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Foreword

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Introduction

To support the application of environmental management systems and environmental auditing, guidance is needed on qualification criteria for environmental auditors. The aim of this International Standard is to provide such guidance.

Internal auditors need the same set of competencies as external auditors but may not meet in all respects the detailed criteria described in this International Standard, depending upon such factors as

- the size, nature, complexity and environmental impacts of the organization;
- the rate of development of the relevant expertise and experience within the organization.