

PJR has received numerous inquiries as to when certification will be allowed to AS9100 Rev. C. If you're curious, then you're not alone. PJR clients, industry professionals, and stakeholders are all anxiously awaiting the date that clients can become certified. However, several things must occur before accredited certification bodies can issue certificates to the new standard.

First, the AS9104-1, *Requirements for Aviation, Space, and Defense Quality Management System Certification Programs*, has not yet been approved and released. In order for an accredited certification body to conduct audits to AS9100 Rev. C, it must be accredited to AS9104-1. In addition to achieving accreditation to AS9104-1, all of a certification body's aerospace auditors must successfully complete sanctioned training before they can audit to Revision C.

At this point, it is difficult to estimate the release date of AS9104-1. Optimistic industry experts forecast August 2010, while many others think it could be as late as March 2011. While aerospace organizations currently holding a certificate may be anxious to begin the transition, PJR cautions its clients against eliminating some of the AS9100 Rev. B requirements that are no longer part of Revision C. Organizations looking to become certified for the first time in 2010, and perhaps the first quarter of 2011, should still be looking at AS9100 Rev. B. Keep in mind that organizations will have until July 1, 2012 to complete the transition. PJR encourages its certified and prospective aerospace clients to make sure they have a clear understanding of the transition rules. We have even found that purchasing and supplier quality personnel from some aerospace OEMs have been mandating immediate certification to AS9100 Rev. C, even though it is not even allowed at this time.

PJR has been an industry leader and one of the largest certification bodies in the world in terms of the number of certified aerospace clients. PJR intends to be one of the first certification bodies to be accredited to AS9104-1 and able to conduct audits to AS9100 Rev. C. PJR will provide updates regarding the approval and release of AS9104-1 as they become available. We will also continue to conduct our free AS9100 Rev. C seminars throughout the United States in 2010. If you have any questions, then please contact Shannon Craddock (scraddock@pjr.com) in our Program Management Department.