

Transition Plan: Implementation of ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 Standard

Q: How is the revised standard referenced?

A: The revised standard is referenced as ANSI/ASTM E2659-18, *Standard Practice for Certificate Programs*.

Q: When was ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 published?

A: ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 was published in February of 2018.

Q: How can I get a copy of ANSI/ASTM E2659-18?

A: ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 is available for sale on the ANSI web store: <http://webstore.ansi.org>

Transition Timeline

Q: What is the timeline for transition from ANSI/ASTM E2659-09 to ANSI/ASTM E2659-18?

A: The American National Standards Institute Certificate Accreditation Program (ANSI-CAP) has developed a three year transition period from February 2018 to December 2020 to allow for full migration from ANSI/ASTM E2659-09 to ANSI/ASTM E2659-18.

Applicants

- The application materials corresponding with ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 will be made available to the public by **October 1, 2018**.
- All applications submitted until **October 1, 2018** will be assessed under ANSI/ASTM E2659-09.
- Organizations can apply under ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 after **October 1, 2018**; however, ANSI will continue to accept applications under ANSI/ASTM E2659-09 until **December 31, 2019**.
- Applications submitted after **January 1, 2020** must be based upon ANSI/ASTM E2659-18.
- ANSI will not issue accreditation under ANSI/ASTM E2659-09 beyond **December 31, 2020**.

Accredited Organizations

- ANSI will publish the corresponding annual surveillance self-assessment that includes the requirements under ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 by **October 1, 2018**.
- All accredited organizations must demonstrate compliance to ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 by **December 31, 2020**. This will be done during the annual surveillance/reaccreditation assessment from 2019 to 2020.

Q: How would non-conformities identified against ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 be dealt?

A: Any non-conformity identified will be dealt according to existing ANSI-CAP procedures, and must be closed before the end of the transition. Once this occurs, accreditation under ANSI/ASTM E2659-18 would be granted.

Q: How should organizations begin planning for the transition?

A: Certificate issuers should analyze and understand the requirements of the revised standard, ANSI/ASTM E2659-18, without delay. Certificate issuers are advised to create a transition plan to determine both the required changes and the timeframe required to execute them in order to conform to ANSI/ASTM E2659-18.

Q: How is ANSI helping the accredited certificate issuers prepare for the transition?

A: ANSI will conduct ongoing workshops and webinars regarding the requirements under ANSI/ASTM E2659-18.