

# PJLA Update Notification

## **Update Notification # 74**

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**Form/Procedure/Policy:** DoD/DOE QSM 6.0 Transition Requirements

### **Attention DOD or DOE Applicant/Accredited Organization:**

The DOD and DOE have released updated transition requirements for Applicant or Accredited DOD/DOE QSM laboratories as stated below:

*The original document preface requires laboratories to become assessed to the QSM, v6.0, six months after the release which would be June 13, 2024. It further requires all laboratories accredited to this program to become assessed to the QSM, v6.0, 30 months after the release which would be no later than June 13, 2026. To allow for additional time for laboratories to become assessed, the following clarification and modification will replace the current timeline language in the preface of the QSM, v6.0:*

*Effective immediately, all DOE Consolidated Audit Program-Accreditation Program (DOECAP-AP) laboratories must be accredited to QSM, v6.0, no later than June 30, 2026. Any laboratory that is not accredited to QSM, v6.0, by June 30, 2026, will no longer retain their DOECAP-AP accreditation until accreditation can be obtained through one of the approved accrediting bodies.*

The following transition requirements will be applied to all Applicant and Accredited Organizations:

-Effective Immediately PJLA will no longer be accepting new applications to the QSM Version 5.4.

-Applicants that applied for accreditation prior to June 13, 2024 and Accredited organizations can transition to the QSM 6.0 over a surveillance or reassessment or have a separate transition assessment. All assessments will be required to be performed on-site. Additional assessment time may be added depending on the assessment type selection as noted above.

-Organizations must be accredited by June 30, 2026. In order to meet this deadline, all organizations must complete a transition assessment by no later than February 28, 2026, regardless of your routine assessment schedule.

Failure to meet the accreditation deadline will result in the suspension of your accreditation until the transition has been completed.

Thank you!