



Heads Up

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To: ANAB-Accredited and Applicant CBs and Accreditation Assessors

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Re: Implementation of Revised Accreditation Rule 29

ANAB Accreditation Rule 29 has been revised in response to an August 2009 aerospace audit.

- The original agreement with the aerospace industry was that one of the standards would be witnessed annually, including AS9120. The value of witnessing AS9120 was questioned and the preference was to look at AS9100 or AS9110 (depending on for which the CB is accredited). Section 5.2.2 has been revised to require that if a CB is also accredited for AS9120, there be an extra (not alternate) audit for that standard.
- The aerospace industry asked a few years ago to be able to sit in on appeals and the ANAB Accreditation Council agreed to allow this. Section 6.2 adds detail on notification of the Registrar Management Committee (RMC) when there is an appeal. This section also clarifies the role of the RMC; the RMC representative may serve as an expert to panel members and participate in all discussions (including private deliberations) but cannot vote.
- In section 7.1 the timing of "immediate" notification of the RMC chair in the event of a suspension or withdrawal has been defined as within five business days.

Please note that the requirements will change with revision of the aerospace standards.