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Summary	This AISEP Interpretation clarifies the necessary qualifications that the Principal Certifier should hold in order to perform their duties.
Reference	AISEP Policy Manual v4.0 (APM)

Evaluation Requirement

At present, the AISEP Policy Manual (APM) lists the responsibilities of ACA certifiers *and* the minimum qualifications required to undertake this role. The APM also lists responsibilities particular to the Principal Certifier, but the necessary qualifications and experience for someone in this role have not been made explicit.

Background

In September 2011, members from the CCRA conducted a Voluntary Periodic Assessment (VPA) of the Australasian CC scheme. To maintain compliance with CCRA requirements, it was recommended that:

“The APM shall include the necessary qualifications for the Principal Certifier for performing its duties. It is recommended to make the qualifications objective, e.g. by specifying the number and level of certification and/or evaluation activities that need to be performed before progressing from a certifier level to principal level.”

Evaluation Guidance

Upon release of AI008, the relevant affected paragraph in section 2.2 of the APM (ACA Roles and Responsibilities) should read:

33. *The Principal Certifier is a special instance of an ACA certifier (section 2.2.2), with the following additional responsibilities:*
- a. Manage certifications and allocate resources as required;*
 - b. Report to senior DSD management on the technical operations of the AISEP;*
 - c. Oversee the operation of the ACA's quality management system with other ACA management;*
 - d. Ensure the technical validity and accuracy of information contained in the ACA technical reports and documents;*
 - e. Ensure technical alignment within the AISEP and with the international CC community; and*
 - f. Manage the technical development of certification staff and associated training.*