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**Certifications, accreditations,
certificates versus operational
capability**



Question:

From when can rescue workers no longer be deployed, if they do not have an accreditation or certification?

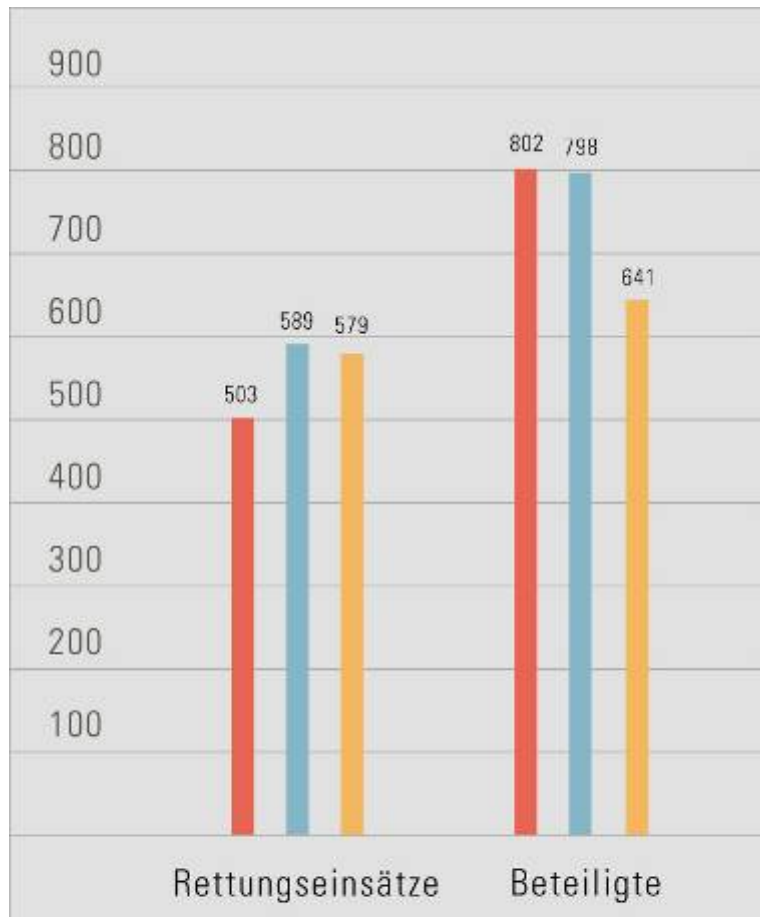


Question:

To what extent do the mountain rescue organisations have to be professionalized as far as avalanches are concerned?



Facts and figures SAR



2007
2008
2009

38 of a total of 579 rescue operations in 2009 can be classified as “typical“ avalanche rescue operations.

In 2009, 57 of in total 641 persons involved were rescued in avalanche and ski tour rescue operations.



Usually according to the following
“pattern“:

