

Voluntary withdrawal of ANAB accreditation

Accredited by a number of accreditation bodies, Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) reviews its accreditation status from time to time, and may adjust its accreditation profile to strategically suit the global trends and market needs. In order to align with the strategic direction and development of Hong Kong and China Mainland's certification industry, we have voluntarily withdrawn the ANAB accreditation of USA. The current ANAB accredited certificates will be transferred to other accreditation bodies if necessary. Affected clients will be informed shortly about details of the transfer arrangement. For further information, please refer to the following 'Q&A' section.

Should you have any further query, please contact us at 2202 9000 or by email:
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Q & A for voluntary withdrawal of ANAB accreditation

Q. Why did HKQAA withdraw ANAB accreditation?

A. This is a strategic decision that we intend to focus our resources to support the development of Hong Kong and China Mainland's testing and certification industry.

Q. We are holding an ANAB accredited certificate. What is the impact to us?

A. If your certificate holds more than one accreditation, there is no impact to the accreditation status of your certificate. Your certificate is still an accredited certificate. If your certificate holds only ANAB accreditation, then depending on scope of certification, we can transfer the accreditation to another Accreditation Body.

Q. I understand that TL9000 certificate must have accreditation issued by an accreditation body recognized by QuEST Forum. What will the arrangement be for our ANAB accredited TL 9000 certificate?

A. HKQAA is now accredited by CNAS for TL 9000. We shall transfer your ANAB accredited certificate to an CNAS accredited certificate.

Q. Will there be any additional cost for the transfer to another accreditation body?

A. Normally, it will not incur any additional cost for the transfer of accreditation to another accreditation body.

Q. We are having ANAB accreditation logo in our stationeries, name cards, letter head, etc. What do we need to do for them?

A. The use of ANAB accreditation logo has to be discontinued. However, you can use another accreditation body's logo according to the defined usage requirements if your certification is within our accreditation scope of another Accreditation Body. We shall send you the artworks later if you want to change to another Accreditation Body.

Q. Is it possible to hold a certificate without any accreditation?

A. Except as mandated by certain certification schemes owners, such as SA8000 and TL 9000, it is acceptable to hold a certificate without any accreditation. The value and creditability of a certificate largely depends on the quality, brand name and reputation of the certification body. Whether to have an accredited certificate is a strategic decision of an organization. However, an organization having a certificate accredited by a number of accreditation bodies has the obligation of accepting each of these accreditation bodies to witness the accredited certification body's personnel performing audits for the organization.