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American National Standards Institute  
**an overview**

## a world of standardization solutions



ANSI federation of members  
standards panels and collaborations  
public-private partnerships  
U.S. member body to ISO



U.S. member body to IEC via USNC  
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- International and Regional Policy Programs
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- Membership Services
- Publication Sales

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## introduction

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The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a private, non-profit organization that administers and coordinates the U.S. voluntary standards and conformity assessment system. The Institute oversees the development and use of voluntary consensus standards by accrediting the procedures used by standards developing organizations, and approving their finished documents as American National Standards.

ANSI is the official U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and, via the U.S. National Committee, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), and is a U.S. representative to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). ANSI participates in almost the entire technical program of both ISO and the IEC, and administers many key committees and subgroups. Among its responsibilities as the U.S. member body to ISO, ANSI accredits U.S. Technical Advisory Groups (U.S. TAGs), whose primary purpose is to develop and advance U.S. positions within ISO technical committees.

Domestically, ANSI also establishes both ongoing standards panels and timely workshops to promote the development of standardization programs that support critical national and global priorities. These activities coordinate the efforts of the private and public sectors to identify gaps in existing standards make recommendations regarding any additional work needed. They rely on the dedication and cooperation of volunteers from all industries and the strength of the public-private partnership.

## standards resources

[webstore.ansi.org](http://webstore.ansi.org)

The ANSI eStandards store is the most comprehensive source for standards from U.S. and international developers. The webstore enables you to quickly and easily:

- Search for standards from over 180 publishers by keyword or document number
- Obtain a customized Site License for multi-user access to the specific standards your organization needs
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## accreditation services

### ANSI Accreditation of Standards Developers

[www.ansi.org/tk](http://www.ansi.org/tk)

ANSI accredits standards developing organizations (SDO) against a set of criteria known as the ANSI Essential Requirements, which assure openness, balance, due process, and consensus in standards development. It's important to note that ANSI does not develop standards itself. When SDOs develop standards under ANSI accreditation, these standards become known as American National Standards (ANS). This is how "ANSI" becomes part of the name of these standards.

### Conformity Assessment

[www.ansi.org/accreditation](http://www.ansi.org/accreditation)

ANSI administers a complete portfolio of third-party accreditation programs that recognize the competence of bodies to carry out activities in accordance with requirements defined in International Standards. ANSI accreditation is the "seal of approval" relied upon by many businesses and government agencies.

The Institute's expanding programs currently include accreditation of:

- Bodies that certify products and personnel
- Validation/verification bodies engaged in the reduction and removal of greenhouse gases
- Organizations that issue education and training certificates to U.S. workers.

ANSI's affiliate ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board also provides accreditation services under the ACLASS and ANAB brands. ACLASS accredits testing and calibration laboratories, inspection bodies, and reference material producers. ANAB serves as the U.S. accreditation body for management systems and certification bodies.



## membership

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ANSI membership can serve as a strategic and tangible asset for your organization. ANSI members represent more than 125,000 companies, organizations, government agencies, academic and international bodies, and individuals across nearly all industries and disciplines. This diverse constituency works together to develop, implement, and promulgate voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems that strengthen the competitiveness of U.S. business in the global marketplace.

The benefits of ANSI membership to your organization include:

- Ability to influence technical and policy developments affecting your business via direct access to national and international standards and conformance, trade, and regulatory bodies
- Cross-industry global networking opportunities
- Public policy information and government affairs support
- Help with international standards and conformance, policy, and trade issues
- Easy access to standards and updated information
- Discounts on standards and site-licensing agreements
- Professional development and training opportunities
- Opportunity to influence ANSI's strategic positions and impact U.S. national and international positions

## education & training

[www.ansi.org/education](http://www.ansi.org/education)

ANSI.org is your premier source for standards and conformance education, training, and resources, whether you're a newcomer or a longtime standards professional. The Institute's instructor-led training programs help you navigate the processes and procedures of national and international standards development programs. And extensive online resources on provide newcomers and those looking for more clarification with all the basics of standards and conformity assessment.

### StandardsLearn

[www.standardslearn.org](http://www.standardslearn.org)

ANSI's StandardsLearn web portal provides free self-paced E-learning courses for anyone who wants an introduction to standards and conformity assessment activities. A variety of courses highlight the value and importance of standards and compliance programs in the U.S. and globally, provide a good understanding of key organizations and processes of the standardization system, and touch on legal issues. And a series of case studies illustrates the real-world application of standards and conformance.