

Procedure in the event that test is failed and/or insufficient evidence of QS audits

	Annual QS training not attended	Minimum number of QS audits per year not reached
Loss of QS approval		
Timeframe for loss of approval	From last possible training and until next QS training in following year	According to the deadline and until renewed verification of minimum number of audits
Application for re-approval by the certification body		
Required steps towards re-approval	Successful participation in QS training (incl. test) in the following year	Proof of 20 stage-specific audits within the last 24 months; at least 10 of these audits need to be independently conducted QS audits or independently conducted QS audits accompanied by an approved auditor.

Additional explanation: The consideration of the minimum audits for all auditors in the QS system is based on the initial admission for the relevant stage, provided that it had existed for at least 24 months at the time of the review. The minimum audits are also considered for auditors whose approval has been suspended for less than a year to ensure a basic audit experience for all approved auditors. If the approval in question was withdrawn for at least 12 months, this will be considered a new first approval and consideration of the minimum audits will become relevant again only after a minimum of 24 months' registration has been reached.