



# International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners

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## **\*\*\*\*Current Accreditation Information\*\*\*\***

Offices accredited prior to January 1, 2011, will not be responsible for maintenance fees until they become reaccredited.

The IACME now offers accreditation for offices of all sizes. This certification process provides coroner and medical examiner offices the opportunity to conduct a self-assessment and subsequently have auditors, trained by the association, to review the applicable standards.

The procedure allows coroner and medical examiner offices to ensure they are conducting business practices and procedures in compliance with national standards.

**ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS:** Once an office commits to this level of professionalism there are several steps that must be followed to complete accreditation. Please be aware that you have one year from the date you applied in order to receive an audit. Failure to submit accreditation information and request audit within one year will result in being charged another application fee.

**\*\*Note: The current fee structure applies to the Accreditation Process as well as the Re-Accreditation process.**

### **OFFICE SIZE**

		Initial Fee	Annual Maintenance Fee
Population <100,000	Class I	\$1500	\$250
Population 100,001-500,000	Class II	\$2500	\$500
Population >500,001	Class III	\$3500	\$1000

### **ADDITIONAL COSTS**

On-site inspections are required to have a review performed by two IAC&ME Auditors.

**All expenses (transportation, meals, lodging and associated incidentals) are the responsibility of the jurisdiction to be audited. The association will make all travel arrangements in an economical, practical and appropriate manner and will invoice the jurisdiction upon completion of the inspection.**

**The jurisdiction will be responsible for all expenses regardless of audit results.**



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## **\*ACCREDITATION STANDARDS**

**Newly adopted standards were implemented on August 1, 2013. Any office that applied and paid the accreditation fee prior to July 1, 2013 may use the former accreditation standards.**

An agency must meet or exceed 100% of all mandatory standards. Of the standards 90% compliance of all applicable standards must be met.

## **ACCREDITATION AWARDS**

Upon completion of the review of all documents and onsite inspection (except virtual), the jurisdiction will be advised in writing of their pass/fail status.

The jurisdiction will receive certification of accreditation at the IAC&ME annual educational conference.

## **MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

Accreditation is granted for 5 (five) years. Agencies must maintain the records of accreditation for the full length of accreditation.

**Annual Accreditation Maintenance Fees will be effective the (4) four years following successful accreditation. Re-Accreditation fees will be charged on the (5) fifth year.**

**Failure to pay the Maintenance fee will result in suspension of accreditation until fees are current.**

For more information and to begin the process of accreditation contact IAC&ME executive administrator:

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