

Issue: 542

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To: ANAB-Accredited and Applicant MS CBs and MS Accreditation Assessors

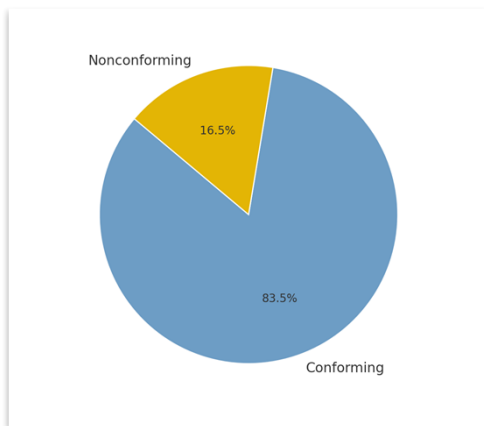
From: Tina Garner, Senior Director of Accreditation, Management Systems

Re: IAF Database (CertSearch) – Continued Learnings and Progress

We want to take a moment to provide an update on the implementation process of IAF CertSearch.

Conforming

Now that the database is well underway, we expect, as IAF MD 28 requires, that all ANAB-accredited CBs are fulfilling their obligations in populating and maintaining the database.



The chart shows the percent of ANAB-accredited CBs maintaining the data as required in IAF MD 28, section 4.2.

If you are unsure of your CB's conformance, in IAF CertSearch review your CB profile, where you can see your participation and conformance status. ANAB also has these same statuses under our AB profile. All of this information is available to the public.

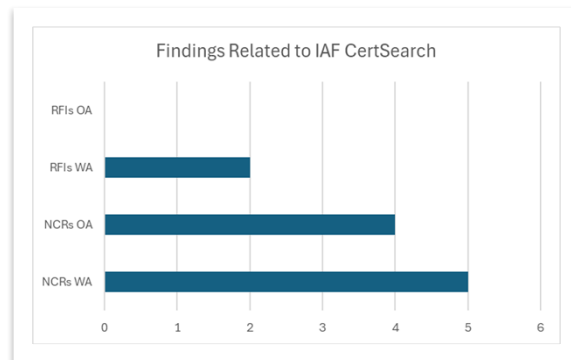
If your conformance status in IAF CertSearch is nonconforming please access the database and either update your data or where no changes are necessary, open the latest email from IAF CertSearch regarding monthly updates and click the link to confirm that the information is up to date. Either action will bring your CB's conformance status back in good standing for the next 30 days. Per IAF MD 28, §4.2.4. and §4.2.5.

Also, ANAB has received eight exclusion requests from ANAB-accredited CBs. We are currently reviewing the requests and if an exclusion is accepted by ANAB, the CB will appear in the database as "non-participating" which will alert users the CB must be contacted directly to determine the validity of a certification.

Oversight

ANAB has been assessing to IAF MD 28 since its implementation, the chart to the right shows the number of findings we have issued. As can be seen we are not finding a lot of issues with meeting the requirements in IAF MD 28.

As communicated in Heads Up 537; ANAB is verifying the accuracy of IAF CertSearch data by searching and sampling certified clients during office assessments and confirming that the client's certification data is included in IAF CertSearch during witnesses.



We want to thank our accredited CBs that are diligently working to maintain IAF CertSearch and for your continued patience in working through any questions or exclusion requests. We also want to thank our assessors for continuing to gain experience in using IAF CertSearch and confirming the appropriate use of IAF CertSearch and data accuracy.