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Management Systems Certification Bodies Accreditation Program
NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the IAS newsletter for the Management Systems Certification Bodies Accreditation Program.

This publication is designed to keep IAS customers and industry professionals informed about important developments at IAS and within the field of management systems certification that may have an impact on your organization and its accreditation.

IAS accreditation for Management System Certification Bodies demonstrates compliance with ISO/IEC 17021-1 and provides recognized assurance that certification marks are respected and trusted by regulators and the marketplace alike. It affirms the competence and integrity of accredited certification bodies, strengthens confidence in their audit processes, and helps reduce duplication of assessments by other oversight organizations.

IAS Moves into a New Office

The IAS staff have moved into a new office in Brea, California — located within the same building that previously housed the IAS headquarters.

"This new office space has given us the opportunity to expand our office to accommodate growth. It also enabled us to update the environment to reflect the IAS brand and modernize the space with better IT and furnishings to support productivity."
—Raj Nathan, IAS President

IAS's new address is:
3060 Saturn Street, Suite 101
Brea, California 92821

IAS Celebrates 50 Years of Excellence with Gala and Dinner Event

IAS held its 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala and Dinner on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the Embassy Suites in Brea, California. Technical experts from 15 countries attended this milestone event which honored IAS's legacy of trust, integrity, and leadership in accreditation services around the world.

Since 1975, IAS has become a globally recognized accreditation body, serving government agencies, commercial businesses, and public entities across a wide range of sectors. The 50th Anniversary Gala brought together key stakeholders, accreditation professionals, industry partners, and honored guests to celebrate five decades of service and progress.

The evening included a formal dinner, commemorative program, keynote remarks, and reflections on IAS's evolution and impact across the accreditation landscape. A commemorative publication and video were released to honor the organization's 50-year legacy.

"This milestone is not just a celebration of our past, but a reaffirmation of our commitment to excellence in the years to come. We were honored to celebrate our dedicated staff, valued clients, and partners who have helped shape IAS into the respected organization it is today"
— Raj Nathan, IAS President

(L-R) Raj Nathan, IAS President, and Sergio T. Ascunce, Chair of IAS Board, present the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Publication during the Gala Celebration.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Management Systems

The rapid increase in the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies across disciplines has led to the development of new standards and regulatory initiatives in countries including the EU, China, and the United States.

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) established the JTC 1/SC 42 subcommittee to address AI standardization. Among other JTC 1/SC 42 publications, ISO/IEC 42001 is the international standard that specifies requirements for establishing, implementing, maintaining, and continually improving an Artificial Intelligence Management System (AIMS) within organizations. It is designed for entities providing or utilizing AI-based products or services, ensuring responsible development and use of AI systems.

Accreditation to ISO/IEC 42001 provides the credentials that ensure certification marks covering the implementation of AIMS are recognized in the marketplace and provide assurance of competence and best practices related to the use of AI in management systems.

The ISO/IEC 42001:2023 Standard is an essential component of the global response to AI adoption across all sectors. Organizations developing, deploying, or implementing AI systems can seek third-party certification to this standard through Accredited Certification Bodies. Doing so helps build public trust and confidence that AI systems are being developed and implemented in a sustainable, ethical, and people-centered manner — where fairness, transparency, and accountability remain paramount.

IAS was the first IAF member Accreditation Body in the world to offer and successfully complete accreditation of a Certification Body for this scheme. IAS accreditation to this standard benefits from IAS's recognition as a Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) signatory with the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC), ensuring worldwide recognition based on the equivalency of other accreditation programs.

For more information about IAS Accreditation for Certification Bodies providing Artificial Intelligence Management Systems (AIMS) Certification, visit IAS website.

Extend the scope of Your Accreditation

The IAS Management Systems Certification Body Accreditation Program covers several sub-scopes that offer opportunities for organizations to extend their services. These sub-scopes include:

- ISO 9001 – QMS (Quality)
- ISO 14001 – EMS (Environmental)
- ISO 45001 – OH&S (Occupational Health & Safety)
- ISO 22000 – FSMS (Food Safety)
- FSSC 22000 v6 – (Food Safety) – **NEW**
- FSSC 24000 – (Social Accountability) – **NEW**
- ISO/IEC 27001 – ISMS (Information Security)
- ISO/IEC 20000-1 – ITSMS (Information Technology)
- ISO 22301 – BCMS (Business Continuity)
- ISO 13485 – MDQMS (Medical Devices)
- ISO 50001 – EnMS (Energy)
- ISO 37001 – ABMS (Anti-Bribery) – **NEW**
- ISO 55001 – AMS (Asset Management)
- ISO 20121 – ESMS (Event Sustainability)
- ISO 39001 – RTSMS (Road Traffic Safety)
- ISO 37101 – SDCMS (Sustainable Community Development)
- ISO 41001 – FMMS (Facility Management)
- ISO 21001 – EOMS (Educational Organizations)
- ISO/IEC 27701 – PIMS (Information Security Privacy)
- ISO 37301 – CMS (Compliance Management)
- ISO 42001 – AIMS (Artificial Intelligence) – **NEW**
- AS 9100D – AQMS (Aerospace Quality) (*separate program*)

If your certification body is interested in extending the scope of your accreditation, please email mscb@iasonline.org.

