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To:	All Program Participants and Applicants

This bulletin describes how AISC Certification will transition participants and applicants to the new *Program Requirements for Fabricator, Erector, and Manufacturer Certifications* and *Standard for Steel Fabricators and Erectors, and Manufacturing of Metal Components (AISC 2017-16)*.

What are the *Program Requirements for Fabricator, Erector, and Manufacturer Certifications*? AISC Certification uses program requirements to administer the certification standard. This means for certified fabricators, erectors and component manufacturers, the program requirements are the go-to document for compliance with the standard. With the release of the new Requirements, there is now a single set of requirements. Similar to the new standard, general requirements for all certified companies are being consolidated into a single document, accompanied by a tailored set of supplemental requirements for each program.

What is the *Standard for Steel Fabricators and Erectors, and Manufacturing of Metal Components (AISC 2017-16)*? Although the title is new, this standard brings together provisions of the steel building fabrication, steel bridge fabrication, steel erection and metal component manufacturing standard into one document. Developed by AISC's Certification Standards Committee, the new standard harmonizes common components of the existing standards into a cohesive and consistent document.



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Transition Schedule

Please note that all companies will transition to the new requirements on June 1, 2018. Fabricators will transition to the new standard on June 1, 2018 and erectors on June 1, 2019.

Transition Schedule for certified fabricators:

	Fabricators Site Audits conducted prior to June 1, 2018	Fabricators Site Audits conducted beginning June 1, 2018
Program Requirements for site audit	<i>(Current) Program Requirements, Specific to Certification Standard(s)</i>	<i>(New) Program Requirements for Fabricator, Erector and Manufacturer Certifications</i>
Program Standard for site audit	<i>(Current) Standard(s), Specific to Desired Certification</i>	<i>(New) Certification Standard for Steel Fabrication and Erection, and Manufacturing of Metal Components</i>

Transition Schedule for certified erectors:

	Erectors Site Audits conducted prior to June 1, 2019	Erectors Site Audits conducted beginning June 1, 2019
Program Requirements for site audit	<i>(New) Program Requirements for Fabricator, Erector and Manufacturer Certifications</i>	<i>(New) Program Requirements for Fabricator, Erector and Manufacturer Certifications</i>
Program Standard for site audit	<i>(Current) Standard(s), Specific to Desired Certification</i>	<i>(New) Certification Standard for Steel Fabrication and Erection, and Manufacturing of Metal Components</i>

Beginning on May 1, 2018, all new applicants for certification will be required to meet the new *Program Requirements for Fabricator, Erector and Manufacturer Certifications* and the *Certification Standard for Steel Fabrication and Erection, and Manufacturing of Metal Components*.



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Conversion Audit

When a certified company is transitioning to the new requirements, added provisions and new revisions will be identified as Areas of Concern (AOCs) during a participant's conversion site audit. All conversion audits will be identified with a "T" at the end of the audit number.

What is an Area of Concern (AOC)? They are written to provide a participant the opportunity to engage their management system(s) to review, evaluate and implement changes to prevent a potential correction action request during the following audit. AOC's are written for:

- Program requirements that have been issued/revised since the last audit
- Reference documents required by the Program Requirements that have been revised and issued since the last audit
- Special circumstances specifically required by AISC Certification (i.e., program conversions, gap analysis, etc.)

AOC's are proactive and are not issued for a non-conformity to audit criteria other than those described previously. AOCs will be reviewed at the next audit for effective implementation. A repeated Concern at the next audit will be viewed as a breakdown of the Quality/Safety Management System, and a Corrective Action Request will be issued.

For additional conversion resources, please visit www.aisc.org/certconversion. For questions, please contact AISC Certification at conversion@aisc.org or 312.670.7520.