About SA8000

The SA8000 Standard is the world’s leading social certification program. The [**SA8000 Standard**](https://sa-intl.org/resources/sa8000-standard/) and [**Certification System**](https://sa-intl.org/services/assurance/sa8000-accreditation/) provide a framework for organizations of all types, in any industry, and in any country to conduct business in a way that is fair and decent for workers and to demonstrate their adherence to the highest social standards. Created by SAI in 1997 as the first credible social certification, it has led the industry for over 20 years.

SAI is the owner of the SA8000®Standard and updates it regularly to respond to new and emerging social and human rights issues. While SAI provides guidance on the Standard’s implementation and determines the program’s auditing methodology, all SA8000 audits are carried out by certification bodies (i.e. qualified auditing firms) that receive accreditation from SAI’s independently managed division, [**Social Accountability Accreditation Services (SAAS)**](https://sa-intl.org/services/assurance/).

**Elements of the Standard**

* Child Labor
* Forced or Compulsory Labor
* Health and Safety
* Freedom of Association & Right to Collective Bargaining
* Discrimination
* Disciplinary Practices
* Working Hours
* Remuneration
* Management System

All Certification Bodies accredited to deliver SA8000 audits and certificates of compliance to the SA8000 Standard are listed here. Please contact these organizations if your company is interested in being certified to SA8000. Click on the links below for the individual CB’s detailed accreditation scope.

[**https://sa-intl.org/resources/sa8000-accredited-certification-bodies/**](https://sa-intl.org/resources/sa8000-accredited-certification-bodies/)

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