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FOREWORD

In February 2009, the ASME Board on Conformity Assessment (BCA) formed the Committee on Conformity Assessment Requirements. The mission of this Committee was to develop a separate standard that includes the necessary ASME conformity assessment requirements currently contained in various ASME codes and standards. ASME CA-1 is a result of that mission.

The first edition was published in 2013 and was written specifically to inform the non-nuclear boiler and pressure vessel industry of the direction in which ASME will be implementing and updating its conformity assessment programs. Future editions will be published to minimize content duplication and potential conflicts of statements for all of ASME's conformity assessment programs.

ASME CA-1–2020 included revisions to permit the use of alternate methods of applying the ASME Single Certification Mark. It also provided guidance concerning the reapplication of the ASME Single Certification Mark as well as requirements for the use of the PRT program. New definitions were added, including temporary location and field site, along with pertinent requirements that provide guidance for their use.

ASME CA-1–2022 included revisions to Table 1.1-1 to clearly note that the governing ASME standard for pressure relief device Certification Designators HV, UV, UD, UV3, UD3, TV, and TD had changed from ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (BPVC) Sections IV, VIII-1, VIII-3, and XII to Section XIII. It also provided guidance concerning BPV Program Certificates with scopes that include mass production, and the quality management system manual needs to be filed with ASME.

In the 2025 edition, definitions of *acceptable abbreviation*, *Authorized Inspector*, and *Qualified Inspector* have been added. This edition includes revisions to the Bioprocessing Equipment Certification Program in Table 1.1-1 and addition of Table 1.1-3 to identify an ASME Quality Management System Program. Requirements for the use of two certification designators under one ASME Single Certification Mark and the use of an Authorized Representative have been added. Additionally, the ASME Accreditation Program for the Qualified Inspection Organization (QIO) has been added to Table 1.1-2.

These requirements were developed and are maintained by the ASME Committee on Conformity Assessment Requirements that reports to the ASME Board on Conformity Assessment. The Committee operates under the procedures accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

The words "shall," "should," and "may" are used in this Standard as follows:

- *Shall* is used to denote a requirement.
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(2) to provide alternative requirements

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(3) the Standard and the paragraph, figure, or table number

(4) the editions of the Standard to which the proposed case applies

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

ASME CA-1–2025 includes the following changes identified by a margin note, **(25)**.

Page	*Location*	*Change*
1	1.2	Definitions for *acceptable abbreviation*, *Authorized Inspector*, and *Qualified Inspector* added
2	2.1.2	Added and subsequent paragraphs redesignated
5	3.1.4	Revised
5	3.3	Second paragraph added
5	4	Title and text revised
5	5.1.1	Last sentence revised
6	6.3	First sentence revised
8	Table 1.1-1	(1) Second row revised (2) Third row added
11	Table 1.1-2	(1) Second row added (2) Third row revised
11	Table 1.1-3	Added
13	Form CA-1-1	Last section revised

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CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope

This Standard specifies the requirements for accreditation and certification of organizations supplying products and/or services that are intended to conform to the requirements of ASME standards listed in Tables 1.1-1, 1.1-2, and 1.1-3.

(25) 1.2 Definitions

acceptable abbreviation: a shortened group of Latin characters, a word, or a phrase that represents the company name used in nameplate completion.

Applicant: a company applying for ASME accreditation or certification.

ASME Certificate: a certificate issued by ASME to attest to an organization's capabilities to provide items or services in conformance to the governing standard. The types of certificates issued include, but are not limited to, Certificate of Authorization, Certificate of Accreditation, and Certificate of Acceptance.

ASME-Designated Organization: an entity appointed by ASME to perform an administrative activity in accordance with an applicable code or standard.

ASME Designee: an individual authorized by ASME to perform administrative functions on its behalf.

audit: a documented evaluation performed to verify, by examination of objective evidence, that those selected elements of a previously approved quality management system have been developed, documented, and implemented in accordance with specific requirements. An audit does not include surveillance or inspection for the purpose of process control, or acceptance of material or items.

Authorized Inspection Agency (AIA): an organization accredited by ASME in accordance with ASME QAI-1.

Authorized Inspector (AI): see definition in ASME QAI-1.

Authorized Observer: an employee of the pressure relief device testing laboratory who is authorized by ASME under a current Certificate of Acceptance to provide supervision and oversight of capacity certification testing and verify the results.

Certificate Holder: an organization that has been evaluated by ASME and is in possession of an ASME Certificate.

Certified Individual: an individual employee of the Certificate Holder who is authorized by ASME under a Certificate of Authorization to apply the ASME Single Certification Mark on items that are in conformance with the governing standard, and who may serve as the Certificate Holder's authorized representative responsible for signing data reports or certificates of conformance.

Enforcement Authority: a government entity that enforces regulations or laws and that formally recognizes an ASME code or standard as a means of compliance with those regulations or laws.

evaluation: an assessment performed to determine the capabilities of an organization to meet the requirements of the governing standard. The governing standard identifies the type of evaluation to be performed, i.e., audit, interview, review, survey.

Field Site: the location of final permanent installation of pressure-retaining equipment. All construction activities may be performed at this site.

governing standard: the code or standard that establishes the technical conformance requirements for the product and/or service.

organization: a legal entity that holds, or has applied for, an ASME Certificate.

Qualified Inspection Organization (QIO): an organization accredited by ASME in accordance with ASME QAI-1.

Qualified Inspector (QI): an individual who is employed as an inspector by an ASME QIO.

quality management system: an all-inclusive term that covers quality assurance, quality control, quality system, or quality program, depending on the requirements of the governing standard.

review: evaluation of a manufacturer's quality control system, including a demonstration of conformance with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME BPVC), Sections I, IV, VIII, X, and XII covered by the scope of the Certificate(s) being applied for, including, as applicable, design, material, fabrication, examination, testing, inspection, and certification. This term is not applicable to certification programs addressed under ASME BPVC, Section III.

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