

## **RABQSA changes witness audit requirements in the RABQSA qualification-based certification schemes**

**Sydney, Milwaukee, Athens:** RABQSA today announces it has reviewed and amended the four main qualification-based auditor certification schemes [Environment, Quality, Food Safety and Occupational Health and Safety] to remove the requirement for a witness audit.

The recertification criteria have also been revised, removing the now-defunct 2-year cycle, and reflecting only the current 3-year cycle.

“With the emergence of the competency-based schemes, and their emphasis on examination of skill, the witness audit requirement in the qualification-based schemes no longer has relevance.” stated Shanya Salamaca, Director Certification Services for RABQSA. “This is also a significant advantage for auditors wishing to upgrade their certification to Lead or Principal Auditor.” she replied.

The changes in the qualification-based criteria can be found in each of the four updated RABQSA certification requirements. These are downloadable from the RABQSA website, through the “Certify Me” link. The changes are effective immediately. Customers with existing applications with RABQSA will be examined under the new requirements.

“RABQSA is continuing to find ways of delivering value back to its certified personnel, ensuring an efficient and effective certification experience for all applicants,” quoted Ms Salamaca. “We need to encourage certification by promoting value, recognition and confidence.”

Further details can be gained by contacting the RABQSA Personnel Certification Coordinators and Scheme Examiners or visiting our website at [www.rabqsa.com](http://www.rabqsa.com)

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