

Answer the call with competence



IPSQA

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

Let's make certification simple.



Welcome to IPSQA

The International Public Safety Qualifications Authority (IPSQA) is dedicated to developing standards and providing independent role certification for public safety and high risk industry practitioners globally. From firefighting, technical rescue, law enforcement, first aid, and height safety, we provide a *one-stop shop* for certification.

We provide quality assured certification for public safety professionals

IPSQA is not a training provider. Instead, we set standards, support a world-wide network of Accredited Testing Centres (ATCs) to offer a range of certification products including those aligned with ISO17024 *Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*, promoting international recognition and adherence to best practices.

Multi-Standard Certification

In addition to developing and providing assessment against our own standards, we also offer robust, quality assured and independent assessment for other standards including NFPA, ISO, EN, BS and DEFRA. So regardless of whether prior training was completed in-house or externally provided, IPSQA offers a holistic and ISO17024 compliant certification scheme for NFPA and DEFRA role requirements.

Real-Time Validation

Certifications issued by IPSQA are consolidated on a global transcript verifiable through a candidate's unique QR code. The QR code and associated online transcript is available for life. All our certification products come with a certificate and wallet card (PDF) as standard.

Reduce compliance

For too long, many accreditation schemes focused on compliance rather than quality and this has led to unsustainable costs, excessive administration and a failure to listen to what industry wants. Using our Quality Management System (QMS) and cloud database we make certification simple to administer, yet with a robust pragmatic approach to ensure assessment evidence is maintained for passive surveillance and audit.

A simple fee structure makes it easy to budget and implement. www.ipsqa.com/fees

National Security Protocol

As a veteran friendly social-enterprise, we offer government agencies a protocol that allows for the protection of sensitive assessment evidence. We also provide a discharge cross-credit process so that those in national security roles can exit their organisation with civilian (IPSQA) certifications. www.ipsqa.com/natsec



Learn more about becoming an ATC at www.ipsqa.com/atc

www.ipsqa.com/defraqual

We offer a range of certification products to meet industry needs across a wide range of subject areas.

Certificate in Public Safety (CertPubS®) ✓ ISO17024:2012

Our flagship role certification scheme offering the highest standard of international excellence requiring proctored examination (Part A), skills assessment (Part B) and professional requirements (Part C) such as verified experience. Protected by FIP™. Example: *Certificate in Public Safety (Dive Operator)*.

Award in Public Safety ✓ ISO17024:2012

Similar to our *Certificate in Public Safety*, the *Award in Public Safety* is a micro-credential aimed at certification for a specific function within a role or for specific equipment. Awards may be stand-alone, be an exit point or pre-requisite within a *Certificate in Public Safety*. Requires Parts A, B and C. For example *Award in Public Safety (Swiftwater Breathing Apparatus)*.

ProQual™ ✓ ISO17024:2012

The world's first ISO17024 compliant role certification for National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards such as NFPA1006 (Technical Rescue), NFPA1001 Firefighter, and NFPA1041 (Fire and Emergency Instructor).

DefraQual™ ✓ ISO17024:2012

Designed specifically to independently certify flood and water rescue competencies under the United Kingdom's DEFRA Flood Rescue Concept of Operations.

WorkQual™ ✓ ISO17024:2012

For high risk industries, other than emergency services, WorkQual provides role certification against various standards including ISO, EN, BS and NFPA.

CorePass®

IPSQA's CorePass® provides a simple, primarily self-regulated assessment system for elementary safety competencies aimed at the general public and industry. CorePass® is designed to be easy to implement with assessments able to be carried out by the trainer.



Compare our product range at www.ipsqa.com/compare



Tell me more...

Accredited Testing Centres

Accredited Testing Centres (ATC's) are the hub between candidates and IPSQA. They administer the assessment using registered assessors. A key difference with IPSQA, is that our ATC's are automatically approved to deliver any of our certification products, providing they have access to appropriate resources. To enable this, ATC's can use their own or draw from a global pool of freelance assessors to offer a wide range of products.

Assessors

Industry experts are easily trained as IPSQA Assessors through short 8-hour online course that includes a practical assessment, and administrators complete an additional 1-hour course. Implementation is quick and very cost effective. Assessors can opt-in to be part of the global pool of freelancers available to ATC's, creating networking and financial opportunities. Assessors can also work pro-bono or as part of an inter-agency mutual aid agreement, fostering collaboration and building pre-event relationships. Assessors and administrators also are eligible to apply for contestable scholarships offered by IPSQA as part of our social enterprise.

Global Database

Using Mission Control's ITM secure cloud database implementation is easy, with administrators having access to online tutorials and able to access customer support. Candidates are compartmentalised against an ATC to ensure commercial confidentiality, with candidate records able to be shared across providers when required. With ITM, it is easy to set up assessment events, create candidate profiles and generate all the pre-populated forms needed for assessment. Certificates awarded also have provision for the candidates full name to be additionally displayed in over 100 languages, contributing to a truly global certification scheme and making identification easier.

Common Assessment Tools

Many of our certification products have common assessment tools for assessing the theory requirements of standards, including online multi-lingual examinations which can be proctored (supervised) by a designated Assessor or Administrator. ATC's also can also develop their own theory assessment tools, subject to moderation by IPSQA. Many of our products also have pre-approved assessment resources available from third party suppliers. CorePass® has simpler requirements, including internal moderation carried out by the ATC.

Foreign Interference Protection (FIP™)

Western accreditation systems often fail to address the complexities of assessment in other cultures where there maybe an increased risk of bribery and coercion. As a global certification scheme, the integrity of assessment is paramount. So our flagship product, the *Certificate in Public Safety* requires the final part of the assessment to be undertaken by another independent assessor who is not domiciled in the country of the candidate. www.ipsqa.com/fip

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