



The Austrian EMAS Licensing System and its legal framework

Federal Ministry of Agriculture,
Forestry, Environment and Water
Management

Tasks EMAS

- EMAS/Environmental management
 - Accreditation and licensing of environmental verifiers
 - Federal Law: UMG and executive guidelines
 - International EMAS coordination (FALB, Committee according Art. 49)
 - EMAS Marketing, support for registered organisations
 - Entry and maintenance of organisations in the register including suspension and deletion

Chart of accreditation body (1/2)

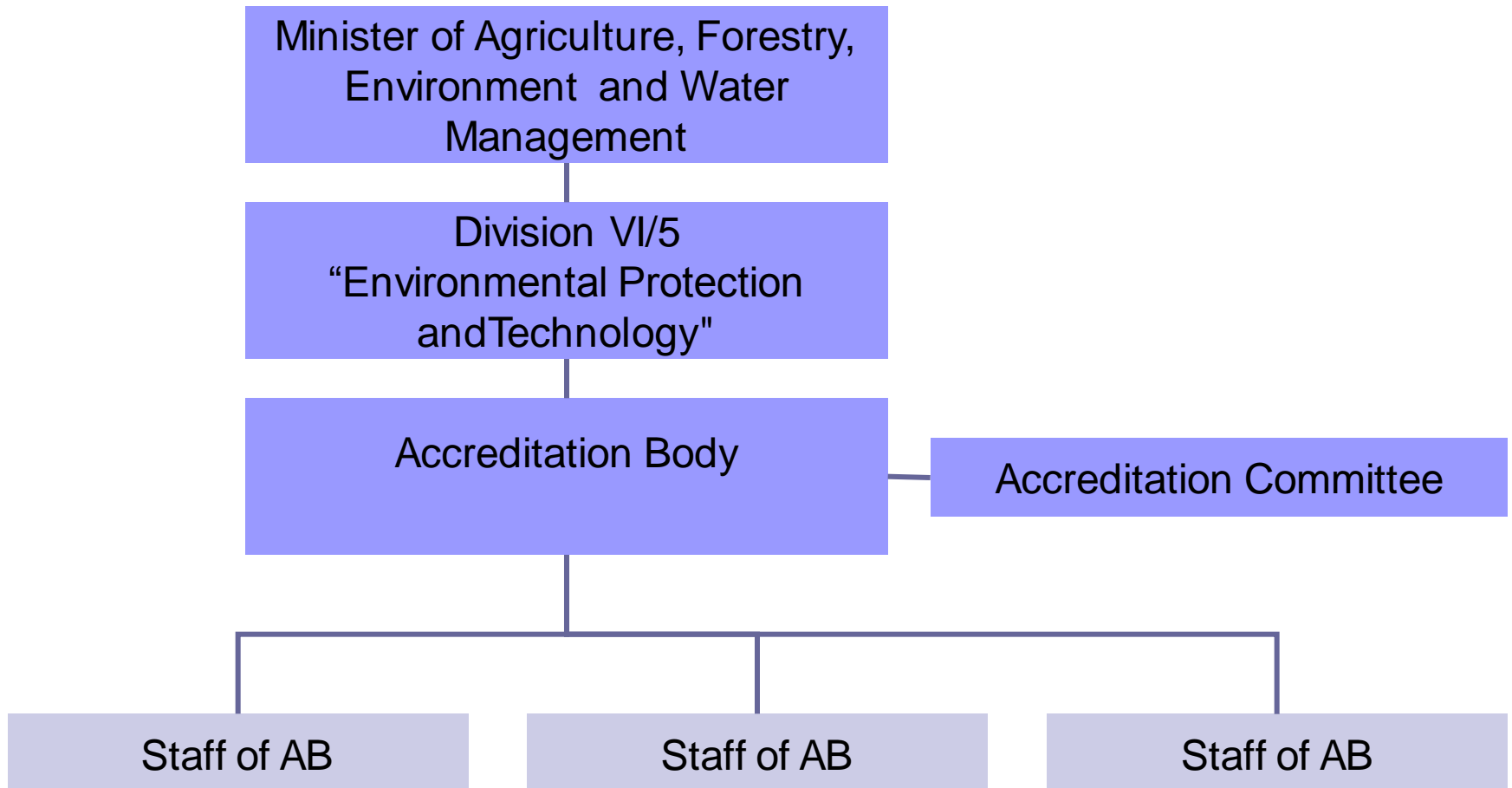
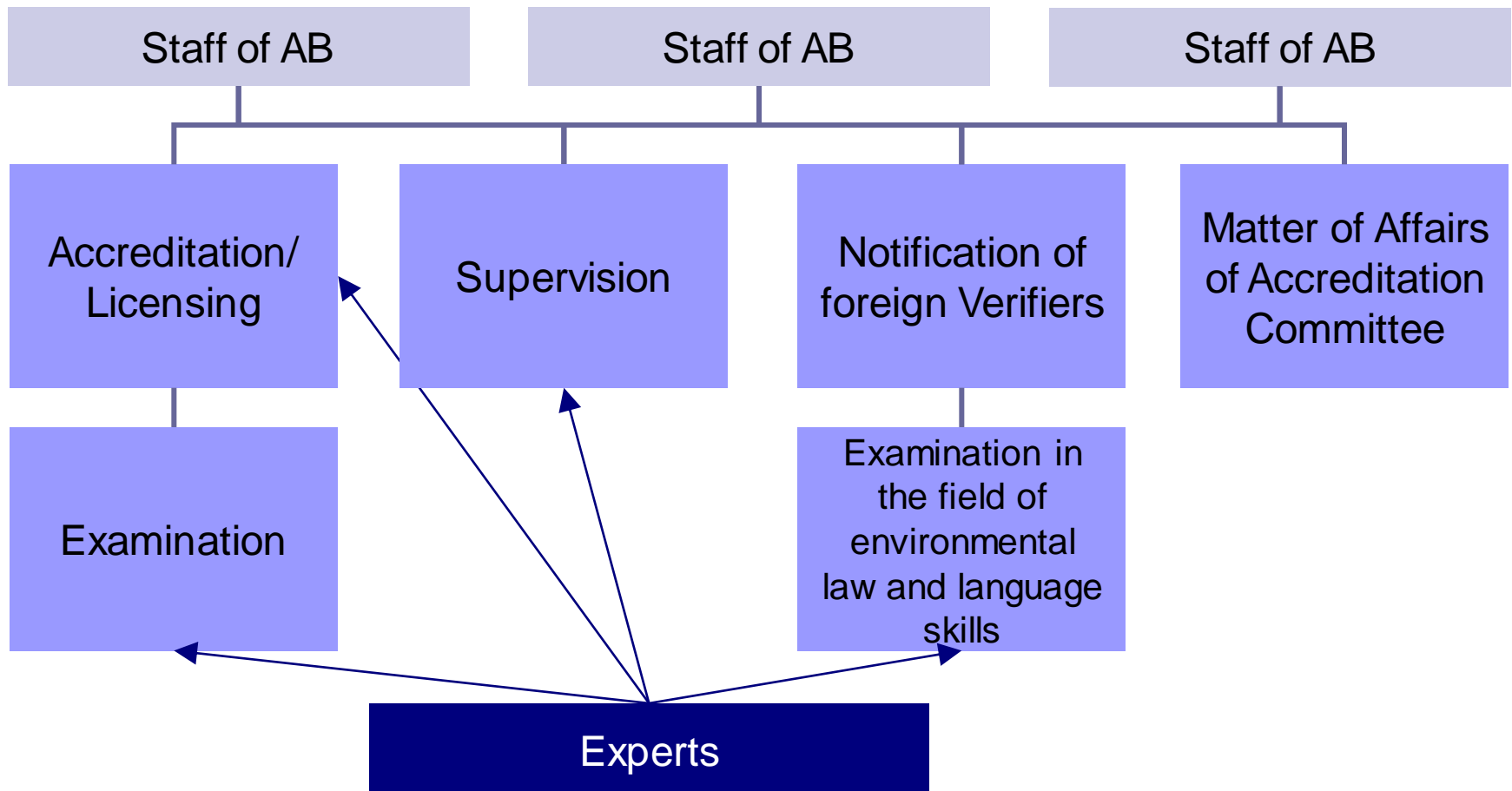


