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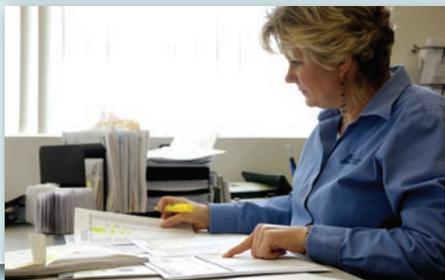


Why should you look for an ACSF Industry Audit Standard Registered Operator when choosing an aircraft charter or fractional ownership provider?

Many business executives are familiar with *total quality management* (TQM) programs. The benefits of TQM to productivity, quality and workplace safety are well known in manufacturing, health care, service and numerous other industries. For the aviation industry, our TQM program is typically a **Safety Management System** (SMS). SMS is a systematic program that takes a business-like approach to the management of safety risks. An air charter operator's SMS ensures engagement at all levels of the business and top management's commitment to safety.

Independent evaluation of a charter operator's SMS is critical to maintaining continuous safety improvement and a healthy corporate culture. The Air Charter Safety Foundation's **Industry Audit Standard (IAS)** is a revolutionary audit program that provides a comprehensive, independent review of an operator's compliance with safety and security regulations as well as its implementation and adherence to an SMS.

By choosing an ACSF Industry Audit Standard Registered Operator to meet your air travel needs, you are assured that your operator meets the highest standards of safety and compliance.



IAS Facts You Should Know

- The IAS is the **only** audit that specifically evaluates compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 135 (and/or 91 Subpart K) regulations. Part 135 regulations govern the operation of on-demand air carriers and Part 91 Subpart K regulates fractional ownership programs. Other audits focus on either airlines (i.e. Part 121) or traditional private aircraft (i.e. Part 91) operations.
- The IAS **requires** an SMS to be in place and **evaluates the SMS** based upon published International Civil Aviation Organization and FAA standards.
- The IAS is a publicly available standard and the public is able to verify the status of any operator on the registry free of charge.
- Audited companies are required to conduct a comprehensive internal self-audit prior to the arrival of the on-site audit team.
- Successful completion of the IAS and achieving Registered Operator status requires that all audit elements be both implemented and documented.
- An on-site IAS audit is required every 24 months.
- Operators must adopt and implement operational risk assessment.
- Auditors are not chosen by the operator. The ACSF draws from a pool of available, ACSF-accredited audit companies and auditors to complete an audit. All participants must adhere to a firm conflict of interest policy, and an operator will never have the same auditors on sequential audits.
- The ACSF has implemented a strict policy dealing with the conditions that will trigger an operator's suspension or removal of Registered Operator status on the IAS Registry.