

RABQSA IPC Auditors transition to RABQSA Qualification-based certification schemes

RABQSA today confirms, in accordance with the requirements from the International Personnel Certification Association (IPC) previously International Auditor and Training Certification Association (IACTA), personnel certification bodies and training approval bodies who are members of the IPC Multi-lateral Agreement (MLA) will cease issuing IPC certification on 30 September 2007.

Auditors certified by RABQSA in the IPC Auditor scheme will be contacted and advised that their RABQSA IPC Auditor certification will cease September 30 2007, and advised of the minor differences in recertification requirements. Their certification will be automatically transitioned to the RABQSA Qualification-based (Q-B) QMS Auditor Certification program. RABQSA IPC Auditors will receive new Q-B QMS Auditor Cards and Certificates after 1 October 2007. The certification and recertification dates for each auditor will not change.

Training Providers certified by RABQSA to deliver IPC EMS and QMS training must ensure any certificates issued after 30 September 2007 do not carry the IPC logo. As of 1 October 2007, all IPC Training Providers will automatically be transitioned into the RABQSA TCC QMS Lead Auditor course and/or EMS Lead Auditor course certification schemes.

RABQSA supports the IPC membership in seeking ways of providing guidance and best practice, and as a forum for communication and debate on issues related to personnel and training certification.

Further details can be gained by contacting the RABQSA Certification Coordinators and Scheme Examiners or by visiting our website at www.rabqsa.com