



CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

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The *Standard for Certification Programs* (AISC 207-23) has been updated! Starting February 1, 2026, we will begin transitioning participants and applicants to the updated [Standard for Certification Programs \(AISC 207-25\)](#).

Updated Standard for Certification Programs (207-25)

AISC 207-25 does not represent a complete overhaul of the *Standard*. Be sure to note the following changes, including: updates to the glossary; an added list of abbreviations; the term “Contract Documents” replaced with “Construction Documents”; expanded “Simple Bridges” to include Folded Steel Plate Girders (FSPG) and Press Brake Tub Girders (PBTG); the Distortion Control procedure moved to 4.I from 4.A; and Section 5.18 Erection Plan moves to 5.12.6 Process Control. Redundant safety-related requirements were also removed.

Resources

Now that you know there is an updated *Standard*, you may want to know all about the changes. Look no further than the [207-25 Audit Guide](#)! This handy tool will help identify gaps between your current quality management system (QMS) and the updated *Standard*, or you can use it as a starting point to implement management systems that meet the certification requirements. Visit our [Certification Updates page](#) for the audit guide and more resources.



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Effective Date

The updated *Standard* will take effect on February 1, 2026, for both current participants and applicants. Auditors will then begin issuing Areas Requiring Action (ARAs) for noncompliance with any new or updated criteria from the *Standard*. Quality Management Company (QMC) auditors use ARAs to inform you of recent changes to the *Standard*, and/or other normative reference documents. They are also used to alert you that, at next year's audit, you may need to perform demonstration of capability, as stated in 5.11 of the GRs, as well as in the Supplements for each certification or endorsement.

If the auditor issues an ARA, they will review it at the next audit. If you do not effectively resolve an ARA 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.