Accrediting body development and ISQua EEA readiness consulting

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What to have ready

Each item comes from ISQua EEA's published requirements and links to its source.

1. Evidence that you are an established external evaluation organisation (eligibility [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
2. Records showing at least one year of operation (eligibility [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
3. An ownership and purchasing statement checked against ISQua EEA's independence test. The test asks whether the organisation holds a stake in providers that could be its clients, or pays those providers for care services (eligibility [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
4. A decision on whose standards you will use, your own or another organisation's; ISQua EEA prices the two differently (fees [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
5. For standards you write, development records that can be assessed against the 6th Edition Principles, which apply to all standards assessments from July 2026 (6th Edition [https://ieea.ch/new-isqua-eea-publishes-the-6th-editions-of-the-principles-and-guidelines-for-the-development-of-health-and-social-care-standards/]).
6. Status of your standards' own ISQua EEA accreditation. ISQua EEA expects the standards behind the program to be accredited by it and asks for evidence of that status with the application (eligibility [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
7. A work plan for the SAT of at least 10 months, the minimum ISQua EEA recommends and builds into the critical path it issues (process [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
8. A submission schedule with two dates counted back from the survey start: technical review material eight weeks out and the final SAT four weeks out, after which ISQua EEA takes no changes (process [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
9. Logistics for an on-site survey, where a team of three international peer review surveyors travels to the organisation for five days (process [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
10. If you also run surveyor training, the program materials. ISQua EEA assesses standards and surveyor training programmes remotely over two weeks (process [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
11. A plan for the progress reports due 12 and 30 months after the award (post-award [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).
12. A budget line for ISQua EEA's published fees and for surveyor costs, which the organisation bears (fees [https://ieea.ch/external-evaluation-organisations/]).