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To streamline audits for our participants, AISC is launching a dual audit certification program for participants/applicants who hold both a fabricator and an erector certifications.

This is a great way to save time and money!

Who is eligible? As long as you use the same QMS for both your fabricator and your erector operations, you qualify for the dual audit program. Any participant who holds one fabricator and one erector certification and who use the same quality management system (QMS) for both qualifies. New applicants who are applying for both fabricator and erector certification and use the same QMS for both also qualify. Unfortunately, participants and applicants who don't use the same QMS for fabricator and erector activities must continue to have separate audits.

How will this program work? Auditors will simultaneously evaluate Chapter 1 of the *AISC Standard for Certification Programs (207-20)* for both fabricator and erector activities during one audit. They'll then conduct audits for the chapters that are specific to each certification. This will include a visit to an active jobsite (per the *Supplemental Requirements for Erectors (CSE)*, SE2.5).

Will this reduce the number of audit days? Yes! Streamlining the process has a big payoff. Participants and applicants will get a full day back. A four-day audit will become a three-day audit, and a three-day audit will become a two-day audit. The exact number of days will be shown in the audit plan, along with a "D" for Dual in the audit scope. Your audit scope will now be either an R1D, R2D or RFD.



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Will this decrease the rigor of audits? No. We're just consolidating Chapter 1 functions: the criteria every participant (big or small) must meet to be certified as a fabricator or erector.

Will this affect the cost of certification fees? Yes! Dual audit program participants are eligible for one \$750 refund. For audits happening in September through November 2022, we will mail you a refund check. For audits scheduled December 1, 2022, the refund will be a line item on your fabricator invoice only. Also, you receive two invoices: one for the fabricator certification and another for the erector certification.

What about Corrective Action Requests (CARs)?

Dual audits will have one set of CARs issued for both the fabricator and erector operations. You must use the customer portal for your fabricator audit to submit responses to those CARs.

Will one certificate be issued? No. You will still receive two certificates: one for the fabricator certification and another for the erector certification.

What about participants with multiple fabrication facilities? Stay tuned. We are developing a process to apply a system like this to make their lives easier, too.

If you have questions, please contact AISC Certification directly at certification@aisc.org or 312.670.7520.