

RISE has an almost century-long history as an independent, impartial Institute owned by the state tasked with conducting research into products to be placed on the market, and which creates trust and credibility through its third-party status.

Impartiality and Independence are therefore self-evident concepts for us. In an ever-more internationalized world, trust in, and reliance on, issued certificates are fundamental for trade with products, services, skills or management systems. Trust is a core RISE value.

The Certification Board and the impartiality committee

The Certification Board for RISE Certification also performs the role of impartiality committee. It consists of external individuals with a good overview of our market and what impartiality and independence entail. We identify risks and how they can be eliminated through frequent analyses. The Certification Board also acts as an appeal body. The Certification Board consists of:

Monica Björk, The Association of Swedish Building Materials Merchants
Björn Källander, Swedish Wood
Pär Hermerén, Association of Swedish Engineering Industries
Anneli Kouthoofd, Construction material industry
Åsa Rönnbäck, SIQ - The Swedish Institute for Quality
Esbjörn Svensson, Healthy Building Environment
Fredrik Holst, RISE
Stefan Frisk, SMP (co-opt)
Dag Sjöholm, RISE (co-opt)

Consultancy services and development

One impartiality aspect highlighted in respect of certification bodies for products, is the risk that products intended for certification have been developed by someone within the organization. This does not happen at RISE, and we have procedures that handle the risk.

A typical risk with certification bodies for management systems is that they in one way or another offer consultancy services. RISE does not do this.

There can be a risk of conflicts of interest between training and examination in the case of certification of personnel. RISE has procedures that eliminate this risk.

Finances

Another aspect by the Certification Board is ensuring that the operation is run with sound, stable finances. The entire operation is financed through charges for assignments carried out without any support or subsidies. Charges comprise such things as application fees, hourly or daily fees, certificate charges, annual fees and charges for additional works. The charges are specified before an assignment e.g. in offers.

Policy

For RISE there is a quality policy that is decided by the RISE Board. This policy also applies to the RISE Certification Board.