



IACBAM Certification Standard

IACBAM 3006:2026 - CBAM MRV Consultants

This standard defines the requirements, principles, and practices applicable to its specific scope within the IACBAM CBAM Certification Framework.



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IACBAM Certification Framework

The IACBAM Certification Framework establishes a structured and consistent approach to the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) value chain, covering platforms, organizations, professionals, and specialized functions. It is designed to ensure alignment with regulatory, operational, data, and security requirements across CBAM-related activities.

Within this framework, IACBAM develops voluntary standards that support the effective implementation of CBAM. Each standard addresses a specific component of the CBAM ecosystem, defining clear requirements, roles, and competencies relevant to that domain.

This document focuses on **IACBAM 3006:2026 – CBAM MRV Consultants**, which forms part of the broader IACBAM framework.



IACBAM 3006:2026 – CBAM MRV Consultants

The **IACBAM 3006:2026** certification is designed for consultants supporting industrial installations and CBAM declarants in preparing for Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) requirements.

This standard defines the competencies required to **interpret CBAM rules, design and assess MRV systems**, and guide organizations towards verification readiness – without acting as a formal verifier.

In practice, certified professionals operate at the intersection of regulation, operations, and data – translating complex requirements into structured, auditable processes.



What does the standard cover?

IACBAM 3006:2026 focuses on three core areas:

- ▶ Interpretation of CBAM MRV rules and their practical application
- ▶ Design, implementation, and improvement of MRV systems
- ▶ Assessment of verification readiness through structured audits



Two certification levels

The IACBAM 3006 Certification Programme delivers over **270 pages** of structured, practitioner-level educational material, designed to build both deep regulatory understanding and real-world execution capability. The programme is deliberately structured in two levels, reflecting how CBAM is applied in practice.



Foundation level

At Foundation level, participants develop a comprehensive understanding of the CBAM system and its operational context. This includes the CBAM Regulatory Framework, where participants learn to navigate the legal hierarchy and implementing regulations, followed by MRV System Design Fundamentals, focusing on how monitoring, reporting and verification systems are structured and assessed. This is complemented by Data Governance Principles, ensuring that every data point is traceable, controlled and verification-ready, and a Sector Overview, providing insight into production processes and emission sources across CBAM sectors.

Participants are further trained in Stakeholder Engagement Theory — a critical capability for gathering reliable installation-level data — and Professional Practice Foundations, where independence, impartiality and objectivity are treated as non-negotiable professional obligations. The Foundation level concludes with Quantification and Calculation Fundamentals, where embedded emissions are translated into defensible numerical outputs.



Practitioner level

Building on this, the Practitioner level moves from understanding to execution. Participants are trained in Advanced Regulatory Mechanisms, including the interaction between CBAM and EU ETS free allocation, and in the SEFA Calculation Methodology, where precision in calculation directly translates into financial impact. The programme then addresses the Article 9 Documentation Chain, emphasising that a correctly calculated carbon price credit is worthless without a complete and auditable evidence trail. This is followed by Verification Readiness Audits, where participants learn to assess whether an installation can withstand accredited verification, and Advanced Professional Practice, where complex ethical and independence challenges are addressed at a level required for real-world engagements.



Together, these modules form a coherent and rigorous framework that enables professionals not only to understand CBAM, but to design systems, manage data, perform calculations, substantiate financial claims, and operate at a level that withstands regulatory scrutiny.



Key capabilities

Certified IACBAM 3006 consultants are able to:

- Translate CBAM regulation into practical implementation at the installation level
- Design robust MRV systems, including controls, roles, and documentation
- Assess data quality, calculation methodologies, and uncertainty
- Establish and review audit trails and data governance structures
- Perform verification-readiness audits aligned with regulatory expectations
- Identify risks, gaps, and material misstatements in emissions reporting
- Maintain independence, professional skepticism, and ethical standards



Position within the CBAM ecosystem

Certified consultants support organizations in designing MRV systems, preparing for verification, and strengthening data quality. They may also be engaged by accredited verifiers to support verification activities, provided independence and role clarity are maintained.



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Why it matters

As CBAM enters its definitive phase, the focus shifts towards verification. IACBAM 3006:2026 ensures that organizations are supported by qualified professionals – improving data quality, reliability, and overall compliance.

Learning Outcomes

REF	Level	Learning Outcome
LO-1	Foundation Practitioner	Explain the CBAM MRV regulatory framework, scope, and applicable obligations.
LO-2	Foundation Practitioner	Identify the goods, installations, and operational boundaries subject to CBAM reporting.
LO-3	Foundation Practitioner	Map production processes and data flows relevant to embedded emissions.
LO-4	Practitioner	Design or critically evaluate an MRV system, including controls and evidence requirements.
LO-5	Foundation Practitioner	Apply standard quantification methodologies, including allocation and default values.
LO-6	Practitioner	Assess data quality, document uncertainty, and perform basic material balance checks.



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LO-7	Practitioner	Establish and audit data governance arrangements including traceability and version control.
LO-8	Practitioner	Plan and conduct a verification-readiness audit, including sampling and evidence evaluation.
LO-9	Practitioner	Draft structured audit findings and a verification-readiness report.
LO-10	Foundation Practitioner	Describe the relevant industrial processes for at least one major CBAM sector.
LO-11	Foundation Practitioner	Conduct structured interviews and workshops with site personnel.
LO-12	Foundation Practitioner	Apply professional ethics, independence, and confidentiality requirements in practice.
LO-13	Practitioner	Identify and manage conflicts of interest and impartiality risks, including those arising from Article 9 carbon price credit assessments.



Join IACBAM

IACBAM brings together organizations and professionals who take responsibility for making that happen. Through standards, training, certification, and collaboration, we create a shared foundation for consistent and reliable CBAM implementation.

Whether you are looking to become certified, develop your expertise, train others, or contribute to the evolution of CBAM standards, IACBAM offers a platform to engage, learn, and make an impact.

Associations that join IACBAM can extend the same benefits to their members, helping to strengthen knowledge and alignment across the wider ecosystem. If you would like to get involved or explore how IACBAM can support your organization, we invite you to get in touch.

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