

Inspection Body Accreditation Program (IBAP)

Program Overview

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The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) offers accreditation programs for inspection bodies. SCC accreditation shows that an organization has met the international standard for inspection bodies and is qualified to carry out inspections.

Inspection bodies evaluate the safety of specific products and materials. They also make sure that the associated facilities, equipment, and systems fit the work being done. Inspections may evaluate services as well as physical assets.

Inspection bodies from around the world seek SCC accreditation as proof that their work is in line with the most current national and international standards and regulations.

SCC is preparing for International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) international recognition.

1. Accreditation Program Requirements

PROGRAM/ SCHEME	ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS	SCHEME OWNER/ REGULATOR
<p>Inspection Bodies can conduct inspections in one or more of the following sub-programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection of Electrical Equipment • Inspection of Medical Electrical Equipment • Inspection of Medical Gas Piping Systems • Inspection of Commercial and Industrial fuel-burning Appliances and Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO/IEC 17020:2012 Conformity assessment — Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection • SCC Requirements and Guidance - Inspection Body Accreditation Program (except Rail-only IBAP) • ILAC P8:11/2023 ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Supplementary Requirements for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and for Claims of Accreditation Status • ILAC P10:07/2020 ILAC Policy on Traceability of Measurement Results (as applicable) • ILAC P15:05/2020 Application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Advisory Council on Electrical Safety • Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council
<p>Independent Safety Assessor for Railway Systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC Requirements and Guidance - Independent Safety Assessor for Railway Systems Accreditation Program 	

2. Accreditation Cycle and Witness Assessment Requirements

Requirements and information on the operation of the Inspection Body Accreditation Program are in the applicable Requirements and Guidance documents.

Revision History

VERSION	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE(S)	APPROVED DATE
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial ReleaseSeparating program-specific content out of the ASB Program OverviewAdded Scheme Owner(s) or Regulator(s), if applicableRemoved relocation and renovation section, as it is found in the Accreditation Services Overview and details are in the scope modification application formAdded applicable ILAC accreditation requirements	2024-04-01