



Heads Up

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To: ANAB-Accredited and Applicant CBs and Accreditation Assessors

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Re: Publication of Accreditation Rule 36 on Access by Auditors Being Denied on Security Grounds

ANAB has published Accreditation Rule 36 to inform certification bodies (CBs) of ANAB requirements when being denied access by certified organizations or those seeking initial certification to facilities or systems in the course of undertaking management system audits.

The issue was initially raised at a meeting of the ANAB Accreditation Council when a CB representative reported a number of clients had said they had high security areas not accessible to auditors but included in the scope of certification. A team was formed to draft an Accreditation Rule, which the full Accreditation Council has now approved for immediate implementation.