

## WHO WE ARE

**AICQ SICEV S.r.l.** is a Certification Body accredited by **ACCREDIA** (the Italian Accreditation Body) for the certification of professionals working in the field of Management Systems and other Professionals. **AICQ SICEV S.r.l.** administers **AICQ** (Associazione Italiana Cultura Qualità) know-how Registers and other Associations know-how Registers.



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Signatory of EA, IAF and ILAC  
Mutual Recognition Agreement

## OUR HISTORY

AICQ set up **AICQ SICEV** as the certification system for Management System Auditors in 1990. In 1994 **AICQ SICEV** was accredited by SINCERT (now ACCREDIA) in accordance with UNI CEI EN 45013 (now in accordance with UNI CEI ISO/IEC 17024) for the certification of professional persons.

In 2008 **AICQ SICEV** became a non-profit association with the name **ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA CULTURA QUALITÀ** – Certification and Auditing System. As from 2012, to consolidate its structure and take advantage of the opportunities offered by Law no. 4/2013 and Decree Law no. 13/2013, **AICQ SICEV** broadened its range of Registers and services offered to the market.

Finally, in December 2013, **Associazione AICQ SICEV** transferred its operating activities to **AICQ SICEV S.r.l.**

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is:

- The certification and qualification of personnel
- The qualification and recognition of training courses
- The supply of support services to Certification Schemes

as leader in the Italian market and in the Italian Quality System, generating value for those listed in the registers, for the clients of the services and for all other interested parties through the supply of high added value, high quality and low-cost services.

## SERVICES OFFERED

### ✓ CERTIFICATION OF PERSONS

- Management of AICQ (Associazione Italiana Cultura Qualità) know-how Registers and other Associations know-how Registers
- Accredited certifications (ACCREDIA):
  - Management System Auditors (ISO standards)
  - Professionals (Law 4/2013 and Decree Law 13/2013 + ISO-UNI standards)
- Qualification in accordance with specifications and requirements as defined together with the interested parties through assessment via one or more means such as:
  - Written/oral/practical/simulations
  - On-site monitoring

### ✓ MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMPETENCE OF CERTIFIED PERSONS THROUGH:

- Conferences
- Seminars
- Specialised courses (SICEV SATURDAYS)
- *Webinars*
- Publications (Newsletter)

### ✓ COURSE RECOGNITION AND QUALIFICATION:

- Courses for Management Systems Team Leaders/Auditors
- Courses for Professionals

### ✓ SERVICES FOR CERTIFICATION BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

- Auditor surveillance through on-site audits
- Mapping of competence

## CERTIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

The **certification of professional personnel** and the **maintaining of the required competence** are worldwide requisites, and in Europe they are the premise for the free circulation of Professionals. **Certification** is a tool for ensuring that the **certified person** satisfies the requirements of a given profession as defined in the relative Certification Scheme. Trust in a Certification Scheme is obtained via a universally accepted process that includes an initial assessment of the certified person's competence and periodic monitoring to ensure ongoing compliance with the scheme.

As an independent third party Certification Body accredited in accordance with the ISO/IEC 17024 standard "*General Requirements for Bodies Operating Certification of Persons*", **AICQ SICEV** performs an initial assessment of the individual, verifies that they **fulfil the minimum requirements** of the certification scheme for operating in a particular sector of activity, and subsequently monitors the certified person's performance, the ongoing compliance of their competence and conformity with the relevant Code of Professional Ethics.

## CERTIFICATION RECIPIENT

The certification recipient is a **Professional** that carries out an intellectual or liberal profession or an activity that requires a qualification. A **Professional** carries out his/her work diligently and fulfils a set of requirements such as personal qualities, training, experience, competence, perseverance, attention to details, ability to handle different situations and compliance with the Professional Ethics Code that distinguish the professional from the amateur. The profession may be performed either as a free-lance or as an employee.

## ADDED VALUE WITH AICQ SICEV CERTIFICATION

- ✓ ***Recognition of one's professional competence by an independent third party body accredited in accordance with the ISO/IEC 17024 Standard, on the basis of nationally and internationally recognised standards.***
- ✓ ***Evidence of continued training.***
- ✓ ***Guaranteed full compliance with the Professional Ethics Code.***
- ✓ ***Greater market competitiveness.***
- ✓ ***Preventive and continued guarantee of professional competence.***

## REGISTER OF CERTIFIED PERSONS

The existence and maintenance of the competence requisites are communicated to the **interested parties** via **registration in a Register** specific to the competence, which is available for public consultation on the web site of a Certification Body like AICQ SICEV.

Registration in a professional register enables the certified person to work for Organisations that require their collaborators to be certified and to offer their services to any Organisation as a certified person, therefore able to operate in accordance with the best market standards in the sector.