



Vibration Institute

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 ANSI National Accreditation Board
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 ISO/IEC 17024
 PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION
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Not all certification programs offer the same level of credibility.

Accreditation ensures program compliance with a recognized standard

What is Accreditation?

- The Cambridge Dictionary defines Accreditation as the fact of being officially recognized, accepted, or approved of, or the act of officially recognizing, accepting, or approving of something.
- Wikipedia defines Accreditation as an independent, third-party evaluation of a conformity assessment body (such as a certification body) against recognized standards, conveying formal demonstration of its impartiality and competence to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks (such as certification)
- Accreditation holds higher significance to stakeholders and clients



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Why choose an accredited certification program?

- When applying for a job, recruiters and hiring managers may want to verify that you received your certification from a program that is accredited
- Assurance - You're ensured a high-quality outcome that is accredited to meet the standards for vibration analyst certification
- Value
- Trust
- National and international acceptance of your certification.

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The Vibration Institute's Vibration Analyst Certification Program is an ANAB-Accredited Personnel Program – Accreditation #8045



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What is ANAB?



- ANSI is the official United States member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is the world's largest developer and publisher of International Standards. ISO is a network of the national standards institutes of 164 countries, one member per country, with a Central Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland, that coordinates the system. ISO is a non-governmental organization that forms a bridge between the public and private sectors.
- ISO does NOT issue certifications, they write standards, which third-party accreditors then use to assess businesses and programs like the Vibration Institute's Vibration Analyst Certification Program
- ANAB – ANSI National Accreditation Board is internationally recognized and meets the highest standards for accrediting institutions. Respected worldwide, ANAB is the largest accreditation body serving North America, as well as programs based in other countries.

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What is ANAB's connection to the Vibration Institute?

The ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation mark is a symbol of excellence, recognized worldwide by employers, industry leaders, hiring managers, and credential holders.

More than 5.2 million people worldwide (and counting) hold a certification from an ANAB-accredited organization.

(from: <https://anab.ansi.org/credentialing/personnel-certification>)

Since its launch in 2003, our personnel certification accreditation program based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17024:2012, *Conformity assessment - General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*, has helped certification programs make the journey from good to great.



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What value do Vibration Institute certified Vibration Analysts receive from the program's ANAB Accreditation to ISO/IEC 17024?

- The ANAB symbol signals to an employer that the Vibration Institute has undergone a valid, fair, and reliable assessment to verify that they have the necessary competencies to practice.
- ANAB accreditation provides an added layer of legal defensibility against invalid claims.
- Many government agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Federal and State OSHA, and the FDA, rely on ANAB accreditation as it assures the competency of our certification program.
- The accountability and transparency built into the ANAB process support conformity assessment attestations and can result in reduced liability insurance.

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What about Internationally?

- ANAB is the first personnel certification accreditation body in the United States to meet internationally accepted practices for accreditation, and the first to become a signatory of the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) Multilateral Arrangement (MLA) for ISO/IEC 17024.
- ANAB's international involvement and recognition saves time and money for ANAB-accredited certification bodies looking to expand into international markets.

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We are very proud of
our **12-year**
(going on 13 this
year)
accreditation



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- Our certification program has been audited by an independent Accrediting Body and has been found to meet the requirements of International Standard, ISO/IEC 17024, "Conformity assessment – General requirements for bodies operation certification of persons"
- The Vibration Institute vibration analyst certification program is the benchmark and is known as one of the highest recognitions of industry knowledge and competence among professionals in the field.
- Our certification program is the **only** vibration analyst certification program accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)
- Our training courses are entirely separate from our certification. However, Vibration Institute training courses meet the training requirements for CAT I-CAT IV vibration analyst certification exams per ISO 18436-2:2014

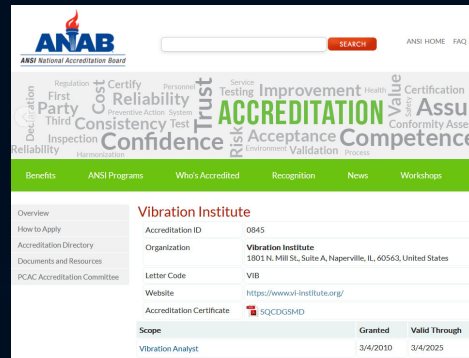


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What makes the Vibration Institute unique and respected in the industry?