“IMMEDIATELY“



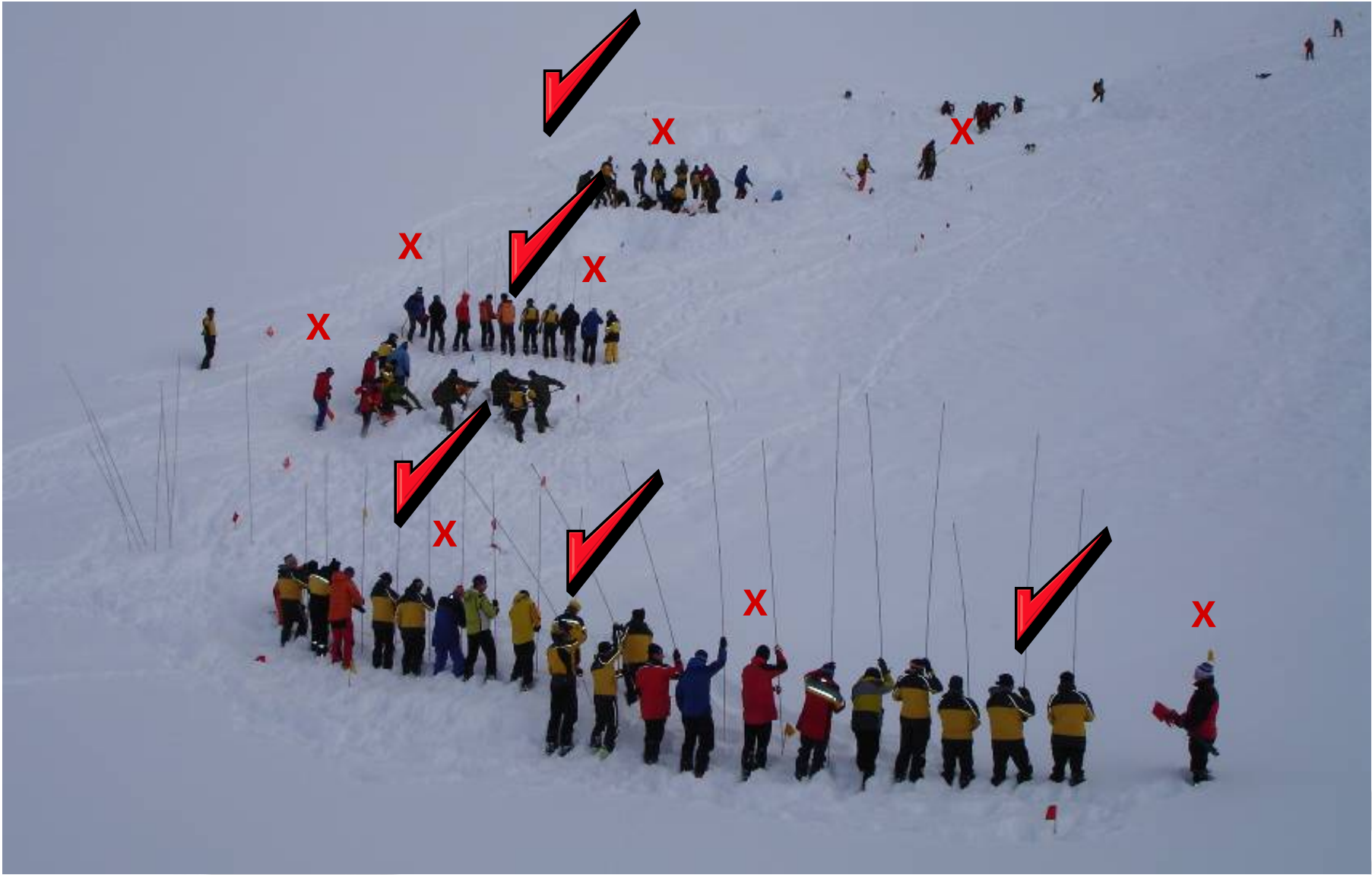
“LATER“



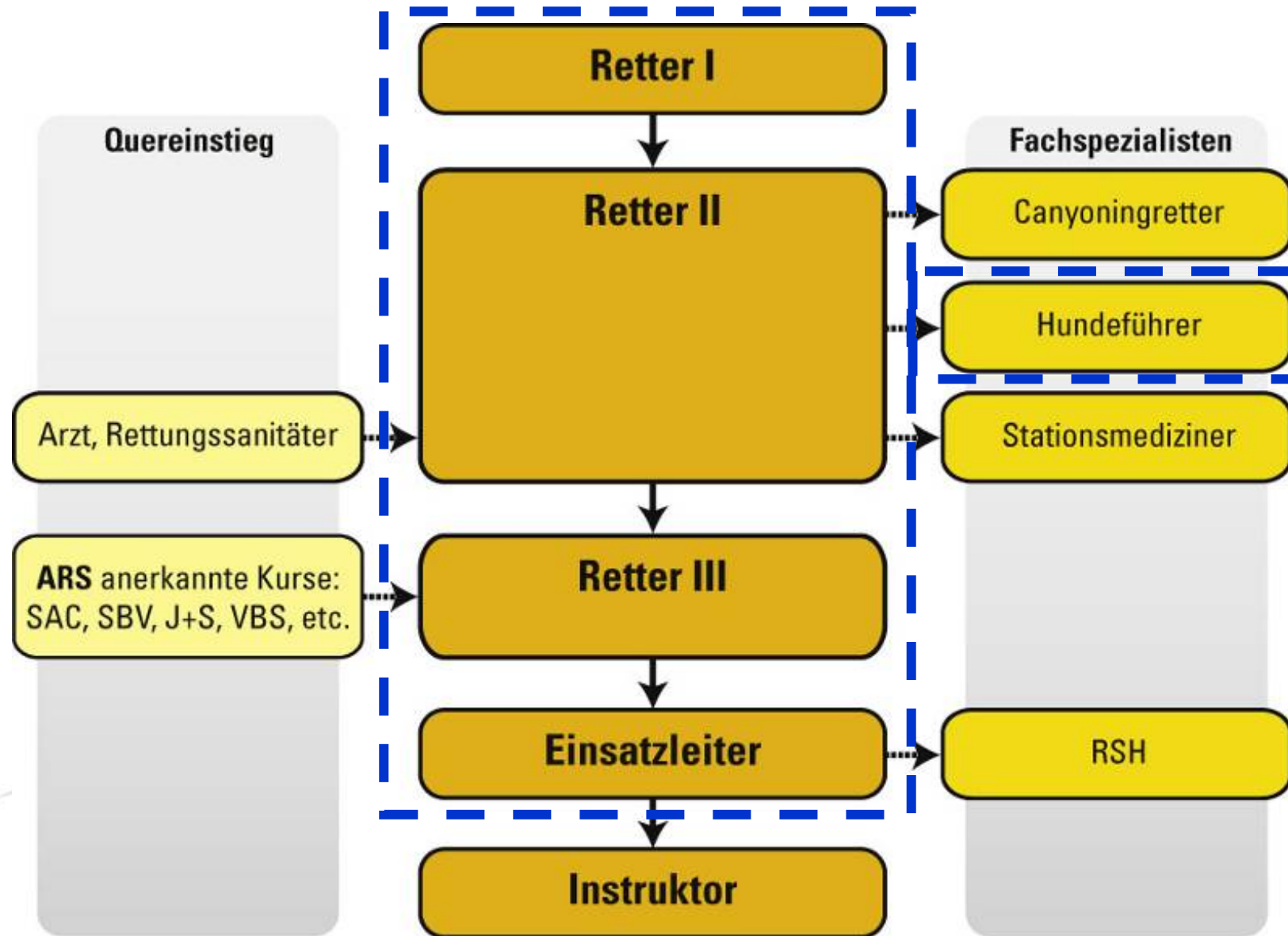
.....or often also like this.....




.....or in the future like this.....?



