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Introduction

This Technical Specification specifies the terms and definitions related to competence and certification of persons, including relevant training terminology. ISO has published a number of standards and other related documents referring to competence of persons (e.g. ISO 9001, ISO/IEC 17021, ISO/IEC 17024), and this has highlighted a need to develop consistent terminology.

The objective of this Technical Specification is to facilitate a common understanding among interested parties of the vocabulary associated with certification and competence of persons. It is also intended to be beneficial in increasing alignment across standards that relate to credentials.

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