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The *Standard for Certification Programs (AISC 207-23)* has been updated! Beginning June 15, 2024, we will begin transitioning participants and applicants to the updated Standard.

Updated *Standard for Certification Programs* (207-23)
The 207-23 was not a complete overhaul of the *Standard*. However, there are changes you'll want to take note of. Some of the changes include updates to the glossary, welding, inspection and testing procedure requirements and clarifications on subcontracting work and record retention requirements. We've also made the document more clear by revising names of references, updating commentary and revising the document to align more clearly with the *Code of Standard Practice*—all good things!

Resources
Now that you know there is an updated *Standard*, you may want to know all about the changes. Look no further than the 207-23 Audit Guides! These handy tools will help identify gaps between your current quality management system (QMS) and the updated *Standard,* or you can use them as a starting point to implement management systems that meet the certification requirements. Visit our Certification Updates page for the audit guides and more resources.

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Learn More at QualityCon
Don't forget: We'll discuss the changes to the updated *Standard* during Section QC1: Certification Forum at the NASCC: The Steel Conference next week in San Antonio.-- You can find many more invaluable sessions about quality and certification during QualityCon, which is incorporated into the Steel Conference. You won't want to miss it!

…but, if you have to miss it, you still have a chance to get some of that crucial info. You can tune into 13 QualityCon sessions from your home or office through NASCC Online! Learn more at aisc.org/nascconline.

Effective Date
The updated *Standard* will take effect on June 15, 2024, for both current participants and applicants. Auditors will then begin issuing Areas of Concerns (AOCs) for noncompliance with any new or updated criteria from the *Standard*. Quality Management Company (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 Corrective Action Request (CAR).

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