

Audits

What is the purpose of an IADLEST Audit?

To evaluate a specific area of operations of a POST agency or law enforcement academy.

What are the benefits of participating in an IADLEST Audit?

- Defensibility via an objective and thorough assessment process.
- Independent assessment of compliance with required laws, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Comparing current operations with industry best practices and emerging issues.
- Justification to funding sources for proof of operational efficiency or to justify additional resources.

What is the cost of an IADLEST Audit?

The cost will be determined by the scope of the area to be audited. Please contact the IADLEST staff with details of the areas you would like to cover in the audit, and we can prepare an estimate.

What are the types of audits that can be performed?

- Performance Audit: Efficiency, effectiveness and conforming to best practices
- Image Audit: Perceptions of external (stakeholders) and internal (employees)
- Operations Audit: Quality and effectiveness
- Management Audit: Leadership
- Content Audit: Comparison to industry best practices
- Legislative and Policy Audit: Compliance

What is the difference between an audit and accreditation?

Accreditation compares a set of defined 15 categories:

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| • Statutory and regulatory compliance | • Training Development: Implementation |
| • Mutual aid agreements and policies | • Instructor Certifications |
| • Recordkeeping | • Officer Certifications |
| • Budgeting | • Agency Training Facilities |
| • Health Screening | • Distance Learning |
| • Student Disciplinary Process | • Information Technology |
| • Training Development: Analysis | • Fiscal |
| • Training Development: Design and Review | |

and standards within the categories with a scoring matrix that is further defined as Unacceptable, Minimal, Acceptable and Best Practices. The outcome of an accreditation is the cumulative score. The product of an accreditation is a report that articulates how the agency received the score.

An audit is a more flexible method of review that focuses upon a specific area or areas of the agency's choice. The outcome isn't a score, but rather an assessment of the current capacities. The product is a report that articulates strengths and weaknesses and makes note of superior performance and makes recommendations to achieve targeted improvements.