



Joint statement of EATA and ITAA: mutual recognition

EATA and ITAA recognise each other's system of training and certification and will do so respectfully, in the spirit of trust and appreciation for differences in approach. This means that we regard both systems as being equivalent, whilst recognising that they are not the same, nor need to be.

Following the recent TAWCS meeting in June, representatives of both organisations agreed a common position regarding mutual recognition. For many years this has been the cornerstone of our joint approach to training and examination. A common understanding has been that our systems are the same, presented in two handbooks describing an almost identical model, serving members in each organisation.

This statement re-affirms our joint commitment to mutual recognition, whilst taking account of significant developments for both organisations over the past few years. We recognise that changes have been put in place by each association, which has generated the need to re-frame mutual recognition.

By re-asserting our commitment to mutual recognition, we respect the differences of training and exam processes based on the different structure of the two associations and the different personal and professional needs of our members. We take account of the overall common goal which is to fulfil the values and professional standards we share.

The renewal of our alliance as training and certification associations is that our members become increasingly familiar with the differences in our respective systems. Supervisors and trainers are especially encouraged to review and understand the distinctions between the two handbooks in order to properly support supervisees and those engaged in training programmes. Similarly, trainees and candidates are encouraged to take responsibility for the choice of system and how they navigate its requirements, within the context of their practice.

Each association will continue to regularly communicate updates to handbooks through our different bulletins and notices. Furthermore, EATA and ITAA will continue to share their experiences concerning training and exam processes via TAWCS. This will continue to be

an increasingly important space for exchange, support and for learning from each other. Whilst decisions regarding changes to association handbooks will remain in the separate domains of the ITAA and EATA, we are committed to on-going dialogue in the spirit of mutuality.

In due course we will publish additional notices regarding more detailed guidance including attendance at respective examinations for examiners and candidates, application processes and other matters that we know will be important to the effective operation of both systems. However, the purpose of this statement is to assure members in both associations of our commitment to provide a differentiated and coherent approach to training and certification that has integrity, reciprocity and mutuality at its heart. We are grateful to the support, patience and engagement of our collective memberships and look forward to new developments in our common professional journey.

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