

IATF 16949 CERTIFICATES

The IATF has approved a global extension to all currently issued and valid IATF 16949 certificates to prevent the automatic expiration of certificates if a recertification audit could not be conducted due to reasons directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although all certificate expiration dates were extended 6 months in the IATF database, that does not mean that all recertification audits are automatically extended 6 months.

With this major change in direction, the IATF requires that audits due from 1 January 2021 forward be conducted onsite or remotely and the certification body can no longer apply the conditions and waivers described in the previous revisions of this document. Special conditions apply if the organisation is not operating or is not manufacturing automotive products when the audit is due.

The extension of six (6) months (i.e. 183 calendar days) to every currently issued and valid certificate (including those certificates that are currently in the status of suspension) will be reflected in the Global IATF Database and subsequently visible in the IATF Certificate Validity Check: [LINK](#)

In this extraordinary situation the IATF-recognized certification bodies are not required to reissue the certificates immediately. This document together with automated updates to the IATF Database and the IATF Certificate Validity Check are providing the evidence that the certificate is valid beyond the documented expiration date printed on the certificate.

If the IATF-recognized certification body is required to update the certificate due to any changes, the revised expiration date shall be updated accordingly and the certificate shall be uploaded in the IATF Database.

If a certified organization needs an updated IATF 16949 certificate, please contact your relevant IATF-recognized certification body.