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Updated *Standard for Certification Programs (207-20)*

This bulletin describes how we'll be transitioning you to the updated AISC 207-20. You'll notice a few changes to the document, like the title: [Standard for Certification Programs \(207-20\)](#). You'll see a brand-new chapter for the certification of hydraulic metal structures, too. We've also made the document clearer, with italicized text highlighting glossary-defined terms, terminology changes to account for digital documentation, and expanded commentary—all good things!

Resources

Now that you know there is an updated Standard, you probably want to know all about the changes from the current *Certification Standard for Steel Fabrication and Erection, and Manufacturing of Metal Components (207-16)*. Look no further than the [207-20 Audit Guides](#). These handy tools will help identify gaps between your quality management systems (QMS) and the updated *Standard*, or you can use them as a starting point to implement management systems that meet the certification requirements.

We also mentioned a brand-new Chapter 6 for hydraulic metal structures, so what's up with that? We're transitioning from a requirement-based program to one based on the updated *Standard*. The new chapter includes two categories: Hydraulic Fabricator and



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Advanced Hydraulic Fabricator that includes fracture critical criteria. We've also included a handy [Hydraulic Navigation Guide](#) to help you transition between the current certification you have and one of the two new categories of Hydraulic Certification. Check it out!

Don't forget: We'll have sessions about the updated 207-20 at the [NASCC: The Virtual Steel Conference](#) during April 12-15--and many more sessions about quality and certification during QualityCon, which is incorporated into The Steel Conference. You won't want to miss it!

Effective Date

The updated *Standard* will take effect on June 1, 2021, for both current participants and applicants. Auditors will then begin issuing Areas of Concerns (AOCs) for noncompliance with any new or updated criteria from the *Standard*. QMC auditors use AOCs to inform you of recent changes to the *Governing Requirements*, the *Standard*, and/or other normative reference documents.

If the auditor issues an AOC, s/he will review the AOC at the following audit. If you do not effectively resolve an AOC before the next audit, the auditor will issue a Corrective Action Request (CAR).

How to get help

The AISC Certification team is always available to answer your questions at certification@aisc.org or 312.670.7520.