Heads Up

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To: ANAB AQMS Accredited CBs and Accreditation Assessors

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Re: Audit Duration and Reports to be Entered into OASIS for Initial Certification Audits

ISO/IEC 17021, clauses 9.1.1 and 9.2.3, requires a two-stage audit for initial certification. This also applies to initial certification of an AQMS, whether the organization is already ISO 9001 certified or adding an additional AQMS standard.

Once the initial certification decision has been made, the CB shall upload the initial certification audit reports, including stage 1 and stage 2, into OASIS within 30 days of the decision.

If the CB determines that a stage 1 audit is required for recertification, then the above information applies for recertification also.

Considering that initial certification audits include stage 1 and stage 2 audits, the total audit time entered into OASIS for the initial certification should be the sum of the time used for the stage 1 and stage 2 audits.