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Qualification Criteria for Validators

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0.1 Approval and Issue

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1.0 Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to establish qualification criteria for Validators of Indian Common Criteria Certification Scheme (IC3S).

2.0 Responsibility:

Management Representative: To keep the contents of this document updated in line with the Common Criteria standards and practices.

3.0 Associated documents :

- STQC/CC/D02 - Quality Manual
- STQC/CC/D11 - List of Appointments

4.0 Definitions :

For the purpose of this document, the definitions contained in clause 1.3 of the document STQC/CC/D02 - “Quality Manual” shall apply.

5.0 Resources :

For the purpose of the activities defined in this document, the personnel resources are identified in Doc STQC/CC/D11.

6.0 Procedure :

6.1 Empanelment

The empanelment of an Validator can take place only when the criteria as mentioned in clause 6.2 is satisfied based on the observation of already empanelled Validator as per Doc STQC/CC/P01.

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6.2 Qualification Criteria for CC Validators

6.2.1 *The qualification criteria for Validator have the following distinct parts:*

- Educational requirements
- Appropriate practical workplace experience
- Training
- personal attributes

The criteria are meant to ensure that Validator are familiar with information technology, and concepts and practices relating to security in information technology.

6.2.2 *Educational requirements*

Graduate/Diploma in Electrical/Electronics, Computer engineering or Science graduate with adequate knowledge in Information and Communications Technology including adequate knowledge in Security Devices / Software.

6.2.3 *Appropriate Practical Work Place Experience*

Candidates should have a minimum of four years full-time practical work place experience in information technology Security Certifications / Testing/ Assessment techniques of which at least two years in a role or function relating to VA/PT & testing of information security system/devices. The experience in information security could also have been obtained by education and/or training.

6.2.4 *Training*

Candidates should have undergone training to the extent necessary to ensure their competence required for carrying out and managing validations. Training in the following areas should be regarded as particularly relevant:

- Knowledge and understanding of the CC standards and Certification Body policies & procedures against which validations may be performed.
- Techniques of examining, questioning, evaluating and reporting.
- Additional skills required for managing a validation of ST or PP, such as planning, organising, communicating and directing.

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Such competence should have been demonstrated through proper trainings or other acceptable means.

6.2.5 *Personal Attributes and Validation Techniques*

Candidates should have the following personal attributes: objective, mature, discerning, analytical, persistent, and realistic.

6.2.6 *CC Validation Experience*

When selecting the validator for a specific validation the certification body will ensure that the competence of the validator is appropriate as required for each assignment. The validator(s) will

- a) be familiar with the applicable legal regulations, certification procedures and certification requirements.
- b) have a thorough knowledge of the relevant validation method/ documents and CC standards
- c) have appropriate technical knowledge of the specific activities for which certification is sought
- d) be able to communicate effectively, both in writing and orally in the required languages
- e) be free from any interest that might cause validator(s) to act in other than an impartial or non-discriminatory manner, for example ;
 - Validator(s) shall not have provided consulting services to the applicant or certified client which compromise the certification process and decision
 - in accordance with the directives of the Certification Body, the validators shall inform the Certification Body, prior to the validation, about any existing, former and envisaged link between themselves or their organizations and the client to be validated.