

## **RABQSA Launches The Drinking Water QMS Auditor Scheme**

**Sydney, Australia:** RABQSA International is officially launching the Drinking Water QMS Auditor Scheme. The Drinking Water - Quality Management System (DW QMS) Auditor Certification Scheme (Scheme) has been developed by RABQSA International, Inc (RABQSA) in conjunction with Victorian Department of Human Services, the Water Services Association of Australia and the Victorian Water Industry Association.

The Scheme will provide international recognition for auditors who conduct audits to ensure that drinking water service providers can demonstrate that they are managing risk in accordance with the risk management framework as set out in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG).

"The Drinking Water Auditor Scheme will build confidence in industry on the reliance of competent auditors in the audit process", stated Peter Holtmann, Director Business Development, RABQSA. "The result should be an increased auditor profile within industry" he noted. The DW QMS Auditor Scheme has incorporated, competency-based certification requirements using the ISO/IEC 17024:2003 standard.

"This scheme is seen as having significant benefits for health regulatory agencies and water businesses right across Australia, in that they can have confidence that auditors certified under this scheme have the knowledge and experience to undertake audits of quality management systems related to drinking water to a high standard." Replied David Sheehan, Program Manager - Drinking Water Regulation, Department of Human Services, Victoria.

Auditors certified by RABQSA will be listed on the RABQSA international register of certified persons.

For more information about the DW QMS Auditor Scheme please visit [www.rabqsa.com](http://www.rabqsa.com) or contact the RABQSA Sydney office on **02 4728 4600**.

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