

Website Terms of Use

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1. About these terms

1.1 Who we are

This website is operated by Accreditation Service for Certifying Bodies LLC, doing business as ASCB ("ASCB", "we", "us" or "our"), a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States, with its office at 8 The Green, Dover, Delaware 19901, United States.

1.2 What these terms cover

These terms govern your use of www.ascb.com and of any page, service, account area, search function or document made available through it (together, "this website"). They apply to everyone who uses this website, whether or not you have any other relationship with ASCB.

1.3 Acceptance

By using this website you accept these terms. If you do not accept them, do not use this website. If you use this website for or on behalf of an organization, you confirm that you have authority to accept these terms for that organization, and "you" means both you and that organization.

1.4 Changes to these terms

We may change these terms at any time by publishing a revised version on this website. The version in force is the one published here, identified by the document reference and date shown. Your continued use of this website after a revised version is published is acceptance of it. We suggest you check these terms each time you use this website for anything that matters.

2. Relationship with other ASCB documents

These terms govern use of this website only. They do not create, vary or replace any accreditation, and they confer no right to accreditation or to any ASCB service.

Where you are a body that ASCB accredits or assesses, the terms of engagement in force between you and ASCB govern that relationship and prevail over these terms to the extent of any conflict. Those terms may be the ASCB Master Terms of Service, ASL(D)34, or an earlier standard-specific contract such as ASL(D)07 or ASL(D)09, which remain in force for bodies that have not yet transitioned. Nothing in these terms varies, limits or adds to an obligation either party owes under those terms of engagement.

Our Privacy Policy, ASL(G)25, explains how we handle personal information, and forms part of these terms.

3. Using this website

3.1 Permitted use

You may use this website to find out about ASCB and its services, to check the accreditation status of a body we accredit, to read and download material we have made available for that purpose, and to contact us. You may view, print and store pages and documents from this website for your own reference or for the internal purposes of your organization.

3.2 Acceptable use

You must not:

- use this website for any unlawful purpose, or in any way that breaches an applicable law or regulation;
- use this website in any way that damages it, interrupts it, or impairs anyone else's use of it;
- attempt to gain unauthorized access to this website, to any account, to any server on which it is held, or to any system connected to it;
- introduce any virus, worm, logic bomb, or other material that is malicious or technologically harmful;
- use any robot, spider, scraper or other automated means to access, copy or extract material from this website, or to harvest the accreditation register in whole or in substantial part, without our prior written consent;
- frame, mirror or republish any part of this website, or present our material as your own or as that of another organization;
- remove or obscure any copyright, trademark or other proprietary notice;
- misrepresent your identity or your authority, or impersonate any person or organization; or
- state or imply an association with ASCB, or an endorsement, approval or accreditation by ASCB, that you do not hold.

Attempting an unauthorized access to this website may be a criminal offense in your jurisdiction. Where we consider that an offense may have been committed, we may report the matter to the relevant authorities and cooperate with them, including by disclosing your identity to them.

3.3 Availability

This website is provided free of charge and we do not guarantee that it, or any part of it, will always be available or uninterrupted. We may suspend, withdraw or restrict all or any part of this website for business or operational reasons, and we will try to give reasonable notice where we can.

4. Accounts and the CAB portal

4.1 Registration

Some parts of this website, including the CAB portal and the gated areas of the Resource Center, are available only to registered users. Access is granted at our discretion, and only for the purpose for which it is granted. Information you give us on registration must be accurate and complete, and you must keep it up to date.

4.2 Your credentials

You are responsible for all activity under your account. Treat your user name, password and any other access credential as confidential, do not disclose them to anyone else, and do not allow anyone else to use your account. Tell us at once, at admin@ascb.com, if you know or suspect that a credential has been disclosed or that your account has been used without your authority.

4.3 Suspension and closure

We may suspend or close an account, or withdraw access to any restricted area, at any time and without notice, where we reasonably consider that these terms have been breached, that an account is being misused, that a credential has been compromised, or that the account holder is no longer entitled to the access. Where an accreditation ends, access granted because of that accreditation ends with it.

5. The accreditation register and certificate search

5.1 What the register shows

This website publishes a searchable record of the bodies ASCB accredits. A record identifies the accredited body, the standards and the scope of its accreditation, and the current status of that accreditation.

The accreditation decisions behind that record are ASCB's own, and ASCB is responsible for them. The record itself is held on a register platform operated by a third-party provider, and this website retrieves it through an interface to that platform. The current provider is identified on the relevant pages of this website. We do not warrant that the platform or the interface will be available at any particular time, and a search may be unavailable for reasons outside our control.