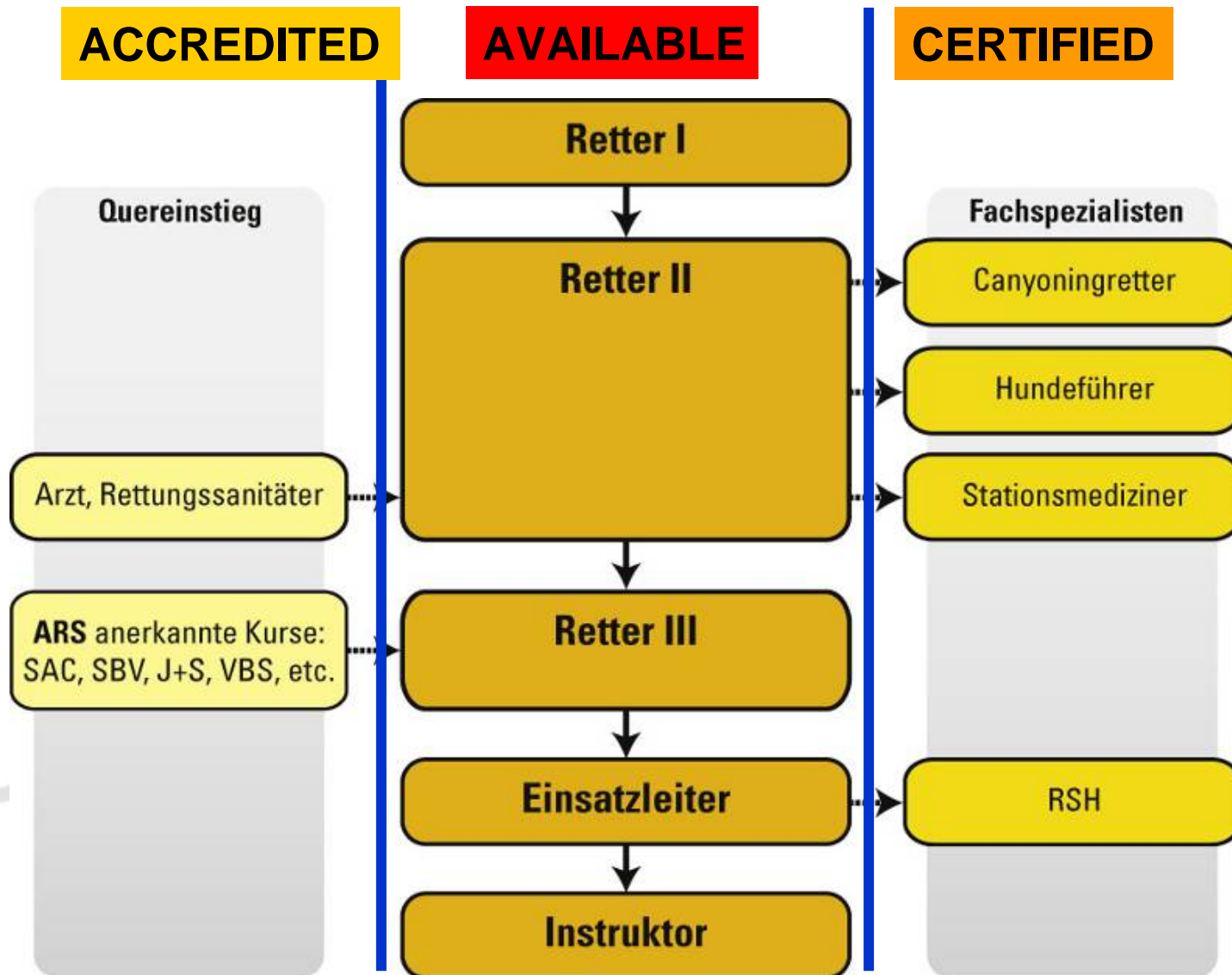
Majority of the rescue personnel **swissalpinerescue**



Open questions

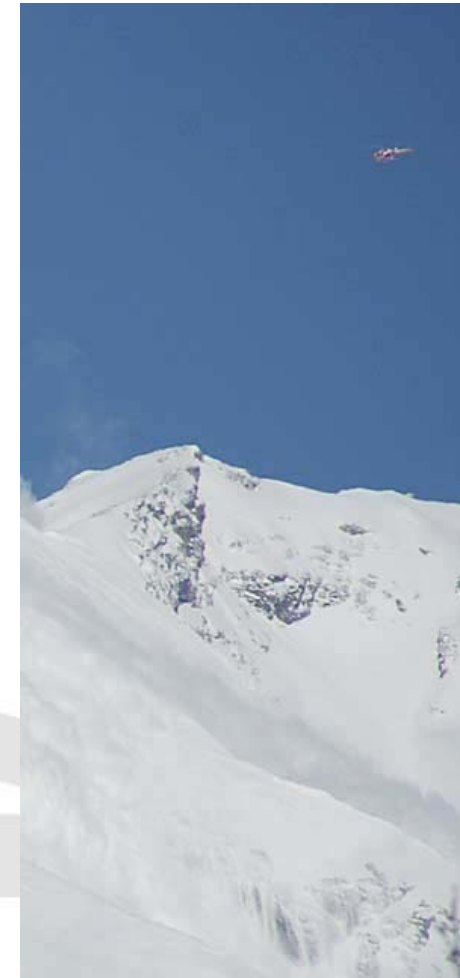
- Who should be certified?
 - What should be certified?
 - What certificates have practical relevance?
 - Can availability and level of training be linked?
 - From when are attestations and certificates mission-critical also from a legal point of view?
 - What level of professionalism has to be aspired to in avalanche rescue?
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Consequences SAR



