



Accredited Standards (CSQ)

VS

Unaccredited Standards (GMP)



Certification Bodies (CB) must be accredited by an Accreditation Body (AB) to ISO 17065 to conduct certification audits.

Companies that provide unaccredited audits have no oversight from an Accreditation Body (AB).



Auditors are required to have strong industry-specific experience and training which is validated before they can audit.

Companies can use any auditor without any oversight.



All audit reports are required to go through a technical review process before it becomes final.

Audit reports are not required to go through a technical review process.



A facility must respond to non-conformances within a specified time range by identifying the root cause and establishing corrective actions.

The facility receives a final report with non-conformances but is not required to submit corrective actions.



Certification Body (CB) must approve corrective actions and conduct one last review before the certification decision is made.

A certificate is provided upon completion of the audit or when the auditee has paid the audit invoice.

