

How To Obtain an ASME Nuclear Certificate of Accreditation

1. Preliminary Meeting with AIA

Authorized Nuclear Inspector Supervisor meets with designated representatives to discuss desired scope of work in addition to manufacturer's inspection needs and contractual requirements. AIA provides:

- Guidance to the QA Program requirements
- Insight to ASME Survey Team expectations relative to the documented QA program, hardware required for demonstration, participation by manufacturer's representative, and logistics required to support the Survey Team.

2. Submit application and fees to ASME

Certificate fees cover a three (3) year period.
(Please refer to www.asme.org for specific details on application submittal)

3. Obtain Code Books

At a minimum, Section III General Requirements (NCA) and one Subsection applicable to the Class of product to be fabricated should be obtained. Additional Sections may need to be purchased depending on the scope of work:

- Section II Parts A, C and D
- Section V
- Section IX
- NQA-1
- SNT-TC-1A

4. Schedule ASME Survey

An ASME Survey is scheduled after the application is accepted. ASME will provide Survey date, however applicant can provide requested dates at time of application submittal.

5. Pre-Survey - Inspection Agency

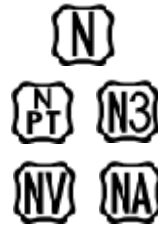
An Inspection Agency audit prior to actual Survey is optional but highly recommended. The AIA assists manufacturer in identifying areas that need improvement in advance of the actual Survey.

6. ASME Survey at applicant's facility

Survey Team includes as a minimum, ASME Representatives and the Authorized Inspection Agency. The ASME Survey typically takes 3 days to complete.

7. ASME Certificate and applicable Code Symbol Stamp

Issued if Survey is successful.



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NOTE: The normal process to obtain an ASME Nuclear Certificate of Accreditation takes approximately 6 months. This time will vary based on individual situations.

The information provided is intended as a general guide. It is highly recommended that the applicant selects and consults with an Authorized Inspection Agency that has working knowledge of the ASME Code and the ASME Nuclear Survey process. HSB Global Standards has extensive experience and provides services to the majority of ASME Nuclear Certificate Holders worldwide. Contact HSB Global Standards today to get your program started.