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“Qualified Supervisory Board Member” exam

Certified excellence
in corporate governance



A qualification that generates trust

Supervisory boards are considerably more than simply supervisory bodies for the management board. They operate in companies as sparring partners on an equal footing. Therefore, the work in this body requires a deep understanding of the fundamentals of corporate governance (management), compliance principles, ethical standards and the relationships between the various stakeholders. The supervisory board is faced with the challenge of effectively monitoring the executive board while at the same time providing strategic impulses. Profound knowledge of legal, financial and organisational issues is essential to fulfill this responsibility.

A training that offers nothing but benefits

The “Qualified Supervisory Board Member” exam offered by Deutsche Börse AG provides a certification for participants to demonstrate a holistic understanding of corporate governance, enabling candidates to view a company from different perspectives. As part of the course, you will also have the opportunity to build a personal network of experts to be relied upon for long-term professional support in your specific mandate work. The certification verifiably expands your specialist knowledge and thus increases career opportunities and confidence in your mandate performance.

This hands-on qualification programme is aimed at current and future members of supervisory boards, advisory boards and other comparable bodies.

Many managing directors or board members have taken the exam to gain a better understanding of various subject areas through a change of perspective. This puts them in a position to increase efficiency and effectiveness in the cooperation between the management board and supervisory board.

Changing demands on the work of the supervisory board

The role of the supervisory board has evolved in recent years. In addition to monitoring the management board, members are taking on progressively more strategic tasks and supporting transformation processes within companies. Topics such as sustainability and technological innovation are playing an increasingly important role.

The main responsibilities include:

- **Sustainability (ESG):**
Ensuring corporate management focuses on the long term, integrating environmental, social and governance aspects.
- **Technological developments:**
Supporting transformation projects and innovations to future-proof companies.
- **Risk management and compliance:**
Monitoring internal control systems and compliance with legal requirements.

The “Qualified Supervisory Board Member” exam ensures that these requirements are met and contributes to the successful management of the company.



Benefits of the certification

The certification positions you as a skilled member of a supervisory body. The advantages at a glance:

- **Professional excellence:**

You will acquire a profound knowledge of governance, financial management, legal principles and strategic management, amongst other things.

- **Career booster:**

The certificate strengthens your profile for new mandates and your ability to master existing tasks with the highest level of professionalism.

- **Confidence building:**

The officially recognized certificate signals your competence and integrity, to companies and investors alike.

Training programmes:

optimal preparation for the exam

In addition to certain professional and personal requirements, a prerequisite for taking the exam is attending a course at one of the providers **certified by Deutsche Börse**. These courses are specially designed to comprehensively prepare participants for the requirements of the exam. The content is taught by experienced lecturers with a practice-based approach and adapted to current requirements.

Deutsche Börse has certified programmes from the following providers and conducts regular audits of the courses:

- [Akademie für Beiräte und Aufsichtsräte GmbH](#)
- [Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin](#)
- [Interfin Forum GmbH](#)
- [Management Alliance GmbH](#)
- [vonFürstenberg BOARD Services GmbH](#)

Every programme concludes with the exam “Qualified Supervisory Board Member” by Deutsche Börse. The imparted knowledge provides optimal preparation for the exam.

Overview of the exam details

The “Qualified Supervisory Board Member” exam is a written exam. It comprises 100 multiple-choice questions (correct/incorrect and questions with multiple answers) and the duration is 2.5 hours. The exam can be taken in English or German.

Registration and costs

The fees for the certification consist of the preparatory course (approx. €8,000 to 10,000 plus VAT, depending on the provider) and the exam fee (€1,500 plus VAT). The qualification is an investment in your career and your ability to take on responsibility at the highest level.

Further information and details on registration can be found at:

www.deutsche-boerse.com/board-qualification

Securing the future with supervisory board expertise

The “Qualified Supervisory Board Member” exam lays the foundation for responsible and sustainable corporate governance. Benefit from a comprehensive network, increase your expertise and take on mandates that really make a difference.

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“As a member of the Management Board, I am responsible for and directly contribute to ensuring that our company is future-oriented and operates sustainably. That creates trust. In my day-to-day work, I still benefit from the knowledge I acquired on the course.”

Heike Eckert

Member of the Executive Board, Deutsche Börse AG,
responsible for Governance, People & Culture and Director of Labour Relations
Qualified Supervisory Board Member since 13 July 2016

“I am continuing my education and only feel comfortable in my position as a member of the supervisory board if I have in-depth knowledge. For me, qualification is a privilege. Supervision and advice should be given with profound knowledge of context and correlations to reach a higher overall level in supervisory board meetings.”



Prof. Dr. Kerstin Lopatta

Professor of Financial Accounting, Auditing & Sustainability/University of Hamburg
and member of the supervisory board
Qualified Supervisory Board Member since 28 March 2023

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