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To streamline audits for our participants, AISC is launching a dual audit certification program for participants who hold both a fabricator and an erector certifications. At this time, new applicants are not eligible for this program.

This is a great way to save time and money!

Who is eligible? As long as you are a current participant, hold both a fabricator and an erector certification and use the same quality management system (QMS) for both operations, you will be considered for the dual audit program. Unfortunately, participants who don't use the same QMS for fabricator and erector activities must continue to have separate audits.

How will this program work? Auditors will simultaneously evaluate Chapter 1 of the *AISC Standard for Certification Programs (207-20)* for both fabricator and erector activities during one audit. They'll then conduct audits for the chapters that are specific to each certification. This will include a visit to an active jobsite (per the *Supplemental Requirements for Erectors (CSE), SE2.5*).

Will this reduce the number of audit days? Yes! Streamlining the process has a big payoff. Participants and applicants will get a full day back. A four-day audit will become a three-day audit, and a three-day audit will become a two-day audit. The exact number of days will be shown in the audit plan, along with a "D" for Dual in the audit scope. Your audit scope will now be either an R1D, R2D or RFD.



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Will this decrease the rigor of audits? No. We're just consolidating Chapter 1 functions: the criteria every participant (big or small) must meet to be certified as a fabricator or erector.

Will this affect the cost of certification fees? Yes! Dual audit program participants are eligible for one \$750 refund. For audits happening in September through November 2022, we will mail you a refund check. For audits scheduled December 1, 2022, the refund will be a line item on your fabricator invoice only. Also, you receive two invoices: one for the fabricator certification and another for the erector certification.

What about Corrective Action Requests (CARs)?

Dual audits will have one set of CARs issued for both the fabricator and erector operations. You must use the customer portal for your fabricator audit to submit responses to those CARs.

Will one certificate be issued? No. You will still receive two certificates: one for the fabricator certification and another for the erector certification.

What about participants with multiple fabrication facilities? Stay tuned. We are developing a process to apply a system like this to make their lives easier, too.

If you have questions, please contact AISC Certification directly at certification@aisc.org or 312.670.7520.