



Your certification is good.

Let ANSI Accreditation make it great.



ANSI ACCREDITATION FOR PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION BODIES



Since its launch in 2003, ANSI's personnel certification accreditation program based on the international standard ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024:2012, *Conformity assessment – General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*, has helped over 180 certification programs make the journey from good to great. Currently, over 5.2 million people hold a certification from an ANSI-accredited organization.

## Formal International Recognition

ANSI accreditation is recognized across borders, saving time and money for ANSI-accredited certification bodies and facilitating expanded market opportunities. 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 ANSI is the founding U.S. member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). ANSI's 17024 accreditation is recognized under the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) Multilateral Arrangement (MLA) for persons.

## Government Reliance

Regulators and government rely on ANSI accreditation because it provides confidence and trust in the outputs of an accredited program.

- ANSI is the only accreditor for standards as American National Standards.
- ANSI's 17024 accreditation is the only program recognized by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) under DoD 8570 for Information Assurance.
- ANSI's program is recognized by the White House National Science and Technology Committee on Forensic Science as meeting the highest standard in accreditation.
- ANSI's 17024 accreditation is recognized by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for crane operator certification, and by New York, West Virginia, and California in licensing requirements for crane operators.
- ANSI accreditation is a requirement for licensing of elevator inspectors in several states.
- ANSI's 17024 accreditation is recognized under the North American Securities Administrators

Association (NASAA) model rule on the use of senior specific-certifications and professional designations.

- ANSI is recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as the accreditor under the Better Building Workforce Guidelines.
- A report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) cites ANSI 17024 accreditation programs as a tool to make certification program more reliable and rigorous.
- A report from the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce (CSW) highlights the role played by ANSI 17024 accreditation in the development of an effective workforce credentialing market in the U.S.



## Competitive Advantage

ANSI accreditation elevates your program above unaccredited competitors.

- The ANSI accreditation mark on your certificates conveys distinction in the market place that the public and consumers look to.
- The ANSI mark signals to an employer that the credential holder has undergone a valid assessment to verify that s/he has the necessary competencies to practice.
- ANSI accreditation provides an added layer of legal defensibility against invalid claims.
- The accountability and transparency built into the ANSI process support conformity assessment attestations, and can result in reduced liability insurance.

## ANSI's Accreditation Philosophy



We believe accreditation should not be just about meeting a standard, but going beyond in pursuit of excellence.

We believe accredited certifications are critical, particularly in areas relating to public health, national security, safety, and the environment.

We believe accredited certifications play a critical role in fostering a competency-driven workforce credentialing ecosystem.

## The ANSI Accreditation Process

A standard is only as good as its enforcement. ANSI's success over the past decade has been on account of an international standard enforced with the utmost rigor.

- Through the PAC peer evaluation process, ANSI has demonstrated compliance to the international standard ISO/IEC 17011, *General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies*.
- ANSI's accreditation process involves a three-level review, comprising review by staff, by contracted assessors, and by accreditation committee members.
- ANSI's accreditation process includes onsite visits to a certification body's office location and performance testing site to verify implementation.
- ANSI has a team of highly competent assessors, accreditation committee members, and personnel to ensure the accreditation process results in continued improvement and capacity building.
- ANSI accreditation is a stamp of good corporate governance and provides leadership with an effective tool to gauge the performance of all aspects of a certification program.

**ANSI ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR  
PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION BODIES  
UNDER ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024**

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