



# Heads Up

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To: ANAB-Accredited and Applicant CBs and Accreditation Assessors

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Re: Revised ANAB Accreditation Manual

ANAB published a revision of its accreditation manual on 2009/09/01. The revision is effective 2010/01/02. Note, however, that prior to 2010/01/02 ANAB will post on its Web site a record of suspensions and withdrawals.

The changes in brief are as follows:

- Definitions
  - On accreditation requirements, deleted reference to the annexes of IAF GD 2 and IAF GD 6
  - EATL addition about change on re-accreditation
  - Revised definition of minor nonconformity to delete "single"
  - Deleted definitions of QMS and EMS
- Section 2.7.6 added to specify that responses to NCRs be entered into EQM
- Section 3.1.1 revised to indicate that application review is by an assessor expert in the standard
- Section 7.3 revised to specify witnessing for each base standard to include in the accreditation cycle an initial audit, including stage 1 and stage 2, and a re-certification audit
- Section 14 revised to indicate that ANAB will maintain publicly available information on suspensions and withdrawals
- Section 16.10 added: "A record of suspensions and withdrawals of accreditation shall be maintained on ANAB's Web site ([www.anab.org](http://www.anab.org)). The name and location of each CB whose accreditation has been suspended or withdrawn shall be posted with the effective date(s) and explanation(s) of why the CB's accreditation has been suspended or withdrawn (that is, financial, voluntary, or failure to conform to requirements)."