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Global demands and an increasingly competitive business environment in the oil and natural gas industry have created new measures by which organizations must demonstrate their abilities. Organizations today must prove that they can consistently meet customer requirements and internationally valued standards. The American Petroleum Institute (API) Certification Programs provide the stage for organizations to do just that.

API's Certification Programs are available to individuals and professional organizations worldwide. They include the API Monogram Program, ISO 9001 Registration Program, ISO 14001 Registration Program, ISO/TS 29001 Registration Program, API Spec Q1 Registration Program, the API Training Provider Certification Program, API's Individual Certification Programs, and the API Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System.

More than 75% of API's certified organizations are located outside of the United States, in nearly 70 countries. And those numbers are surging. More and more organizations in China, India, Eastern Europe, South America, and the Middle East are seeking API certification. In an effort to support the growing demand, API Certification Programs works with reputable organizations to transfer information to organizations truly interested in improving quality management systems, products, and entering the global markets.

This brochure is intended to familiarize you with the API certification options, describe the application process, and answer ten of the most frequently asked questions. This is just a start. For more information about the API Certification Programs, please contact your local API marketing representative or Chip Evans at 281-582-3698 or evanst@api.org.

If you are ready for the challenge, the API Certification Programs are ready for you.





API Certification Programs



API Monogram Program

Every day, around the world, the oil and natural gas industry relies on equipment and products emblazoned with the API Monogram to get the job done right. Designed for manufacturers of production equipment, drilling equipment, and now, refinery equipment, the API Monogram Program lets companies show the world what they're made of.

For more information

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ISO 9001 Registration Program

Global demands and an increasingly competitive business environment in the oil and natural gas industry have created new measures by which organizations must demonstrate their abilities. That's where the American Petroleum Institute Quality Registrar (APIQR®) can help. APIQR can register your company to ISO 9001 simply and conveniently.

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API Spec Q1 Registration Program

Based on API's Spec Q1, *Specification for Quality Programs*, companies that either manufacture products to API specifications, or provide industry services not covered by an API standard, can apply for API Spec Q1 Registration. By meeting the quality system requirements of API Spec Q1, companies can show their customers they meet the industry's demands by becoming an API Spec Q1 Registered Organization.

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ISO/TS 29001 Registration Program

Introducing the ISO sector-specific quality management standard dedicated to the oil and natural gas industry, ISO/TS 29001. This standard is based on ISO 9001 and is identical to API Spec Q1, 7th Edition (less Annex A). APIQR is the world's first registrar to offer registration to oil and natural gas equipment manufacturers and service providers that are up to the challenge of meeting this new international standard.

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ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Registration Program

A clean environment is important to everyone. And the oil and natural gas industry is doing its part to keep its impact on land, air, and water to a minimum. APIQR is pleased to offer environmental management system registration to ISO 14001. Our two-phased audit approach by experienced professionals provides an efficient and cost-effective vehicle for attaining this increasingly sought-after registration.

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API Training Provider Certification Program (API TPCP™)

To ensure that training meets the high standards required by the oil and natural gas industry, API developed the Training Provider Certification Program (TPCP). To earn API's endorsement, training providers must meet TPCP's strict evaluation criteria while constructing and presenting the course. If your training course is up to the challenge, and if a world-recognized API endorsement could help your business, apply today.

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API Individual Certification Programs (ICP®)

API's Individual Certification Programs for Pressure Vessel Inspectors, Process Piping Inspectors, Aboveground Storage Tank Inspectors, Ultrasonic (UT) Examiners, Refractory Personnel, and Tank Entry Supervisors emphasize professional credibility and process integrity. They enable professionals to play an active role in improving industry health and safety, environmental performance, ensuring compliance and self-regulation, and strengthening management control and internal inspection capabilities.

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API Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System (EOLCS)

A cooperative effort between the oil and additive industries and vehicle and engine manufacturers, EOLCS is a voluntary licensing and certification program designed to help engine oil marketers show that their products meet strict performance requirements. Today's savvy consumers look for the API Service Symbol and Certification Mark when they look for engine oil, and the EOLCS program steers them to the right one.

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Application Process

- 1 Contact API for a quotation: On the web at www.api.org/quote or e-mail evanst@api.org. API will send a quotation and an application package containing the applicable API product specification(s).
- 2 Companies applying for the API Monogram Program, API Spec Q1 Registration, and/or ISO/TS 29001 Registration must have quality manuals and quality management systems in compliance with API Spec Q1. API Monogram Program applicants must also meet the technical requirements found in the applicable API product specification(s). Companies applying only for ISO 9001 Registration must have quality manuals and quality management systems that comply with the ISO 9001 standard.
- 3 Companies must perform a documented internal audit and management review prior to submitting the application to API.
- 4 Submit the application paperwork, application fee, and the quality manual. The quality manual must be written in English.
- 5 API will review the quality manual and provide comments.
- 6 When the quality manual is accepted, API will schedule an on-site audit.
- 7 API will review the audit report and provide comments.
- 8 After nonconformances are addressed, remedied, and closed by the company to API's satisfaction, certificate(s) are issued.*

** A follow-up audit may be required if nonconformances are deemed significant.*



Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I apply for an API Monogram License?

