



STATEMENT OF IMPARTIALITY

The Quebec Association for Environmental Auditing (AQVE) ensures the impartiality of its annual certification process as follows:

- 1) The certification process is overseen by a Certification Committee, which is independent from the Board of Directors. The chair of the Certification Committee is an ex officio member of the Board of Directors.
- 2) The certification process and criteria are public.
- 3) Each member of the Certification Committee is selected based on their scientific and technical expertise in the fields covered by the various accreditations, as well as their ability to act impartially during the various stages of the process (reviewing applications, preparing written and oral exams, proctoring exams, and grading exams).
- 4) The AQVE Board of Directors approves the composition of the Accreditation Commission.
- 5) Each member of the Certification Commission signs a letter of commitment. This letter includes, in particular, provisions regarding adherence to the certification process, compliance with the AQVE Code of Best Practices, and the absence of conflicts of interest.
- 6) When an AQVE board member is also a member of the Certification Committee, they are subject to the same requirements of impartiality and objectivity and must sign the letter of commitment.
- 7) The Board of Directors grants certification to qualified candidates upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Certification Committee.

The Association's activities are focused solely on the certification of individuals and the promotion of environmental auditing in all its forms. It does not provide or sell training sessions.

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