

## **International Certification Status Bench Marking Competence of Auditor and Training**

### **Certification System for Auditor and Training**

National Authorities, Certification Bodies (CBs) and Trade Organizations shall safeguard the competence of their auditing, inspection and testing personnel either by bench marking to international system or traceable to international standard. Accreditation/Certification is voluntary; but the bench marking standard and creditability of training courses represent your attitude and commitment towards quality.

#### **(A) Competence Conforming to International Personnel Certification Standard**

ISO 17024 is the international standard for certification of personnel competence. Mandatory Document MD 10 issued by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), Clause 6.3 stated that "Certification in a personnel certification scheme, accredited to ISO/IEC 17024 may be used as demonstrating the competence of personnel, to the extent covered by the scope of the scheme". Personnel certified by CB accredited in accordance with ISO/IEC 17024 can assure his/her competence by a competence 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

#### **(B) Competence Conforming to International Personnel Certification System**

In 2018, IAF endorsed "IPC Management System Auditors Certification Scheme" operated by the International Personnel Certification Association (IPC) as a sub-scope of IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) under Certification of Persons.  
[<https://www.iaf.nu/articles/Scopes/16>].

IPC is a non-profit making international organization on certification of professionals, quality and environmental management system auditors according to ISO/IEC 17024 [<http://www.ipcaweb.org/>]. IPC is not a certification body, all activities of IPC associated with examination and certification is executed by the Signatory Members of IPC MLA. The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Auditors (HKICA), as one of the ninth IPC MLA Signatory Members in the world, has the right to issue certificates under the IPC logo and to approve training organization and training courses. Competence of personnel certified by HKICA according to the schemes under IPC is recognized worldwide.

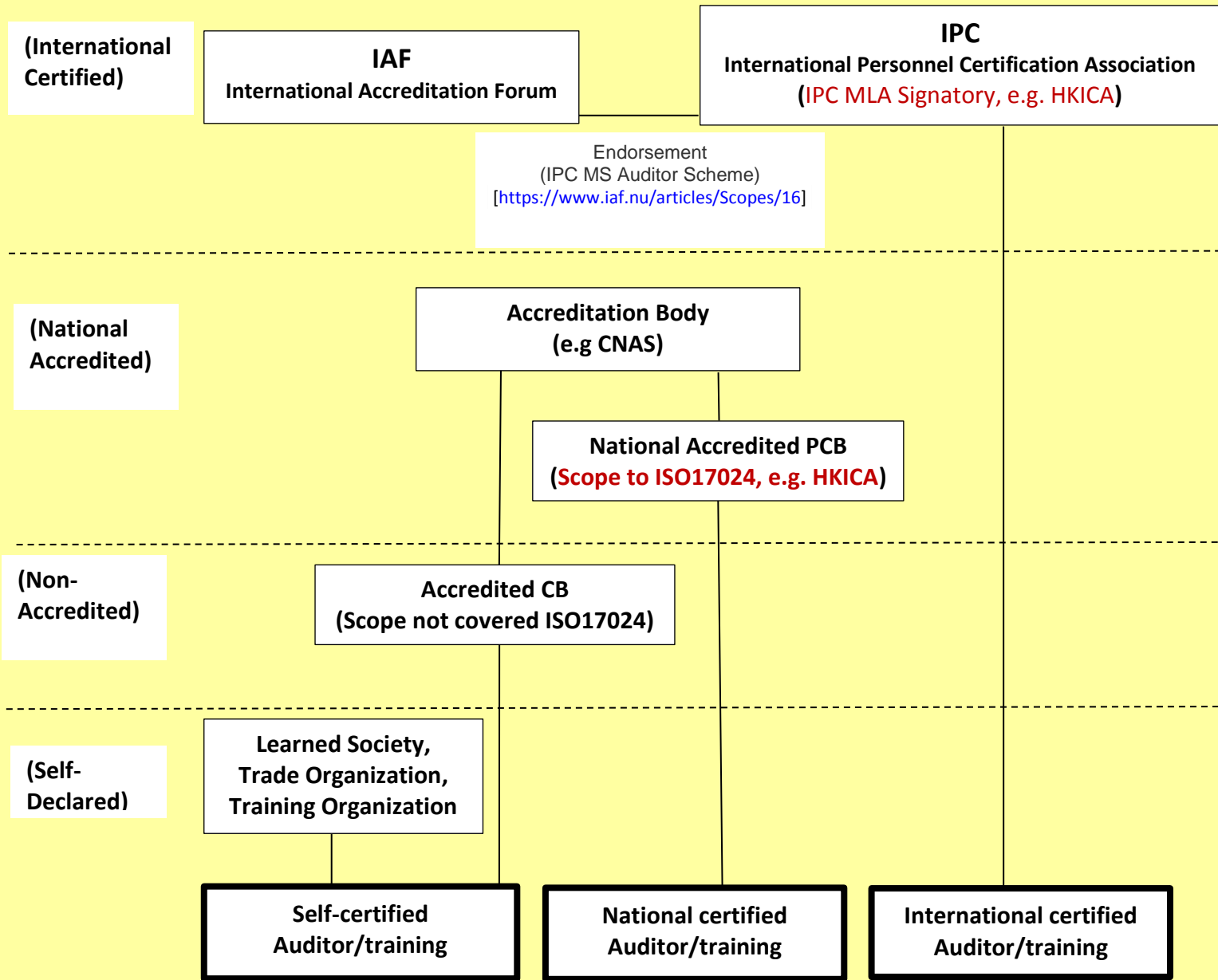
#### **(C) Other Personnel Certification System**