Extending Your Scope of Accreditation?

If you plan to extend your scope at the time of a reassessment, it is important to inform IAS before the assessors arrive for the scheduled visit. IAS assessors plan their work in advance based on the size of your current scope. When you notify IAS ahead of time, the additional scope can be more easily accommodated, helping to avoid scheduling conflicts or unnecessary costs — and making the assessment process more efficient.

How Are IAS Accreditation Criteria Updated?

If your organization is accredited under the Management Systems Certification Bodies Accreditation Program, you are likely familiar with the IAS Accreditation Criteria AC477.

To update these criteria, IAS follows a structured process that allows for periodic revisions as needed. Any interested party may propose changes at any time by submitting written revisions to IAS, along with the rationale for the proposed changes. The proposals are reviewed by the IAS Accreditation Committee in a public forum that includes an open discussion session. Following the review, the committee may accept, reject, or modify the proposed revisions.

The most recent IAS Accreditation Committee was held on **June 11, 2025.**

Learn more about the meeting.

Have There Been Updates to Accreditation Criteria That Affect Your Company's Accreditation?

Be prepared for the next assessment by staying up to date on changes to AC477. Staying informed about these changes helps your company prepare in advance and begin implementing any new requirements.

You can view the most current versions of the accreditation criteria on the IAS website.

Updates are indicated with a vertical line in the margin of the affected sections in the document.

Access the latest version of the criteria in the link below:

AC477

Need to Update Your Contact with IAS?

Most accredited organizations will eventually need to update the contact person(s) listed in the IAS Portal. Each accredited customer has three designated contacts who receive communication from IAS: a **Technical Contact**, a **Billing Contact**, and a **Legal Contact**. . Although some customers use the same person for all three designations, it is best to assign a different individual to each role.

Each contact has their own login credentials. To update this information, customers must log into the IAS portal and make the change directly. It is important to keep this information current — and to ensure more than one individual in your organization has access to login information.

IAS has created a short video demonstrating how to update contact information.
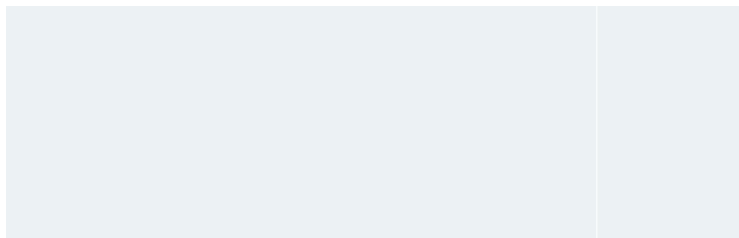
Watch the instructional video.

Get a Quote for Accreditation

Certification bodies interested in receiving a complimentary quote to apply for accreditation may click on the button below.

GET A QUOTE ▶

Upcoming **Events**

The following events may be of interest to professionals who work for Management Systems Certification Bodies.

- ➲ **2026 ASQ World Conference on Quality and Improvement 80th Anniversary Conference** Orlando, Florida, May 17–20, 2026
- ➲ **Analyitica Lab India |** Mumbai, India April 22-24, 2026
- ➲ **ArabLab Live |** Dubai, UAE September 26 -28, 2026

International Journal of Conformity
Assessment – Artificial Intelligence

The current issue of the International Journal of Conformity Assessment is dedicated to Artificial Intelligence. Published by IAS for conformity assessment academics and practitioners, IJCA aims to contribute to the fields of testing, inspection, certification, and accreditation by providing a high-quality medium for the dissemination of knowledge and methods associated with global conformity assessment practices and concepts. The conformity assessment fields covered include testing and calibration laboratories, inspection bodies, product certification bodies, management system certification bodies, organizations offering certification of persons, among others. Learn more.

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By Kerstin Haeckel

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Promote Your Accreditation

IAS customers can showcase their accreditations using official IAS Accreditation Program symbols, which may be displayed in advertisements and brochures, on websites, at exhibit booths, and in other promotional materials. To request accreditation symbols, email requestamark@iasonline.org.

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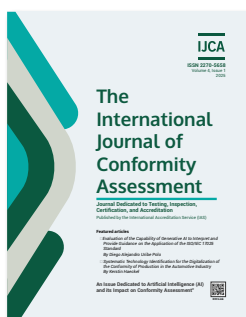**IAS** ACCREDITED Management Systems Certification Body

Let Us Know **What You Think**

IAS is committed to continually improving our services and values your feedback. We use your input to enhance the support we provide to customers and stakeholders. Visit the Contact Us page of the IAS website to share your comments.

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) is a nonprofit accreditation body and a signatory member of the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC), the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and the International Certification Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). IAS is also a member of the ICC Family of Solutions.

Assessor Positions at IAS

IAS is looking for qualified individuals to become assessors for the Management Systems Certification Bodies Accreditation Program. Learn more about becoming an assessor.

IAS on **Social Media**

If you haven't connected with IAS on social media platforms, you may be missing out on the latest accreditation news and updates. IAS shares periodic announcements, industry insights, and program information on dedicated pages across X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube. To find us, visit any of these platforms and search for International Accreditation Service. Be sure to like, follow, and subscribe.

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