User Guide: Informative American National Standards (ANS) Webinar Recordings

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Thank you for your interest in learning about the American National Standards (ANS) process.

The recorded sessions available in this public library are informative only. The rules that apply to the development of American National Standards (ANS) are presented in the current edition of the *ANSI Essential Requirements* (www.ansi.org/essentialrequirements) and the relevant ANSI-Accredited Standards Developer's (ASD's) procedures, which you may obtain from the ASD directly. A list of ASD contacts and many ANS-related resource documents are available at www.ansi.org/asd.

Please note that the ANSI Executive Standards Council (ExSC), which is the ANSI Committee that oversees the ANS process and all related procedures and interpretations is not bound by the information presented in these webinars. The ExSC decides any issues presented to them on a fact-specific basis. The ExSC's interpretation of the *ANSI Essential Requirements* is also subject to change.

Each webinar runs approximately 60-90 minutes.

If you have questions about any information presented in these informative webinars, please contact psa@ansi.org. Thanks again for your interest.

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The following sequence is recommended for those who are new to the ANS process; you may also download just the slides in the *Procedures, Interpretations, Guidance and Forms* folder at www.ansi.org/asd.

1. **What is an American National Standard (ANS) anyway?** This session is a general overview of ANSI, American National Standards (ANS), voluntary consensus standards (VCS), how to identify ANS and how to participate in the consensus process through ANSI-Accredited Standards Developers (ASDs).
2. **Overview of the *ANSI Essential Requirements*** This session provides a brief overview of the contents of the 2022 edition of the *ANSI Essential Requirements* and focuses on Section 1 *Essential requirements for due process* and Section 2 *Benchmarks.* Although the *ANSI Essential Requirements* has been updated annually since (see the ASD Compliance annual webinars and related guidance documents), key changes were made in 2022 that remain in effect and are important to understand.
3. **ASD Audit & Reaccreditation** This session provides an overview of the procedural Audit Program that applies to all ASDs and of the re-accreditation process required when an ASD revises their ANSI-accredited procedures.

4. **Votes & Comments (within the ANS process)** This session reviews the procedural requirements that apply to votes administered by ASDs related to the approval of a standard as an ANS as well as the separate requirements that apply to public comments solicited through *ANSI Standards Action* (www.ansi.org/standardsaction).

5. **ANS Process Key Forms** This session reviews key forms in the ANS process including ANSI's online PINS, BSR-8 and BSR-11 forms (https://psawebforms.ansi.org).

6. **Appeals** This session reviews the procedural requirements that apply to ANSI's requirements for procedural appeals at the ASD level and separately at ANSI.

7. **ANS Process - National Adoption of ISO and IEC standards as ANS** This session reviews the requirements (procedures, policy and contractual) that apply to the national adoption of ISO, IEC and ISO/IEC JTC1 standards as ANS.

These webinars provide an overview of annual compliance requirements.

8. **2023 ASD Compliance** This annual session was held in January 2023 to review the 2022 *ANSI Essential Requirements* as well as various compliance requirements applicable to ASDs.

9. **2024 ASD Compliance** This annual session was held in January 2024 to review the 2024 *ANSI Essential Requirements* as well as various compliance requirements applicable to ASDs.

10. **2025 ASD Compliance** This annual session was held in January 2025 to review the 2025 *ANSI Essential Requirements* as well as various compliance requirements applicable to ASDs.

These webinars focus on a limited topic within the ANS process.

11. **BSR-9 and use of ANS logo** This session reviews how to complete the BSR-9 form and also rules related to the use of ANSI logos (marks) in the ANS process.

12. **Recirculation** This session focuses on 2.6 *Consideration of views and objections* of the *ANSI Essential Requirements*, specifically ANSI's "recirculation" requirements for processing unresolved negative votes and public review comments.

13. **Streamlining the ANS process** This session consolidates many suggestions for streamlining ANS-related processes and procedures and their implementation.

14. **Targeted Outreach in the ANS process** This session discusses and recommends ways to engage - as members of an ANS consensus body - participants from diverse interest categories, in particular those in underrepresented interest categories, with the objective of achieving balance.