



INTERNATIONAL
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Personnel Certification Body Accreditation Program



Demonstrate compliance with ISO/IEC Standard
17024 Accreditation through the IAS-ICE Partnership



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Overview—How the IAS Program Works

IAS accreditation of personnel certification bodies is for organizations that certify individuals within a specific subject area against objectively defined criteria. The following is a summary of the IAS application and assessment process for accreditation of personnel certification bodies.

1. A personnel certification body submits documentation of its management system, certification policies, description of its development and validation methods, and documentation describing the examinations used for assessing personnel competence.
2. IAS reviews this data to determine preliminary compliance with the applicable standards. Upon favorable review of the data showing substantial compliance, IAS schedules an onsite assessment.
3. Onsite assessments verify compliance with the accreditation criteria and confirm an organization's competence to deliver relevant and meaningful certification. A detailed report is provided to the applicant at the conclusion of the on site assessment.
4. Upon confirmation of compliance with the accreditation criteria, IAS issues a Certificate of Accreditation which includes a defined scope of personnel certification services.
5. Clients or regulators may verify the status of IAS-accredited personnel certification bodies online 24/7 or by contacting IAS.

About IAS

IAS is a nonprofit, subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC) and a globally recognized accreditation body.

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Benefits of IAS Accreditation

- Accreditation is a formal, independent assessment of competence.
- Accreditation provides a marketing advantage by publicly recognizing the quality and technical competence of an organization's personnel certification services.
- Achieving accreditation demonstrates a commitment to continual improvement.
- The value of accreditation extends through the service network – from certification body, to certification holder, to the employer, to the public.
- Local, state and federal regulators recognize IAS accreditation as meeting governmental requirements for third-party accreditation to national and international standards.
- IAS accreditation under ISO/IEC Standard 17024 can benchmark your personnel certification program, whether your market is domestic or international. IAS accreditation will ensure that you operate in a consistent, comparable and reliable manner worldwide, thereby allowing individuals to have skills that translate across national lines.

The IAS-ICE Partnership

IAS has partnered with Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) to provide accreditation for personal certification programs to ISO/IEC 17024, an international standard for bodies operating the certification of persons. The IAS-ICE partnership offers ISO/IEC 17024 accreditation for programs currently accredited by NCCA as well as programs seeking both accreditations at the same time.

There is overlap in requirements for both standards, and there is much efficiency to be gained when accrediting to both standards through ICE; namely, a streamlined application review and reduced costs. Application for accreditation is completed within the current online system used by NCCA, with an additional ISO/IEC 17024 section to be completed for standards that are not already satisfied by NCCA Standards compliance.