- Anyone can offer a certification exam and claim it meets the standards for ISO 18436-2 vibration analyst certification
- While other individuals and companies certify other individuals in the industry, no legal requirements regulate these companies or individuals. That's where an accreditation body's role, such as ANAB comes into play.
- The Institute is audited annually by ANAB in order to assure continued conformance in meeting ISO/IEC 17024, ISO 18436-1 and ISO 18436-2 certification requirements
- We are committed to improving the quality and relevance of our programs



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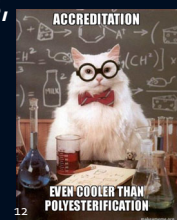
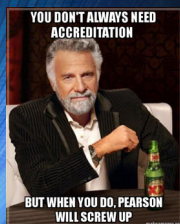


Key takeaways regarding accreditation from today's presentation

While you can get certified by any certification body, your certification means a lot more when the issuing body, such as the Vibration Institute is accredited.

ANAB accreditation brings validity and credibility to the Vibration Institute's certification.

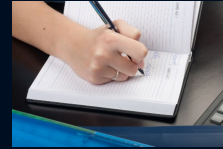
ANAB ensures that we apply the rigorous standards the world expects of us. That way, your certification holds more value to your customers, regulators, employers and others who look for certification.



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Clients and employers look for certification to verify your competence, and both governmental agencies and commercial insurers may require valid certification as a condition for awarding a contract to your organization.

This measure ensures that anyone requiring the certification recognizes yours as valid.

Since ANAB is Internationally recognized, you can trust that businesses around the world see your certification as valid.

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When you're certified as a Vibration Analyst through the Vibration Institute, your certification is more trustworthy and meaningful.

Why is earning an accredited certification important?

- Accredited certification, such as yours from the Vibration Institute, allows you and your company to demonstrate commitment to quality.
- Proves you have the rigor, competence, integrity and independence of your certification.
- An accredited certification can help advance your career with your current company or give you a competitive edge over other candidates when you seek new employment
- Your certification shows employers and recruiters that you're developing your career and are well trained in your specialized knowledge areas.

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Certification at the Vibration Institute

- Certification verifies that you are proficient in a set of abilities and skills and used is to help accelerate career growth in your job and in the industry
- Certification demonstrates your commitment to professionalism, upholding industry standards, and continued/life-long learning
- Benefits of receiving an accredited Vibration Analyst certification through the Vibration Institute may include:
 - Advancement and growth in your career growth in your current role or a new job
 - More value as an employee or contractor/consultant
 - Better knowledge of specific skills and job performance
 - Competitive advantage over other candidates when applying for a new job

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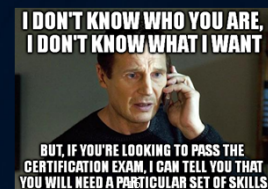
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Certification Process at the Vibration Institute

Requirements for each level of Certification, Category I-IV

- Meet the work experience requirement
- Meet the vibration training requirement (*Register for a vibration training course if needed. If you're not located in the US, please contact one of our International Representatives*)
- Register for your exam
- Complete your exam application (must be submitted & approved in advance of your exam)
- Receive your exam results by email within 3 weeks of your exam date.
- In 5 years, recertify (*ISO standards require recertification either by re-examination or providing evidence of continued work experience and ongoing qualifying professional development to assure continued competence*)



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Mature (Direct) Entry Options

Mature Entry to Category II: A certification candidate may skip the Category I examination, certification, and formal training requirements and apply directly for Category II

Mature Entry to Category III: A certification candidate may skip the Category II examination, certification, and formal training requirements and apply directly for Category III

Candidates must meet the training requirements when applying for mature entry for CAT II or CAT III

For specific requirements on direct entry, please see our Certification Handbook online at: <https://vi-institute.org/wp-content/uploads/Cert-Handbook.pdf>

Please see certification handbook pages 10-11 for additional information on this option

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Your VI VA Certification Exam

US Exam Pricing:

CAT I: \$350

CAT II: \$400

CAT III: \$450

CAT IV: \$500

International Candidates should work with an International Representative to determine your qualifications and training needs

(exam pricing outside the US may differ)



Retesting

\$150 for the first retest. First retest must be taken within 12 months of the initial test.

Additional retests of same category will be charged regular price

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Resources Available on Our Website

<https://www.vi-institute.org/vibration-analysts-certification-forms/>

- Our CFoog Certification Exam Application in both English & Spanish
- Approved/Prohibited Items & Calculators for our Certification Exams
- Certification Exam Instructions for Approved Candidates
- International Rep Listing: <https://www.vi-institute.org/international-representative-directory/>



If you are certified through us, and interested in recertification, we are having a webinar on Tuesday January 31st on our Recertification process, or you may visit: <https://www.vi-institute.org/recertification/>

This webinar is free and open for all certified by the Vibration Institute to learn more!

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Helpful Resources

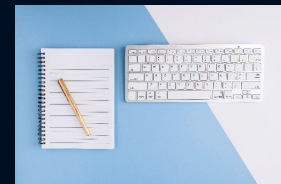
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