IAS | ACCREDITATION SUITE for Building Departments

Overview – How the Program Works

1. Select the entire suite or just the program(s) you need.

2. IAS will work with you to ensure that companies performing work in your jurisdiction, under the program(s) you have selected, are accredited by IAS.

3. Verifying that a company meets the requirements is as simple as verifying that it has a current IAS certificate of accreditation and that its scope covers the work it is doing in your jurisdiction. It can all be done in a matter of seconds.

4. Once a company is accredited, you can access its certificate of accreditation on the IAS website. Many companies are already accredited by IAS. You can easily find a list of all accredited companies on the IAS website at www.iasonline.org.

Join Other Building Departments and ICC Chapters

Consistency in code enforcement is important. The IAS accreditation programs can be used to bring a uniform approach to a single department, an ICC Chapter, or even an entire region or state. Regardless, IAS will work with you to make the transition to IAS accreditation seamless and attractive to the building industry and the building departments they report to.

Find Out More

Learn more about how you can use the IAS programs for free. To improve the services and productivity of your department.

Email: iasinfo@iasonline.org

Web: www.iasonline.org

Building Department Accreditation

Building departments can also get accredited. Accreditation shows that your department uses best practices and follows the highest ethical, legal, and technical standards. Be included among the leading building departments in the U.S. that have achieved the status of IAS Accreditation.

To learn more about the process, costs and benefits of accrediting your building department, contact IAS at iasinfo@iasonline.org or 562-364-8201.

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8 Free Programs to Help Building Departments Approve:

1. **Special Inspection Agencies**
2. **Fabricators**
3. **Metal Building Manufacturers**
4. **Metal Building Assemblers**
5. **Testing Laboratories**
6. **Field Evaluation Bodies**
7. **Building Department Service Providers**
8. **Product Certification Agencies**

Learn More about these Valuable Resources!
www.iasonline.org

IAS | INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION SERVICE®

What is the IAS Accreditation Suite for Building Departments?

Approval Support.
It is a group of accreditation programs that help you verify the competence of companies such as structural fabricators, special inspection agencies, and laboratories working in your jurisdiction.

Easy Access.
It provides you with free, online access to accreditation certificates to verify the scope of qualifications and status of accredited companies. These are the basis for your approval.

Code Official Oversight.
It provides you with accreditation programs that have been developed with oversight from code officials. The companies pursuing accreditation are evaluated by IAS technical and subject matter experts. Periodic onsite assessments are part of the process to verify that accredited companies continue to meet accreditation and code requirements.

Benefits of Programs

Verification of Code Compliance – IAS provides a stringent process to determine if companies comply with the *International Building Code®*.

Time Saving – IAS takes the burden off the building department to make sure companies are regularly assessed for quality and technical competence.

Standardized Assessments – All companies are evaluated using the same criteria and assessment process within their areas of expertise, creating a level playing field for everyone.

Due Diligence – Requiring companies to be accredited by IAS provides evidence of due diligence to ensure the competence of such agencies.
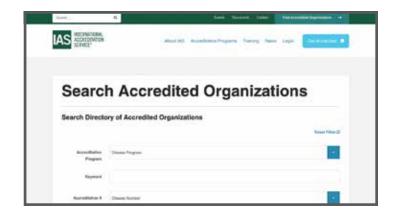
Easy to Use – Building departments can access a list of IAS-accredited companies on the IAS website.

How can the Accreditation Suite be free for Building Departments?

Building departments can use the Accreditation Suite for free because the costs are being paid by the companies that get accredited by IAS. Accreditation provides value to these companies in several ways including cost savings and revenue gains made through improvements, reduction in errors, marketing, regulatory approvals, etc.

How do you verify that a company is accredited by IAS?

1. Visit the IAS website, www.iasonline.org
2. Click on Find Accredited Organizations
3. Search for the Organization Name
4. View its Certificate of Accreditation
5. Each Certificate of Accreditation provides details about the work a company is qualified to perform

Search Accredited Organizations

Search Directory of Accredited Organizations

ACCREDITATION SUITE for Building Departments

Eight Programs to Help Your Building Department Implement Code Requirements
– Use the entire accreditation suite of programs or just the ones that meet your needs.

1 Special Inspection Agency Accreditation. Your building department can approve special inspection agencies with confidence when you require them to become accredited by IAS. Comprehensive evaluations and ongoing assessments help ensure agencies are qualified to perform inspections in your jurisdiction based on requirements in IBC Chapter 17 and IAS accreditation criteria.

2 Fabricator Accreditation. Get verification that the in-house inspection programs of fabricators (steel, concrete, wood) are in compliance with IBC Section 1704.2.2. After doing a thorough initial evaluation, IAS provides continuous oversight with quarterly, unannounced onsite inspections.

3 Metal Building Systems Accreditation. You will know that the inspection programs of metal building manufacturers are in compliance with IBC Chapter 17 when you require IAS accreditation. The program addresses fabrication and shop practices, materials certification, quality management system elements for engineering, personnel, process control, and technical requirements.

4 Metal Building Assemblers Inspection Accreditation. Have confidence that metal buildings accordance with code, specifications, costs and deadlines. IAS assesses the assemblers management includes the assembly processes, internal safety, training programs, periodic jobsite inspections, etc. It's the benchmark for companies qualified to assemble and erect metal buildings.

5 Testing Laboratory Accreditation. Make sure that the test reports used in your jurisdiction are from qualified laboratories. Our comprehensive evaluations, based on ISO/IEC 17025, verify that laboratories are technically competent and qualified to perform testing based on evaluation of their equipment, personnel, quality control procedures, and operations.

6 Field Evaluation Body Accreditation. When you encounter the installation of a custom, one-of-a kind appliance for which no equivalent standards exist, the IAS Field Evaluation Body (FEB) accreditation program is an uncomplicated way to ensure that the intent of the code is satisfied. Covering everything from a simple pizza oven to a complex shipyard crane, IAS-accredited FEBs offer an additional measure of confidence as they conduct safety evaluations onsite. The FEB accreditation is based on NFPA Standards 790 and 791, as well as ISO/IEC 17020.

7 Building Department Service Provider Accreditation. When you need to hire an outside company to help your department with inspection and plan review services, look for an IAS-accredited company. Who better to evaluate these companies than IAS, a subsidiary of the International Code Council?

8 Product Certification Agency Accreditation IAS accredited product certification agencies provide product manufacturers with verification that their products are tested, inspected, and certified to be safe and meet industry standards. No cost for Authority Having Jurisdiction to use program to verify compliance.