



CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

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Here's what fabricators need to know about two critical AISC Certification changes:

On June 1, 2019:

1. The updated *Governing Requirements for Certification Programs* will take effect.
2. Auditors will begin issuing Corrective Action Requests (CARs) for noncompliance with the *Requirements* issued May 1, 2018, and the *Standard for Steel Fabricators and Erectors, and Manufacturing of Metal Components* (AISC 207-16).

Before we look at the changes, let's review the purpose of these two important documents.

Governing Requirements for Certification Programs

You can think of this document as the rules and regulations for the Certification Program. It should be your go-to reference for compliance and administrative processes.

Standard for Steel Fabricators and Erectors, and Manufacturing of Metal Components (AISC 207-16)

This document has information about the criteria that you must meet to maintain your certification. AISC's Certification Standards Committee combined the provisions of the steel building fabrication, steel bridge fabrication, steel erection, and metal component manufacturing standards into one cohesive, consistent *Standard* for easy reference.



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How have the new *Governing Requirements for Certification Programs* changed?

The new name simply reflects that this is the document that AISC uses to administer the Certification Program. To maintain your certification, your quality management system must meet the provisions in this document. You can find a list of important changes to the *Governing Requirements* in the preface.

Note: Please review the new document carefully, with a special focus on Section 5 (Site Audit), Section 6 (CAR Process), Section 7 (Certificate Decisions, and Section 8 (Scope Changes).

Why you should know what's in the new *Governing Requirements for Certification Programs* and the *Standard for Steel Fabricators and Erectors, and Manufacturing of Metal Components (AISC 207-16)*

Beginning June 1, 2019:

- Auditors will issue an Area of Concern (AOC) for any finding that is not in compliance with a new or modified provision of the *Governing Requirements*.
- Auditors will issue a Corrective Action Request (CAR) for any finding that is not in compliance with an unchanged provision of the *Governing Requirements* or the *Standard*.

What is an Area of Concern (AOC)?

QMC auditors use AOCs to inform you of recent changes to the *Governing Requirements*, the *Standard*, and/or other normative reference documents.

If the auditor issues an AOC, s/he will review the AOC at the following audit. If you do not effectively resolve an AOC before the next audit, the auditor will issue a CAR.

What is a Corrective Action Request (CAR)?

An auditor issues a CAR when s/he finds evidence that your quality management system (QMS) is not effective.

CARs are serious and can jeopardize your AISC certification status.

You must submit evidence that you are working to resolve every CAR within 30 days of the audit or your certification status will be withdrawn or denied, in accordance with updated PR6.1.

You can find more information about AOCs and CARs in PR5.8 of the *Governing Requirements* document.

How to get help

The AISC Certification team is always available to answer your questions at certification@aisc.org or 312.670.7520.