

# Regulatory Terminology

Term	Definition
<b>Accreditation</b>	The action or process of officially recognizing as having a particular status or being qualified to perform a particular activity.
<b>Act</b>	Is legislation passed by Congress and signed by the president.
<b>Amendment</b>	An addition or alteration to a bill, resolution, statute, or law.
<b>Audit</b>	An examination performed by an independent third party that verifies the guidelines outlined by a regulatory body.
<b>Bill</b>	A legislative proposal of a general nature. A bill may address either a public or private matter. Before an act is passed it is called a bill.
<b>Certificate</b>	A document attesting a level of achievement in a course of study or training.
<b>Certification/Certified</b>	Certifications are issued by a non-governmental certification body and convey that an individual has the knowledge or skill to perform a specific job.
<b>Code</b>	A systematic collection of laws or regulations.
<b>Compliance</b>	Compliance is being in accordance with established guidelines or specifications.
<b>Compliance Audit</b>	A compliance audit is a comprehensive review of an organization's adherence to regulatory guidelines.
<b>Ethics</b>	The decisions, choices, and actions we make that reflect and enact our values.
<b>Law</b>	A rule or regulations established by a governing body.
<b>Licensure/Licensed</b>	An occupational license issued by a state regulatory board or government agency that permits a person to legally practice an occupation.
<b>Registration/Registered</b>	Any person who has received special training or education in a field and holds and is required by law to hold, a valid license to practice in the relevant specialty.
<b>Regulation</b>	A rule or directive made and maintained by an authority.
<b>Regulatory Compliance</b>	Regulatory compliance is an organization's adherence to laws, regulations, guidelines, and specifications relevant to its business.
<b>Standard</b>	Established by authority, custom or general consent as a model or example; something set up and established by authority as a rule for the measure of quantity, weight, extent, value, or quality.

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