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Introduction

This International Standard has been drawn up with the objective of achieving and promoting a globally accepted benchmark for individuals who provide the professional service of personal financial planning. Personal financial planning is a process designed to enable consumers to achieve their personal financial goals. The service of personal financial planning is provided by a personal financial planner to assist clients with their personal financial planning.

Consumers need to have confidence in their personal financial planner. This International Standard specifies the ethical behaviour, competences and experience required of a professional personal financial planner.

This International Standard describes and addresses the various methods of conformity assessment and specifies requirements applying to each of them. Conformity assessment of personal financial planners is a complex task requiring access to specialized knowledge, skills and experience. The technical committee (comprising practitioners, industry and consumer representatives) for this International Standard strongly believes that accredited independent third-party certification provides the most reliable method of conformity assessment and thus protection for consumers.

Therefore, the technical committee recommends that consumers seek the services of personal financial planners who can demonstrate that they have undergone conformity assessment by independent third-party certification bodies which have been accredited as complying with the requirements set out in ISO/IEC 17024.