Certificates and other outputs issued by the bodies ASCB accredits are recorded on a public register rather than here. Where this website offers a search of that register it takes you to the register provider's own website, which operates under its own terms of use and its own privacy policy. Clause 9 applies to it.

5.2 The basis on which you may rely on a search result

Accreditation is ASCB's professional opinion, formed from assessment conducted on a sampling basis. It is not a guarantee of the compliance, performance or fitness for purpose of the accredited body, of that body's clients, or of anything either of them issues.

A search result tells you that ASCB accredits the body named, for the standards and scope shown, and what the status of that accreditation is. It does not tell you that a particular certificate, report, inspection result or statement issued by that body is valid, and it does not tell you that a client of that body meets any requirement. Those are matters for the accredited body and for the document in front of you.

Accreditation may be suspended or withdrawn, and the register changes. A result you saw on one date is not evidence of the position on another. Where accreditation status matters to a decision you are taking, check it at the time you take the decision and keep a record of what you saw.

We take care to keep the register accurate and current. We do not warrant that it is free from error or omission, that it is complete, or that it is available at any particular time.

5.3 Reporting an error

If you believe a record is wrong, or that a certificate is being presented as accredited by ASCB when it is not, tell us at admin@ascb.com. We will look into it. Reporting a concern does not make you a party to any ASCB process, and we may be unable to tell you the outcome.

6. Resource Center and downloadable documents

Documents published on this website, including guides, application forms, fee schedules and policy documents, are made available for information and for use in applying for or holding ASCB accreditation. You may download, print and circulate them within your organization for those purposes.

Published documents are controlled, and they are revised. The version on this website at the time you read it is the current one. An earlier copy you hold is superseded, and you should not rely on it. Where a document on this website differs from the terms of engagement in force between ASCB and an accredited body, those terms prevail.

Some material is made available only to registered users. You must not pass that material to anyone outside your organization without our prior written consent.

7. Intellectual property

7.1 Ownership

All intellectual property rights in this website and in its content, including text, documents, graphics, layout, design and software, are owned by ASCB or licensed to it. They are protected

by copyright, trademark and other laws. Nothing on this website transfers any of those rights to you.

7.2 Permitted use of content

You may use content from this website as set out in clauses 3.1 and 6. Beyond that, you must not copy, reproduce, adapt, distribute, publish, sell or commercially exploit any part of this website without our prior written consent. Where you are permitted to use content, you must reproduce it accurately, must not use it in a misleading context, and must acknowledge ASCB as the source.

7.3 The ASCB name, logo and accreditation marks

The ASCB name, the ASCB logo and the ASCB accreditation marks remain the exclusive property of ASCB. Nothing on this website, and nothing in these terms, grants you any right to use them. The accreditation mark and logos may be used only by a body ASCB accredits, only while that accreditation is in force, and only in accordance with ASL(I)01 and the terms of engagement that apply to it. Any other use is unauthorized.

8. Nature of accreditation, and no advice

Nothing on this website is legal, regulatory, technical or commercial advice, and nothing on it should be relied on as advice. Material on this website is general in nature and does not take account of your circumstances. Where a decision matters, take your own advice.

ASCB does not provide consultancy. It does not advise an organization on how to meet a standard, it will never recommend a particular consultant or adviser, and it will never suggest that using one would secure accreditation or make it simpler, faster or cheaper. Guidance published here explains ASCB's requirements and its process; it does not tell an applicant how to meet them. ASL(G)33 sets out ASCB's position on consultancy.

The authority under which ASCB operates arises solely from the contractual relationship between ASCB and the organizations that engage its accreditation services. ASCB operates independently of all governments and statutory authorities, and is not established, appointed, licensed or endorsed by any national government, state agency or intergovernmental organization, unless ASCB has expressly stated otherwise in writing. ASL(G)32 sets out that position in full.

The legal and regulatory recognition of accreditation differs across countries and sectors. It is the responsibility of each organization, and of its own clients or contracting authorities, to verify that ASCB accreditation is acceptable for its intended purpose and complies with any applicable local or national requirement.

9. Third-party websites and content

This website may link to websites operated by other organizations, including the websites of bodies ASCB accredits. Those links are provided for information. We do not control those websites, we do not endorse them or their content, and we are not responsible for them. Your use of a linked website is governed by that website's own terms.

