

IMPARTIALITY POLICY

Being impartial, and being perceived to be impartial, is necessary for AICIP to deliver certification that provides confidence. AICIP, its Directors, Executive Officer, employees and other persons involved in the Certification Activities fully understand the importance of impartiality in undertaking any Certification Activities.

AICIP recognise that the source of revenue for a certification body is the client paying for certification, and that this is a potential threat to impartiality. Therefore, AICIP has several controls to ensure that impartiality is retained.

To obtain and maintain confidence, it is essential that AICIP's certification decisions are based on objective evidence of conformity or nonconformity, and that any decisions made are not influenced by other interests or by other parties. Certification decisions are made and signed for by a competent authorised person who was not responsible for the certification decision, generally the AICIP Chairman.

When potential threats to impartiality arise, AICIP eliminates or mitigates those threats. This process is monitored by the Risk Management Committee.

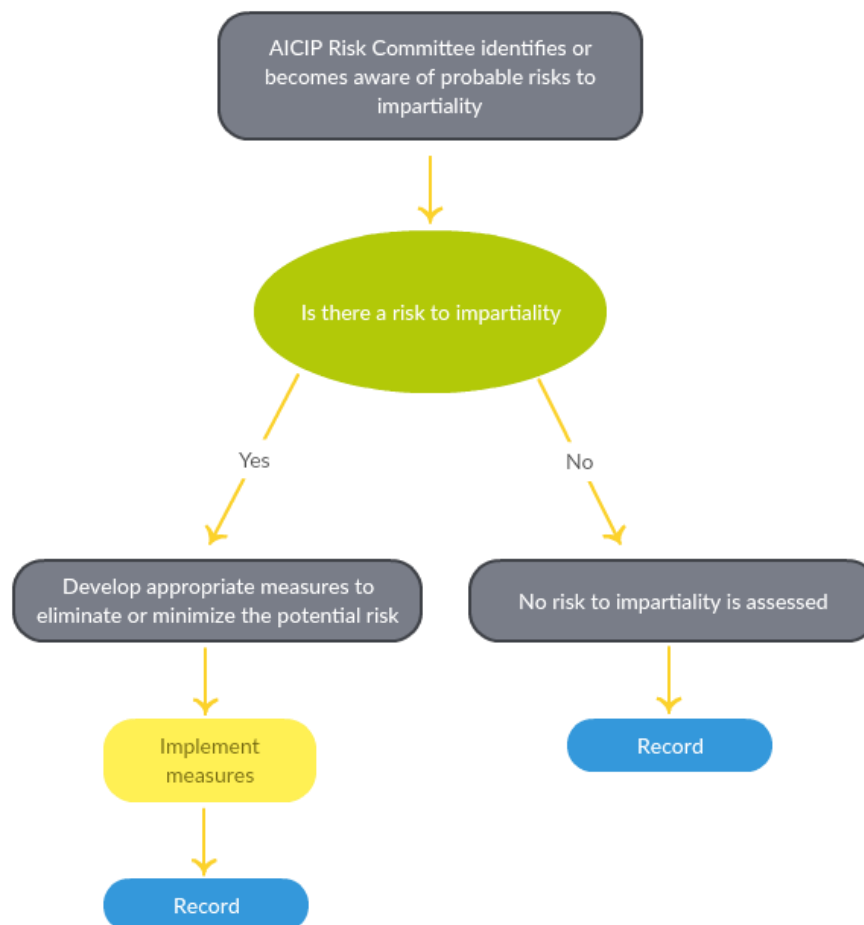


Figure 1. Impartiality process