



Validation and Verification Bodies Qualification Statement

All Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs) shall have the following qualifications or competencies:

- Accreditation by a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) for project validation and verification, or meets the competence requirements as set out in International Organization for Standard (ISO) 14065:2013 , **OR**
- Credentials, experience, or proficiencies as follows:
 - Educational background such as B.A. or B.S. with a major, minor, or concentration in forestry or urban forestry from an accredited college or university, or work experience of at least three years in urban forestry or forestry
 - Membership in a forestry or urban forestry related professional organization with Continuing Education requirements
 - Greenhouse gas accounting and monitoring
 - Examples include use of CO2 quantification tools and methodologies such as i-Tree

In addition, all VVBs shall:

- Complete a training program through City Forest Credits, including demonstrating proficiency in the applicable CFC Protocol
- Attest to no conflicts of interest in acting as a VVB