This includes the public register on which certificates and other outputs issued by accredited bodies are recorded, which is operated by a separate company. When you follow a link from this website to that register you leave this website, and what you do there is governed by that operator's terms of use and privacy policy rather than by these terms. A record on that register records a certificate or other output issued by a body; it is not itself a statement by ASCB about that body's client.

Where a body we accredit describes its accreditation on its own website, that description is its own statement and not ours. If you think a description is wrong or misleading, tell us at admin@ascb.com.

10. Disclaimers

This website and its content are provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis. To the maximum extent permitted by law, we exclude all representations, warranties, conditions and other terms that might otherwise be implied by statute, common law or otherwise, including any implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, title, accuracy or non-infringement.

We do not warrant that this website will be secure, error free, free from viruses or other harmful components, or available without interruption, and we do not warrant that any content is accurate, complete or current. You are responsible for configuring your own information technology and platform to access this website, and for using your own protection against malicious content.

11. Limitation of liability

Nothing in these terms excludes or limits our liability for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, for death or personal injury caused by our negligence, or for any other liability that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited.

Subject to the paragraph above, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, we exclude all liability to you arising out of or in connection with this website, its content, your use of it or your inability to use it, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation, restitution or otherwise. This includes, without limitation, any loss of profit, revenue, contracts, anticipated savings, business opportunity, goodwill or reputation, any loss or corruption of data, any business interruption, and any indirect, special, incidental, punitive or consequential loss, however arising.

In particular, and without limiting the paragraph above, we are not liable for any loss arising from reliance on a search result, on the accreditation register, or on any document published on this website, or from any act or omission of a body ASCB accredits or of a client of such a body.

This website is provided free of charge. The exclusions in this clause reflect that, and reflect the fact that we have no knowledge of, and no control over, the use you make of this website or the decisions you take on the strength of it.

Where you are a body that ASCB accredits or assesses, this clause applies to your use of this website only. ASCB's liability to you in respect of accreditation and assessment services is governed by the terms of engagement in force between you and ASCB, and nothing in this clause reduces, displaces or otherwise affects whatever that position is.

12. Indemnity

You will indemnify ASCB, and its officers, employees, members, managers and agents, against all losses, damages, claims, demands, costs and expenses, including reasonable legal fees, arising out of or in connection with your breach of these terms, your misuse of this website, or any statement you make that misrepresents your relationship with ASCB or the accreditation status of any body.

13. Privacy and cookies

Our Privacy Policy, ASL(G)25, explains what personal information we collect through this website, why we collect it, who it is shared with, how long it is kept, and the rights available to you. It also explains the cookies this website sets. By using this website you confirm that you have read it.

14. Suspension and withdrawal of access

We may withdraw or restrict your access to this website, or to any part of it, immediately and without notice, where we reasonably consider that you have breached these terms. Where we do so we may also notify the organization you represent, and where that organization is accredited by ASCB we may take the matter into the accreditation relationship under the terms that govern it.

15. Governing law and jurisdiction

These terms, and any non-contractual obligation arising out of or in connection with them or with your use of this website, are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, United States, without regard to its conflict of laws principles. The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods does not apply.

The state and federal courts located in New Castle County, Delaware have jurisdiction in respect of any matter arising under or in connection with these terms. That jurisdiction is non-exclusive, and nothing in this clause removes any right you may have under the mandatory law of the country in which you are resident to bring proceedings in, or to the benefit of the law of, that country.

16. General

16.1 Entire agreement

These terms, together with the Privacy Policy, are the entire agreement between you and ASCB in respect of your use of this website, and replace anything previously published or said about it. This clause does not limit any liability for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

16.2 Severability

If any provision of these terms is held to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable, that provision is severed to the minimum extent necessary and the remaining provisions continue in force.

16.3 No waiver

A delay or failure by ASCB to enforce any provision of these terms is not a waiver of that provision or of any other, and does not prevent later enforcement.

16.4 No partnership or agency

Nothing in these terms creates a partnership, joint venture, employment or agency relationship between you and ASCB, and nothing in them makes either of us able to bind the other.

16.5 No third-party rights

These terms do not confer any right on any person other than you and ASCB, save that the officers, employees, members, managers and agents of ASCB may rely on clauses 11 and 12.

16.6 Assignment

You may not assign or transfer any of your rights or obligations under these terms. ASCB may assign or transfer its rights and obligations, including on a sale or reorganization of its business.

16.7 Notices

Notices to ASCB under these terms should be sent to admin@ascb.com and to the postal address in clause 17.

17. How to contact us

Questions about these terms, and notices under them, should be addressed to:

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