



IATF - International Automotive Task Force

Rules for achieving and maintaining IATF Recognition

IATF Rules 5th Edition – **Sanctioned Interpretations**

The *Rules for achieving and maintaining IATF Recognition 5th Edition for IATF 16949* (“**Rules 5th Edition**”) was published in November 2016 and is effective 1 January 2017. The following Sanctioned Interpretations were determined and approved by the IATF. Unless otherwise indicated, Sanctioned Interpretations are applicable upon publication.

Revised text is shown in **blue**.

A Sanctioned Interpretation changes the interpretation of a rule or a requirement which itself then becomes the basis for a nonconformity.

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NUMBER	RULES REFERENCE	SANCTIONED INTERPRETATION
1	<p>Application process and criteria for IATF 16949 auditors</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>NEW</p>	<p>The certification body shall have a process for selecting new auditor candidates for admission into the IATF auditor qualification process. The contracted office of the sponsoring certification body shall submit for each candidate a completed application form and relevant supporting information to the relevant IATF Oversight office for approval and access to the IATF auditor qualification process.</p> <p>The auditor candidate shall meet the following selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) is qualified according to ISO/IEC 17021 and the relevant accreditation body rule to perform ISO 9001 audits; b) has conducted at least six (6) ISO 9001 third-party audits in manufacturing industries, with at least three (3) as audit team leader; <p>Note: Automotive manufacturing first- or second-party system auditing experience may be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) has knowledge of automotive core tools; and d) has four (4) years full time appropriate practical experience (including two (2) years dedicated to Quality Assurance and/or Quality Management activities) in within the past fifteen (15) ten (10) years in an automotive manufacturing organization. Meeting the applicability of IATF 16949 (see section 1.0). <p>NOTE: Experience in industries with similar scopes of applicability (e.g., Aerospace, Telecommunications, Rail, Industrial Off-Road equipment, etc.) in chemical, electrical, or metallic commodities may be considered.</p> <p>Rationale for change: <i>Allow for additional automotive auditor capacity to support the IATF 16949:2016 transition.</i></p>