



World Accreditation Day 2025

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The [Quality Council of India \(QCI\)](#) celebrated **World Accreditation Day (WAD) 2025** on **9th June** to **highlight the role of accreditation in trade and economy**, with the theme "**Accreditation: Empowering Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**".

- QCI also launched the revamped [NABL Portal](#) and [Gunvatta Samarpan Initiative](#) to **enhance digital accreditation access for MSMEs** and promote **public commitment to quality standards**

Accreditation

- Accreditation is a **formal verification** that an **institution meets quality standards in testing, inspection, or certification**. It **enhances quality** in sectors like **health, education, and food**, **promotes standardization**, and **boosts global competitiveness**.

Quality Council of India (QCI)

- **Established: 1997** as an **autonomous body** under the [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade \(DPIIT\)](#), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **Chairperson:** Appointed by the **Prime Minister** based on industry recommendations.
- **Mandate:** To **develop and manage the [National Accreditation Structure \(NAS\)](#)** for **conformity assessment bodies** in sectors like health, education, and quality promotion.
- **Key Bodies:** [National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies \(NABCB\)](#) and [National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories \(NABL\)](#) are the 2 accreditation boards of the QCI.
 - These work closely to **support the Government and regulators** to ensure that the **data provided by accredited conformity assessment bodies is robust, reliable, trustworthy** in terms of decision making, compliance testing and standards setting.
- **Industry Representation:** Includes [ASSOCHAM](#), [CII](#), and [FICCI](#), reflecting strong industry-government collaboration.

Certification vs Accreditation

Comparison Table

Characteristics	Certification	Accreditation
Definition	Refers to a written assurance by a third party on the conformity of a service, product or process, based on certain specified requirements provided by some form of education, audit, assessment or external review	Refers to formal recognition on the competency towards specified standards by an authoritative body.
Base activities	Relates to all company activities in a given industry	Is based on specific activities, and is not based on all activities in an organization
Endorsements	Involves the endorsement of a product, service or process by a third party	Involves the endorsement of a product, service or process by an independent third party.

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