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Considerations for fire risk assessments and appreciations of the consequences

When considering your next fire risk assessment there are a number of issues which the RP will need to be fully aware of before someone is appointed.

The first and most important of these is “is the assessor competent”

The RRO makes a clear and definitive statement that in selecting those who support your business with regards to Life Safety, they must be able to demonstrate competence, and this comes principally from third party certification and peer review.

Therefore your risk assessor should be certified under the BAFE or IFE certification scheme and carry all of the relevant bona-bides to underpin that expertise.

Without this, how do you know that they will provide you with all of the information and guidance you need, cost should **never** be the deciding factor, indeed the RRO makes the point that the selection of incumbent must be made on competence and expertise and not price.

In the event or a worst case scenario your assessor and the assessment will be the difference between things ending well or ending badly for the RP and the wider business, so any consideration as to either cost savings or short cuts in process are unlikely to end well also the need for a full and open discussion with your insurance provider now that uninstructed non compliance issues are now a mandatory disclosure to them.

Having an assessment that can look at the obvious and the less so with equal relevance is vital so that all of your business and building activities are qualified with regards to fire and life safety.

If therefore Veritas can help you please feel free to get in touch for a no-obligation discussion

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