



STANDARDS

CONSULTANT CERTIFICATION

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1. Definitions

Throughout this document the following terms have the meanings indicated:

MEMBER:	A company, partnership, firm, individual or other trading entity which is a paid up member of IECO.
CLIENT COMPANY	A company or organisation to which a MEMBER provides services.
CONTRACTOR	A non MEMBER third party company, organisation or individual that provides services to CLIENT COMPANY.
REPRESENTATIVE	An individual who carries out a MEMBER's contractual obligations.

2. Policy statement.

- 2.1. Any action taken by any MEMBER or their REPRESENTATIVES in following these standards shall not relieve the MEMBER, of his legal or contractual obligations.
- 2.2. IECO wishes to promote a unified approach to consultancy practice as applied to geoscience, survey and HSE projects with a view to enhancing the value of Consultants in the Energy sector of industry.
- 2.3. The objectives of IECO are:
 - 2.3.1. To foster and promote the highest professional, business and ethical standards and to deliver guidelines and disseminate information (where appropriate) to assist members to implement these standards.
 - 2.3.2. To provide a forum where the special interests of geoscience, survey and HSE consultants in the Energy Industry can be discussed and to promote the interests of members working within that industry.
 - 2.3.3. To constitute a representative body which can act as a channel of communication between members, client companies, contractors and the industry generally.
 - 2.3.4. To promote safe working practices and safety awareness and to assist members in formulating and maintaining health and safety policies and standards.
 - 2.3.5. To encourage members to initiate and subsequently to support, a quality management approach to their work in the energy industry.
 - 2.3.6. To promote environmentally sound working practices and environmental awareness and to assist members in formulating and maintaining environmental policies and standards.
 - 2.3.7. To maintain the highest standards of awareness of available technology by pursuit of continuing professional development (CPD) and training.
 - 2.3.8. To publish documents and arrange seminars or similar information sessions that IECO may consider appropriate to promote its objectives.
 - 2.3.9. To identify and promote the membership as the source of experience, knowledge, solutions and education for geoscience, survey and HSE within the Energy sector.
- 2.4. This Standards Document has been produced in furtherance of these objectives. MEMBERS accept and endorse these Standards and will ensure, as far as is reasonably possible, that all REPRESENTATIVES engaged by them, whether directly employed or not, comply with its provisions.

3. Standards of certification

- 3.1. IECO MEMBER companies have confidentiality agreements in place with their REPRESENTATIVES providing for the interests of their CLIENTS and CLIENT's CONTRACTORS.**
- 3.2. IECO MEMBER company REPRESENTATIVES subscribe to and support the policies of their company.**
- 3.3. IECO MEMBER companies apply an engagement standard as a minimum to ensure REPRESENTATIVE qualification.**
- 3.4. IECO MEMBER companies warrant the certified qualification (training, education and technical expertise) of their REPRESENTATIVES.**
- 3.5. IECO MEMBER companies assure valid medical certificates to Oil & Gas UK (ex UKOOA) or similar standard.**
- 3.6. IECO MEMBER companies assure a valid marine Safety & Survival certificate to OPITO or similar standard.**