Professionalism & certification at the right place

Avalanche warning and prevention



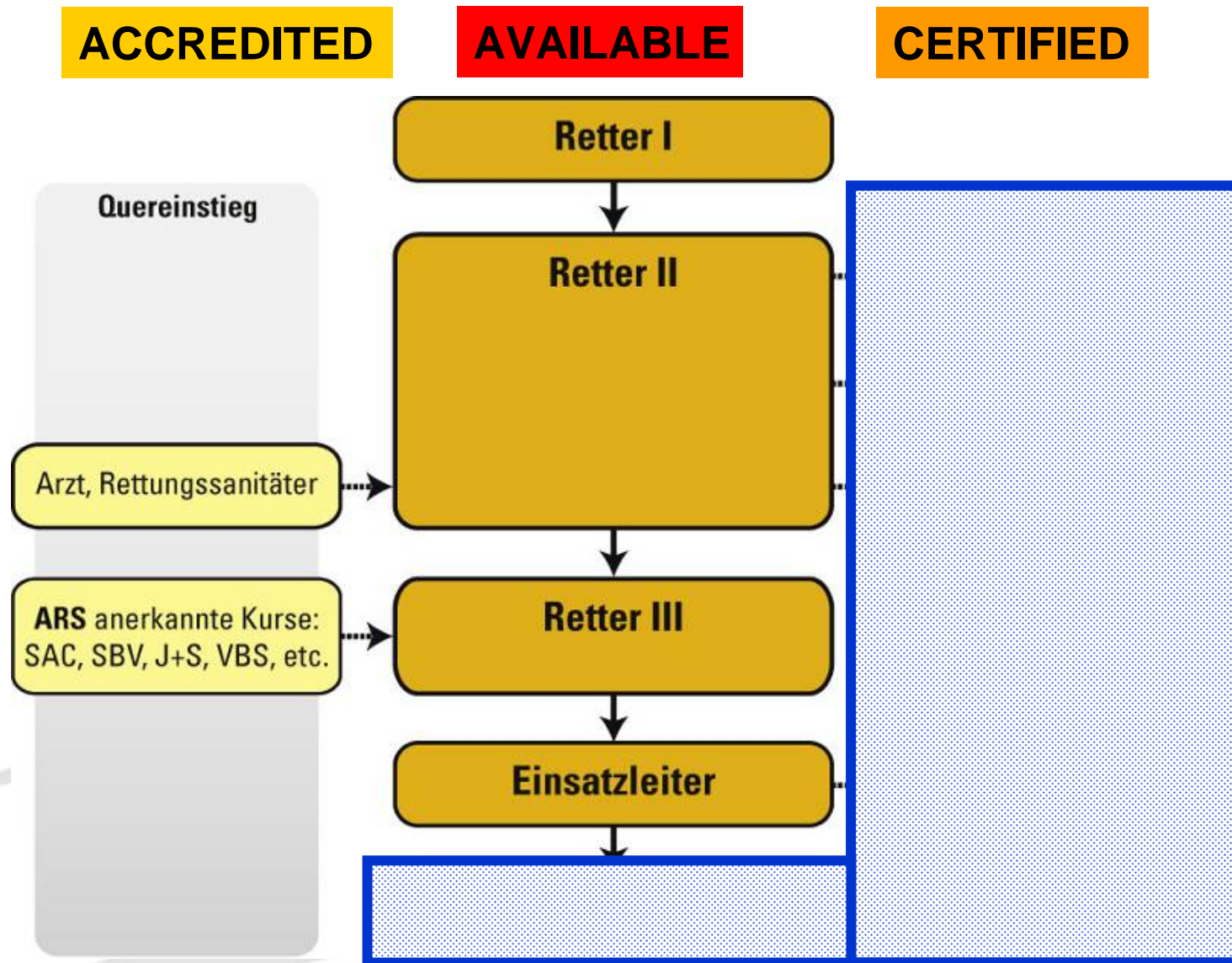
Professionalism & certification at the right place

Road and piste rescue services



Professional performance SAR

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Concluding remarks

On the international ICAR level everything has to be done to:

- **guarantee terrestrial rescue in the long term**
- **appropriately orient professionalism and certification to national characteristics**
- **not limit ourselves by legal boundaries**



The Swiss Alpine Rescue continues to rely on a large number of voluntary “avalanche rescuers“!

