

**Local expertise  
Global recognition**



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**IQNet is an international network of partner certification bodies. Since being established in 1990, IQNet has remained the world's largest network of leading certification bodies; with numerous partners spanning hundreds of offices and subsidiaries throughout the globe.**

## IQNet The International Certification Network

**IQNet partners** are individually regarded as the best certification bodies within their local region.

Each partner's **local expertise** is transformed to **global recognition** through the mutual recognition of partner capabilities across IQNet's International Certification Network.

This mutual recognition is founded on the essential principles of maintaining harmonised processes and rigorous peer assessments between partners within the network.

IQNet partners have collectively issued **over 300'000 certificates**, representing approximately one quarter of all management system certificates worldwide.

The **IQNet database** of certified customers is the largest available global register for management systems certification, and is publically available through the **IQNet website**.

## Benefits for IQNet certified organisations



- **Enhanced business performance** through competent and value adding assessment services, based on harmonised certification processes
- **Facilitation of international trade** supported by partner Co-Certification incorporating mutual recognition of partner certificates
- **Innovation and market differentiation** through access to a growing number of unique and specialist products and services



- **Global certification** capabilities managed centrally and delivered locally through the expansive yet harmonised partner network
- **IQNet certificates** providing international credentials towards global recognition and worldwide market access

## Global capabilities

Through its international network of partner certification bodies, IQNet is the preferred provider of worldwide management system certification services; with capabilities that include:

- **Extensive global resources** with access to 17'000 auditors and experts
- **Comprehensive external recognition;** being accredited by over 40 accreditation bodies
- **Substantial coverage of industry sectors** including manufacturing and service sectors

## Co-Certification

Organisations certified in their own country are increasingly required to demonstrate the validity of their certificate when trading with foreign customers requiring a local certificate.

Co-certification permits any IQNet partner to request a local certificate in another partner's country. This is based on IQNet's mutual recognition principles; allowing an organisation certified by one IQNet partner to have access to a large number of local certificates in other countries. Co-certification enhances cost effective global recognition of organisations certified through IQNet partners.

## Global Certification

Multinational organisations are choosing to consolidate their certification service providers to improve cost efficiency and service consistency. IQNet is capable of delivering centrally managed global certification services through its partner network by utilising a web-enabled system which captures the organisation's service expectations. The unique service expectations of each multinational organisation are incorporated within this system, which forms the basis for consistent service delivery worldwide. Multinational organisations serviced through IQNet partners under this system can take advantage of many benefits, some of which include:

- Centralised account management
- Simplified communication protocols
- Consistent auditing approach
- Uniform reporting of audit findings
- Consolidation of global audit findings, regional findings and trend analysis

## Innovative IQNet products

**IQNet Ltd** was founded in 2005 as the certification division of the IQNet network.

**IQNet Ltd** has its own accreditations and recognition; with a principal focus on unique, specialist and industry specific assurance solutions. **IQNet Ltd** is based in Bern, Switzerland, and delivers global certification services using locally deployed audit resources of its partner network.

Innovative products are offered within various specialist categories. Product brochures can be downloaded from the IQNet website.



### Sustainability and Quality of Life

- Social accountability
- Allergen management
- Business continuity



### Corporate Governance

- Board governance



### Innovation and Excellence

- Business excellence
- Business improvement management



### e-Trust information security

- Information protection
- e-business assurance