Chart of accreditation body (2/2)



Environmental Verifiers - Organizations and Individuals

Environmental Verification Organizations

- Lloyd's Register
- TÜV Austria CERT
- SGS
- ETA
- Quality Austria
- TÜV Süd
- DNV

Individual Environmental Verifier

- Dr. Kanzian
- Dr. Beyer

Environmental Verifiers - Staff

LEV - Leading Environmental Verifier TM - Team Member

- Lloyd's Register
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58 People

Qualifications of the Individual or Leading Environmental Verifier ¹⁾

- Appropriate University Degree
- Relevant Occupational Skills and Experience
- Positive Assessment of Qualifications as set out in Austrian Environmental Management Law (§ 4)

1) Austrian Environmental Management Law, § 2

Assessment of Qualifications of Leading or Individual Environmental Verifier

Appropriate University Degree

- Technical Studies
- Studies of Natural Sciences
- Studies of Social and Economic Sciences
- Studies in Law
- Studies in Medicine
- Qualifications equivalent to University Degree

Relevant Occupational Skills and Experiences

- At least four years of experience with Environmental Management Systems
- At least 35 days of qualified work experience within the scope of at least seven Eco Audits or Eco Assessments

Positive Assessment of Qualifications acc. § 4

- Review of organizational structures
- Practical examination of the required abilities, personal characteristics and skills
- Examination covering five specific and defined areas

Assessment of qualifications

- Oral exam for environmental verifiers
 - Environmental auditing methods
 - Management information and processes
 - Ecology and principles of natural science
 - Environmental law
 - General environmental engineering

Assessment of Qualifications of Team Members

Appropriate University Degree

- Technical Studies
- Studies of Natural Sciences
- Studies of Social and Economic Sciences
- Studies in Law
- Studies in Medicine
- Qualifications equivalent to University Degree

Relevant Occupational Skills and Experiences

- At least four years of experience with Environmental Management Systems
- At least 20 days of qualified work experience related to the implementation of Environmental Audits

Positive Assessment of Qualifications acc. § 4

- Review of organizational structures
- Practical examination of the required abilities, personal characteristics and skills
- Appropriate training in five specific and defined areas

Accreditation as an Environmental Verifier (1/2)

- Individual Environmental Verifier
 - Meets the requirements set out in §§ 2 and 4 Par.1
 - Meets the requirement of independence and integrity
 - Guarantees that he has required know-how for the sectors applied for

Accreditation as an Environmental Verifier (2/2)

- Environmental Verification Organization
 - Organizational chart and requirements set out in §§ 4 Par.1
 - Independence and integrity
 - At least one representative is leading Environmental Verifier
 - Proofs that leading Verifiers are working either as representatives with Power of Attorney or as employees
 - Proofs that all team members work within the scope of a work contract or as employees
 - Guarantees that team members of verifiers are selected in such a way that the required know-how in all the technical areas is available
 - Guarantees that the relevant know-how in the sectors applied for is available

Supervision

- Every two years verification that requirements (as set out on § § 2 to 5) are still met.
- Office and witness audits
- Continous check of quality of environmental statements

Revocation of Accreditation

- Requirements of accreditation (according §§2,4 and 5) are no longer met
- Accreditation was fraudulently obtained by misinterpretation or presentation of false documents
- Violation of independence and integrity
- Environmental verifier has validated env. Statement despite major deficiencies
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