You must implement a quality manual and quality management system that are compliant with API Spec Q1, and you must have the capability – processes, equipment, and personnel – to manufacture products that meet the technical requirements of the applicable API product specification(s). You must also perform a documented internal audit and management review in accordance with API Spec Q1. After your quality management system has been operational for at least four months, you may then complete the application documents and send them to API along with a copy of your quality manual and the application fee. Please do not send design documents, procedures or work instructions.

2. How do I apply for an API quality management system certification, i.e., ISO 9001 certification?

You must implement a quality manual and quality management system that are compliant with the applicable standard, API Spec Q1, ISO/TS 29001 and/or ISO 9001. You must also perform a documented internal audit and management review in accordance with the applicable standard(s). After your quality management system has been operational for at least four months, you may then complete the application documents and send them to API along with a copy of your quality manual and the application fee. Please do not send design documents, procedures, or work instructions.

3. How long does the application process take?

Approximately three to six months depending on several factors. The length of time it takes API to accept your quality manual is one of these factors. We strongly suggest you complete the quality manual checklist provided in the application package to improve the chances of early acceptance. Other factors include auditor availability and the additional time necessary to correct nonconformances, if any, identified during the audit.

4. How can I receive a quotation and/or an application/information package?

For a quotation, please contact Chip Evans at evanst@api.org or go to www.api.org/quote. API will prepare a quotation and send it with an application package and a copy of the applicable API product specification(s). You may also contact the local API Certification Programs marketing representative for an application package.

5. How can I contact an API Certification Programs marketing representative in my area?

Please go to www.api.org/MarketingReps to review a list of API marketing representatives and contact information. You may also e-mail Chip Evans at evanst@api.org or call 202-682-8145 for directions to your local representative. If API does not have a marketing representative in your area, we are pleased to answer your questions directly.

6. Will API Certification Programs use local auditors?

API will use local auditors whenever possible. At present, API auditors are based in more than 30 countries. Please note that factors such as auditor availability, conflict of interest concerns, and API's policy that an organization should not be audited more than twice consecutively by the same auditor may direct API to use non-local auditors.

7. Our organization is ISO 9001 certified. How close are we to meeting the API Monogram Program application requirements?

Probably very close. ISO 9001 certification means that you meet approximately 85% of API Spec Q1. So, you must add these additional API Spec Q1-specific requirements to your quality manual and quality management system to bring you into conformance. These additional API Spec Q1 requirements are outlined in the application package. Next, ensure that you have the technical capability to meet the applicable API product specification(s) requirements and possess a design package, if required. At that point, you should be ready to apply.

8. What are the English language requirements? Will the audit be in English?

The application and the quality manual must be provided in English. Procedures and any other documents that make up your quality management system may be in the language of your choice. In most cases, the audit will be performed in the local language.

9. We do not develop the design. We purchase the design or our client provides the design or we take the design entirely from an API specification. As a non-designer, can we still apply?

Yes, you may apply, but you must still address how you will receive, review, identify, and transfer key aspects of the design package into shop routers/checklists, prepare for the possibility of design changes, and finally ensure the design resulted in a product compliant with the applicable API product specification. API will review these control features that ultimately make up the design package.

In some cases, due to the nature of the products and specifications, API allows an applicant to exclude design and development activities in its quality management system. Casing, tubing, pipe and plate manufacturers, threaders, drilling mud producers, testing agencies, and gage manufacturers that follow the API specification with no deviation, may apply to exclude design development and control. Applicants producing products to one of the other API specifications must be prepared to show the API auditor their design documents.

10. Are we required to be ISO 9001 registered or API Spec Q1 registered prior to applying to the API Monogram Program?

No. Although registration to these quality management system standards brings you closer to meeting the API Monogram's quality management system requirements, registration is not required. API Monogram Licensees must have a quality management system that is compliant with API Spec Q1, but API Spec Q1 Registration is not required.



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For more information about API Certification Programs, go to www.api.org/certification.

For a quotation, go to www.api.org/quote.

For an updated listing of API Certified Companies, go to <http://compositelist.api.org>.

For a list of new applications, suspended or cancelled API Certified Companies, go to <http://compositelist.api.org/Highlights.asp>.

To purchase API Standards, go to www.global.ihs.com.

For information about API training, go to www.api-u.org.

For information about up-coming API meetings and conferences, go to www.api.org/petroteam.

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