Purpose:

- Eligible Accreditation Programs include: QP1, QP2, QP3, QP6, QP8, QP9 & QS1.
- Ensures objectivity and transparency across all applicable programs.

Scope:

- Your organization must have completed a **minimum of 3 years in ALL QP programs** held to qualify.
- Companies **cannot** receive more than 2 “CAP” resolved minor findings for which any QP accreditation is held **during the prior three (3) years** to be eligible to participate in the Merit Program.
- Companies holding multiple QP accreditations must meet the program requirements for **all accreditations** held to participate in the Merit Program. ¹
- The company must complete and apply for enrollment into the Merit Program **annually** no later than July 1st to be eligible to participate on January 1st of the following year.
- Eligible companies are exempt from paying the audit fee **every other calendar year**.
- In qualifying non-audit years, eligible companies will only be responsible for an administrative fee but will still be required to submit an annual Accreditation Maintenance Renewal Application by December 15th.
- AMPP reserves the right to perform random, announced, or unannounced audits at AMPP’s expense and discretion during non-audit years. The Merit Program member must remain in compliance during a random audit.
- If the company fails to qualify for the Merit Program, it has the right to submit an appeal in writing to the Program Director or Program Manager within 30 days of receiving notification. To be considered, appeals must include substantive evidence supporting reversal.

¹ Duplicate findings assessed on more than one accreditation audit will be treated as “one” finding. For example, if a company holding QP1 & QP3 accreditations, is cited for the same finding for both QP1 and QP3 audits, the finding is only counted once.
General Disqualifications Apply When:

- The company receives more than 2 “CAP” resolved minor findings during the audited year for which any QP accreditation is held becomes ineligible to participate in the Merit Program until meeting the requirements again for 3 years. This includes random, announced, or unannounced audits.

- Any disruption in accreditation status occurs (examples: failure to renew prior to the March 31st deadline; failure to maintain qualifications for any QP accreditations held).

- The organization has had any modification that required a change in Tax ID, or EIN, or registration with the governing Jurisdictional Authority within the prior three (3) year period or at any time while enrolled in the Merit Program.

- The company has filed for bankruptcy in the past three (3) years or declares bankruptcy during the term of the Merit Program.

- Major changes in company organization that have occurred as defined in the “Special Provisions” section of the QP Program Rules during the Merit Program term. (Example: ownership or executive management changes).

- Any Disciplinary Action Criteria (DAC) violations are affirmed.

- There has been an occurrence of a non-exempt occupational fatality as defined in the DAC within the past five (5) years. This includes an occurrence during the Merit Program term.

- There has been an occurrence of a “serious” occupational accident/injury as defined in the DAC within the past five (5) years. This includes an occurrence during the Merit Program term.

- Any of the above situations occur and are not reported to AMPP as required by the QP Program Rules Guide or the DAC.

If you have any questions regarding the QP Merit Program, please contact QPInfo@ampp.org.

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