

Notice

Imposition of late fee for Delayed Submission of Surveillance Assessment (SA) Application for organization Accredited under the Scheme for Accreditation of EIA Consultant Organizations

As per the Scheme for Accreditation of EIA Consultant Organization, Accreditation Cycle in the Scheme is for 3 years and comprises 3 types of assessments: Initial accreditation (IA), Surveillance Assessment (SA) and Re-Accreditation (RA). The Accreditation is granted subject to a surveillance assessment after every 18 months. Accredited Consultant Organizations (ACOs) must adhere to the specified deadlines for submitting and completing Surveillance Assessment applications, as required by the Scheme provisions. Submitting and completing the surveillance assessment on time are vital for maintaining accreditation. Delay in submitting the application for surveillance assessment can hamper the re-accreditation process.

To support timely compliance while maintaining the integrity of the accreditation framework, QCI-NABET has introduced a provision regarding the delayed submission of the Surveillance Assessment (SA) application. ACOs are expected to submit a complete SA application at least 3 months before the due date, i.e. 15 months after IA/RA. If there is a delay beyond this period, a monthly charge equivalent to the applicable application fee may be applied for the duration of the delay. This measure is intended to encourage timely submissions and ensure the smooth functioning of the accreditation process.

The applicable charges shall be levied for a maximum period of three months (i.e., from the 18th month up to the 21st month). During this time, the concerned ACOs will be temporarily delisted from the **List of Accredited Consultant Organizations available on the Parivesh Portal** until the Surveillance Assessment is successfully completed in accordance with all stipulated requirements. If the SA application is not submitted within 21 months, the accreditation of the concerned ACOs may be suspended without further notice. The names of such suspended ACOs will also be displayed on the NABET website, and any subsequent accreditation will require the process to be initiated afresh.

All organizations are advised to adhere to the prescribed timelines to avoid any applicable charges and to ensure continuity of their accreditation status. It may be noted that no separate communication in this regard will be issued.

In line with standard accreditation principles, the responsibility for the timely submission of applications and completion of the accreditation process within the stipulated timeframe rests with the Accredited Consultant Organizations (ACOs).

This notice is issued for information and necessary compliance by all concerned organizations and shall come into effect from June 01, 2026.

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