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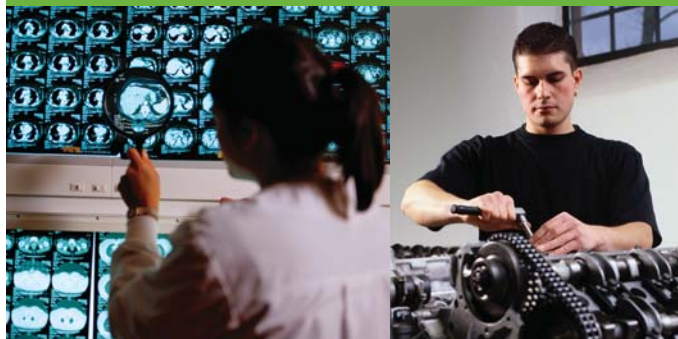
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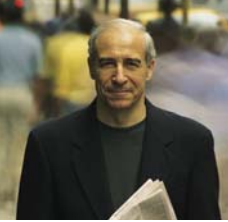


Accreditation Program for Personnel Certification Bodies

ISO/IEC 17024:2003

*General Requirements for Bodies Operating
Certification Systems of Persons*





Quality. We don't just expect it — we rely on it. Not only for products and services, but for the people who provide them.

Today, thousands of certification programs exist for personnel in practically every industry. Credentials, especially those that are recognized globally, lead to improved public confidence in the capabilities, competence and mobility of the person holding that certification.

Set your certification apart in the marketplace

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has introduced a new Accreditation Program for Personnel Certification Bodies. The program operates in accordance with internationally-recognized guidelines for enhancing quality and continual improvement.

ANSI offers third-party accreditation of your personnel certification program to:

- promote the unique qualifications and expertise your personnel certification provides the community of interest.
- protect the integrity of your certification process and provide legal defensibility.
- enhance consumer and public confidence in your certification program and the personnel who hold the credential.
- facilitate the mobility of certified personnel across borders.

Integrity

Protect the value of your mark and bring recognition to your certification program. Accreditation by a fair, impartial and globally recognized third party provides assurance that your certification program is engaged in a continuous review and improvement of its quality, that it meets nationally publicized standards in the professional occupation, and that it is accountable for achieving what it sets out to do.

Confidence

Accreditation confirms that an organization that certifies people is credible. From banking and insurance to automobile repair, medical and health care to food and meal services, personnel certification validates public confidence in the individuals who can supply the products and services upon which our lives and economies depend.

Mobility

Competition drives the need for equivalency in personnel services across national boundaries. ANSI accreditation increases the potential for national and international reciprocity of certified personnel. The program is based on a new International Standard (ISO/IEC 17024, *General Requirements for Bodies Operating Certification Systems of Persons*), allowing U.S. services to compete more successfully worldwide. This is especially important now that cross-border trade in services accounts for nearly one-quarter of world trade.