



accreditation  
program for  
personnel  
certification  
bodies

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Buyers in the global marketplace want proof that a product, person, process or system is going to perform the way they expect it to perform.

Certification bodies play a vital role in the global trade of services by helping to verify that the requirements specified in a standard have been met. When a certification program is accredited by a neutral third party, these checks-and-balances strengthen consumer confidence. Accreditation helps to assure that certifiers improve their programs and conduct their business in a fair and equitable manner.

Accreditation by ANSI creates a distinction for a personnel certification program and extends value through the service network — from certification body, to certificate holder, to employer, to the public they serve.

The Institute's accreditation processes are based on rigorous criteria that have the consensus approval of more than 150 nations and that have been adopted for use as the American National Standard. Couple this with the global recognition of ANSI's mark and it's easy to understand why certified professionals are choosing to carry ANSI-accredited certification credentials when they move across state or national borders.

### Driven by quality

ANSI's accreditation programs are driven by a process of continual improvement and responsiveness to evolving user needs. The very nature of this neutral, third-party process provides certification bodies with an internationally recognized measurement of quality and benchmarks by which to evaluate and improve their practices. ANSI staff balance their customer service approach with the independence that is appropriate for objective, ongoing collaboration.

### Cross-border mobility

Professionals who pursue an ANSI-accredited certification credential will benefit from recognition across state and national jurisdictions. The acceptance of ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 as the standard for use both within the U.S. and internationally eliminates the need for duplicative certification practices. Even more important, ANSI's worldwide recognition as the focal point for U.S. standardization activities paves the way for international reciprocity.

### Regulatory dependability

Federal, state, and local regulators depend upon certification bodies for the accurate and unbiased certification of individuals working in specific fields. Many of these agencies—particularly at the federal level—have already turned to ANSI for third-party verification of the competence of certification bodies to use best practices to develop, manage and maintain their programs.



Our ANSI accreditation serves as an ambassador to information security certification candidates around the globe. It assures them that ISC<sup>2</sup> credentials embody the rigor and acceptance they and their employers are looking for and that will serve them as long as they are certified.

— Ed Zeitler  
Executive Director  
International Information Systems  
Security Certification Consortium, Inc.



By attaining ANSI accreditation, PMI is better equipped to help the project management profession grow and succeed worldwide. Our PMP® credential has become more valuable, more transferable, and more essential on a global basis.

— Ron Hanchar  
Certification Manager  
Project Management Institute



We credit our ANSI accreditation with increasing the recognition of the Certified Construction Manager (CCM) credential, positioning our program as a powerhouse in the industry and in the marketplace.

— Jan paul Miller  
Vice President of Certification  
Construction Manager  
Certification Institute



ANSI accreditation gives ARDMS a clear advantage in the marketplace. We are seen as the model for high standards in ultrasound credentialing.

— Dale R. Cyr  
CEO and Executive Director  
American Registry for  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography

### Benefits of ANSI accreditation

- **Visibility** for unique program expertise, qualifications and integrity
- **Confidence** from consumers, industry and government agencies
- **Mobility** for certified personnel
- **Continual quality improvement** via benchmarking and peer-based assessments
- **Marketplace distinction and advantage**

### A broad-based range of activity

ANSI has already accredited personnel certification programs in the following industry sectors:

- Construction
- Energy
- Engineering
- Financial
- Food Safety
- Health Care and Medical
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Professional Services
- Security
- Skilled Trades



ANSI Accredited Program  
PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

To view the full list of organizations that are either pursuing or that have already received ANSI accreditation, please visit [www.ansi.org/accreditation](http://www.ansi.org/accreditation).

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From food safety and healthcare to financial services and security, ANSI-accredited certifiers help to build public confidence in the services—and the professionals who deliver them—on which our lives and economies depend.

Services represent the largest and most dynamic segment of today's global economy, accounting for nearly three quarters of the U.S. gross domestic product . . . eight out of ten jobs . . . and roughly 30% of the total value of America's exports.