

Feature/Requirement	CertPubS®	MicroCredential™	ProQual™	DefraQual™	CorePass™
ISO17024 compliant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Training System	No	No	No	No	No
Assessment Only	Yes™	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part A (theory) required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part B (skills) required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part C (experience) required	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Part D (theory and skills) required	Covered in above	Covered in above	Covered in above	Covered in above	Yes
Part A Theory Exam Supplied by	IPSQA or pre-approved	IPSQA or pre-approved	APP** or ATC*	ATC*	ATC (self)
Standard Based	Yes	Yes	Yes (NFPA)	Yes (DEFRA)	Yes
Independent Assessor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Foreign Interference Protection (FIP)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Candidate Performance Evidence	Photo/Video	Photo/Video	Photo/Video	Photo/Video	Documentation
Assessment Evidence Storage	Uploaded to ITM	Uploaded to ITM	Uploaded to ITM	Uploaded to ITM	Retained by ATC
Assessment Evidence Sample	100% uploaded	100% uploaded	100% uploaded	100% uploaded	5-10% locally retained
National Security Protocol (NSP)	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
RPL Available	HQ only	HQ only	HQ only	HQ only	ATC
Retrospective Processing	NSP only	NSP only	NSP only	NSP only	Yes as RPL by ATC
IQF Credit	>10	<10	Any	Any	<10
IQF Level	Any	Any	Any	Any	<4
Assessor Qualification Required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Assessor Designation Approval	Technical review	Technical review	Technical review	Technical review	Notification only †
Fee (NZD) (excludes GST 15%)	\$125 per part (3 parts)	\$75 per part (3 parts)	\$100	\$100	\$25

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Document	Cert & e-Ticket	Cert & e-ticket	Cert & e-Ticket	Cert & e-Ticket	Cert e-ticket
QR verifiable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
UniCode Alternate Certificate Name	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IPSQA Lapel pin available	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Photo Required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Prescribed Candidate Declaration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	ATC may create own
Appeals	Made to HQ	Made to HQ	Made to HQ	Made to HQ	Made to ATC
Audience	Public safety professionals for specific role (i.e. firefighter)	Public safety professionals for specific task or equipment.	Technical rescue professionals seeking NFPA compliant certification	Swiftwater rescue professionals seeking DEFRA compliant certification	General public and community
Suitable for	International level practitioners ready to be assessed, regardless of learning journey. Particularly for use in countries where political interference is a risk.	International level practitioners ready to be assessed, regardless of learning journey. Particularly for use in countries where political interference is a risk.	North American practitioners who are ready to be assessed regardless of learning journey.	UK practitioners who are ready to be assessed following formal instruction.	End of course, third party certification with global learner transcript/QR code (i.e. first aid course).
Target Countries	All	All	USA	UK	All

* ATC must only use approved assessment tools.

** Approved Publishing Partners (APPs) may also supply assessment tools for Part A and/or B as part of instructor resources. Refer ipsqa.com/approved

† ATC responsible for ensuring assessor meets technical requirements.