verify that they conform to the standards it has set.

- **Increased assurance**

You will feel more confident of the outcome of your activities regarding personnel certification, as they will comply with the standards and specifications set by you and a group of other competent and successful organisations.

why IPC



- **Support IPC Scheme Committee to develop new Internationally Recognized Specifications**
- **Influence Personnel Certification Global Approach in your Sector through IPC MLA**
- **Specialized criteria for members/scheme**

Thank you and see you at the ...



1st IPC Congress

The International Congress for Personnel Certification

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Athens - Greece

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