

CTA Assessment model and decision structure for candidate expert

National Expertise Agency

Name expert:

Name CTA-member:

The Board of Assessment and Advice (College van Toetsing en Advies, 'CTA') will decide whether or not the candidate expert will be included in the database on the basis of the assessment model shown below. The assessment model consists of seven blocks, namely:

1. specialism,
2. own experience and motivation,
3. police experience,
4. methodology,
5. formal registration and training,
6. peer appreciation,
7. publications.

The above categories are arranged in order of decision moments. For example, block 1 must be satisfactorily scored in order to proceed to block 2. Page 4 of this document contains a decision tree that graphically depicts the assessment procedure.

1. Specialism

yes no

1.1 The specialism has added value/is practicable for investigative proceedings

1.2 The specialism is specific.

1.3 The specialism is unique.

2. Own experience and motivation yes no

- 2.1 The candidate practices his specialisation with a regularity relevant for that particular field of specialisation.
- 2.2 The candidate has worked in the profession long enough to have built his expertise (preferably 5 years or more).
- 2.3 The candidate has been active in the area of expertise for the past 5 years (with a maximum work interruption of 2 years).
- 2.4 The motivation of the candidate is in line with the supporting role he will have in future criminal investigations.

3. Police experience (experience that police officers have with the candidate) yes no

- 3.1 The candidate acts/acted beyond his field of expertise during his deployment to the police.
- 3.2 The candidate's conduct during his deployment to the police is of a debatable nature.
- 3.3 The candidate is able and willing to share his knowledge and expertise with others for the purpose of the investigation.
- 3.4 The candidate has been satisfactorily deployed on one or more occasions in police investigations or criminal investigations (Deployment and evaluation).

4. Methodology

The methodology used by the candidate with regard to his specialism must be transparent and stand up to scrutiny if the candidate must give his opinion in court. The methodology must meet the following criteria:

Explanation of the methodology yes no

- 4.1 The candidate can explain or demonstrate the methodology
- 4.2 The candidate can substantiate his conclusion.

External validation of the methodology yes no

- 4.3 The methodology is undisputed.
- 4.4 The methodology is supported by research results.
- 4.5 The methodology has a quality mark.
- 4.6 The methodology is internationally recognized.

External validation of the methodology yes no n.a.

- 4.7 The methodology is applied by more people than the candidate.
- 4.8 The methodology is supported by literature.

5. Formal registration and training yes no

- 5.1 The candidate is registered in a professional register, for example BIG or NRGD.

(BIG: Beroepen in de Individuele Gezondheidszorg, Professions in individual healthcare),
 (NRGD: Nederlands Register Gerechtelijk Deskundigen, Netherlands Register of Court Experts).

- 5.2 The candidate has completed training relevant to the specialism(s).
- 5.3 The candidate has completed a relevant post-graduate education.
- 5.4 The candidate has followed courses relevant for his area of expertise.

6. Appreciation by peers yes no n.a.

- 6.1 The candidate is the expert frequently consulted/quoted by colleagues.
- 6.2 The candidate is recommended by colleagues.
- 6.3 The candidate is actively involved in current developments within the field or branch, for example by being affiliated with a university or research institute.
- 6.4 The candidate attends major (international) fairs/conferences/symposia relating to his field of expertise and gives lectures or presentations, for example.

7. Publications

Quantitative yes no n.a.

- 7.1 The candidate has published regularly.
- 7.2 The candidate is first author.
- 7.3 The publications are recent (past 5 years).
- 7.4 The list of publications contains 5 or more publications relevant to the area of expertise.

Qualitative yes no n.a.

- 7.5 The publication's content is related to the specialism.
- 7.6 The publication concerns research carried out by the candidate himself.
- 7.7 The candidate has significant input in the (joint) publications.
- 7.8 The publications are in relevant journals and recognized by the profession.
- 7.9 The publications are peer reviewed (preferably).
- 7.10 Media communication:
- The candidate goes beyond his field of expertise during media appearances.
 - The candidate has made questionable media appearances.

8. End yes no

- 8a. Final question: Is there any detrimental risk if this expert is involved in an ongoing police investigation?
- 8b. Final conclusion: Registration in LDM-Database.

Additional notes



Decision tree assessment procedure