**Non-accredited System** – Certification System offered by CB without accreditation. CB performs its own evaluation on competence to auditor and training course.

**Self-declared System** – Certification/registration System offered by Learned Society, Trade Organization or Training Organization. The organization declared the competence of auditor and/or training course up to certain level.

The competence of these organizations has not been evaluated by 3<sup>rd</sup> party authoritative body.

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## HKICA certification bench marked International standard ISO17024

### HKICA Certify IPC MS Auditors Worldwide

Hong Kong Institution of Certified Auditors provides worldwide personal certification services to frontline quality personnel, second party internal auditor and third party auditor, in areas of quality, environmental, occupational health & safety, food safety, laboratory and other management schemes to meet the ever changing need of the industry and the expectation of the community at large.

Hong Kong Institution of Certified Auditors certified auditor system bench marking to ISO17024 international standard has been certified by China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment (CNAS). HKICA also is the Signatory Member of IPC MLA can certify IPC MS Auditor; approve training organization and training courses.

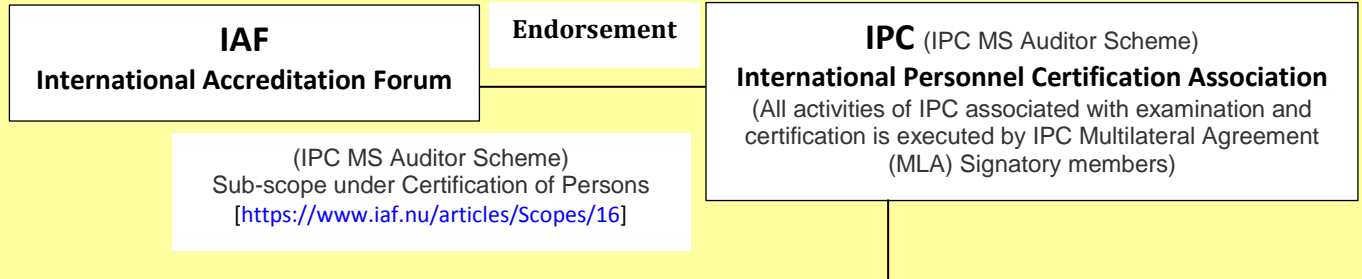
### HKICA MoU arrangement with CCAA








Hong Kong Institution of Certified Auditors (HKICA) has signed MoU agreement with China Certification and Accreditation Association (CCAA) in September 2016. Auditor professional can now registered as CCAA auditor under the HKICA/CCAA MoU arrangement. **Quality Management System Auditors is a Recognized Professional** enlisted on Professional Qualification Licensing and Certification (國家職業資格目錄清單).

#### Conversion of HKICA Auditor to IPC and CCAA Auditor systems

Auditor Grade Conversion		
IPC Auditor Grade	HKICA Auditor Grade	CCAA Auditor Grade
IPC MS Lead Auditor/Auditor	Lead Auditor	Auditor
	Auditor	
	Assistant Auditor	Provision Auditor
	Internal Auditor	

### Progress of HKICA Certification Scopes



HKICA IPC Scheme Status		
HKICA Personnel Certification Schemes	IPC MS Auditor Schemes/Training Organization	
	Existing Scope	Scopes to be expand (tentative Oct 2019)
ISO 9001 	Appendix 1: ISO QMS (Approved)  	
ISO 14001 	Appendix 2: ISO EMS (In progress)	
ISO 45001 		Appendix 4: ISO45001 (Pending)
ISO 15189 		Appendix 5: ISO15189 (Pending)
ISO 17025 		Appendix 6: ISO17025 (Pending)