

IAS Building Department Accreditation Program

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**Prove that your
building department
is qualified to
protect the public.**



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IAS accreditation provides national recognition that building departments are professionally qualified to serve their jurisdictions.

Professional organizations from police and fire departments to hospitals and educational institutions have chosen to regulate themselves through the process of accreditation. Accreditation of your building department provides independent third-party recognition that your organization has fulfilled specified requirements and is competent to carry out specific code enforcement tasks. As with fire departments, police and health care organizations, accreditation is especially important for building departments because they are responsible for public safety and welfare.

International Accreditation Service (IAS), a subsidiary corporation of the International Code Council, is the nation's leading provider of building department accreditation. Established in 1975, IAS provides independent verification that building departments operate under the highest ethical, legal and technical standards and that they have the ability to offer the public enhanced life safety and property protection.

Benefits of Accreditation

The IAS building department accreditation program provides the following benefits:

- Documented proof from a leading accreditation authority that the department uses the best practices in code enforcement, that it is operating effectively and that it maintains the highest standards offering enhanced life safety and property protection to the public.
- An opportunity to partner with other code enforcement experts who are able to help identify strengths or potential problem areas and provide

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recommendations to bring building departments in line with the national standard.

- Greater security to building departments and to the jurisdictions they serve in knowing that services are up to the nationally accepted standard for building departments.
- Increased department efficiency, fewer complaints from the public and the potential for lower insurance premiums based on there being fewer claims against the jurisdictions.
- Accreditation sends a strong statement to your community about your desire to provide services of the highest quality.

The bottom line: IAS accreditation gives your department an advantage by increasing your efficiency, improving decision making and enhancing public confidence in your services. Accreditation is the right choice for building departments that want to operate at optimal levels.

The Accreditation Process

Accreditation of building departments is based on the IAS Accreditation Criteria for Building Departments (AC251). Copies of this document are available on the IAS web site at www.iasonline.org.

The process for becoming an accredited building department begins when you contact IAS. We will answer your questions about the program and then guide you through the accreditation process, which includes submittal of an application, applicable fees, basic information about the jurisdiction and technical information about the department. Once this information has been reviewed, our staff will visit your department to conduct an on-site assessment and develop an assessment report. When the building department has satisfied IAS accreditation requirements and demonstrated proficiency and competence, an accreditation certificate will be issued.

About IAS

International Accreditation Service, a subsidiary corporation of the International Code Council®, assesses and accredits building departments, testing and calibration laboratories, fabricator inspection programs and inspection agencies. IAS is a nonprofit,

public-benefit corporation and one of the most experienced accreditation bodies of its type.

IAS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO). Based on this MOU, ISO has agreed to support the IAS building department accreditation program.

More Information about Becoming an Accredited Building Department

To learn more about IAS building department accreditation, please visit www.iasonline.org, call toll-free 1-866-427-4422, or e-mail info@iasonline.org.

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