



GLOBAL ACCREDITATION FORUM (GAF)

Global Accreditation Forum is an international association for accreditation.

There are Consumers who buy products from Manufacturers who are certificated by Certification Bodies who are accredited by Accreditation Authorities. It is questioned if sometimes the personnel operating in one level is quite ignorant of the needs of those operating at another.

As is the way of the world, when there are common areas of interest, both personal and professional, there are formed associations and gatherings whereby mutual benefit may be gained. This is typical within industry and commerce and this has given rise to many trade associations, professional bodies, stakeholder groups and local and national government bodies. The raison d'être of these organisations is nearly always well meaning and public spirited but the achievement is not always so, and many organisations become introspective, self serving and potentially damaging to the interests they purport to uphold.

Such a situation is deemed to present a threat within the quality assurance profession where the interests of the profession are perceived to dominate, or even to exclude the interests of the general public. A significant indication of the self serving nature of these organisations is the elitist and exclusive nature of their membership. Often they exclude more than one representative of a group or particular demographic from membership. There are instances of constraints and controls being produced that far from advancing the position of the general public serve to maintain the position of the professional bodies that are generally self appointed to look after their interests.

This is deemed an unsatisfactory situation and it is to address this situation that Global Accreditation Forum (GAF) has been established.

One must recognise that although some organisations may have elements of unsatisfactory practice it does necessarily follow that they are totally without worth or merit. In fact the greater part of these organisations is technically sound and well meaning and employs sound practice. Therefore it will be GAF practice to pick the best of the best practices and avoid the mediocre and the worst.

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