

Making the Decision to Obtain Nadcap Accreditation



Achieving Nadcap Accreditation Is Not Easy And Requires Hard Work And Dedication. This Whitepaper Has Been Created To Help To Assess Whether Nadcap Is Right For Your Company By Reviewing Key Considerations.

Direct Costs

The cost of a Nadcap audit depends on the length of the audit and the number of auditors required. This will be determined by the scope of your audit. You can obtain an estimate of audit length and cost by contacting PRI Scheduling with no obligation to go ahead with the audit. For more information register at www.eAuditNet.com

Indirect Costs

In addition to the direct cost, there are indirect costs to consider. This will take staff time to conduct an internal audit and other pre-audit preparation, as well as for analysis and responses to non-conformances after the audit. Depending on the circumstances and technical capability, further resource may be needed in other areas, including:

- Staff training
- Review of procedures and processes
- Customer Liaison
- Purchasing of equipment

Benefits

Nadcap accredited Suppliers report a wide range of benefits to gaining Nadcap accreditation.

Global Recognition

Nadcap is recognized worldwide by the majority of major global aerospace Primes. It is a mark of Special Process Quality assurance excellence.

Quality improvement

Nadcap improves quality through the stringent requirements laid out in the checklists. The benefits in terms of quality are various: one accredited Nadcap Supplier has tracked a 97% reduction in rework resulting from improvements to their system stemming from Nadcap requirements. Another found they had zero scrap in Nadcap-related parts since they started the Nadcap program.

Increase in business

Nadcap accredited Suppliers are automatically listed on the searchable online database, the Qualified Manufacturers List (QML), meaning increased visibility for your company. Suppliers have reported that Nadcap has brought commercial benefits. According to one Supplier:

“Sales have increased more than 200% ...our customer base was only 5 earlier and after Nadcap our customer base has increased to 15.”

Relationship Building

Many customers also find that the Nadcap approach has helped them form closer relationships with their customers. Nadcap meetings, which take place three times a year in locations worldwide, offer opportunities for learning more about the process, yet also for networking.

‘You cannot separate our drive for progress, nor our commercial focus from the Nadcap process. This program connects Suppliers and Primes. It is an excellent commercial medium and the impetus for networking as a way of doing business.’



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Reduction in number of audits

PRI was formed in order to provide a more efficient approach to auditing. While Nadcap does not replace customer audits, it does reduce them.

Competitive Advantages

Suppliers considering gaining Nadcap accreditation should also consider whether their competitors hold Nadcap accreditation. If not, this provides a competitive edge over existing and potential competitors in the aerospace industry. Another consideration is whether customers mandate Nadcap. In many cases, Nadcap is a requirement, indicating that Nadcap accreditation adds significant value for the customer.

Need help?

For further information on Nadcap accreditation, there are several places to go for help and guidance in taking your first steps.

Nadcap Supplier Support Committee (SSC)

The SSC is made up of active Nadcap accredited Suppliers who are willing to help new Suppliers through the process, as well as assisting experienced Suppliers to establish, maintain and improve their accredited. The SSC can provide the tools needed to embark on accreditation, including tutorials and brochures for new Suppliers and a mentoring service for those with specific questions.

PRI staff

PRI staff is always on hand to help with any questions before, during or after the audit. For general enquiries about an audit, contact the relevant Scheduler from

your area. For questions of a more technical nature, you can contact the relevant PRI staff engineer for your Special Process. Contact details can be found on the PRI website.

Online FAQs

The PRI website features online Frequently Asked Questions relating to the Nadcap process. This is recommended reading for any company who want to learn more or plan to begin their Nadcap journey.

Nadcap Meetings

Attending a Nadcap meeting is a great way to get a better understanding of our organisation and the Nadcap process. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to have your voice heard, whether that means contributing to audit checklist development, giving feedback on procedures or exercising your right to have a vote on Task Group and/or NMC decisions. The SSC also holds meetings over the course of the week, including informal question-answer sessions over coffee for new Suppliers. Please check future Nadcap Meeting Schedules on the PRI website for more information.

PRI Perspective Whitepapers

PRI's collection of whitepapers feature useful information aimed at facilitating the audit process for Suppliers. Topics include 'Root Cause Corrective Action', 'Nadcap Audit Preparation' and 'Effective Internal Auditing'.

Visit our [website](#) to view the collection.

