

# PRACTICAL FACT SHEET

ASD – 0106/2

<b>Standard</b>	<b>EN 9100: 2018</b>		
<b>§</b>	<b>Foreword Intended application</b>		

## Issue raised:

**Question: Can an organization that does not have an aerospace customer at the time of the initial EN 9100 audit be eligible for EN 9100:2009 certification?**

## Answer:

The answer is yes, to enable this organization to use EN 9100 certification to develop its aerospace and defense market.

But let us nevertheless recall the § foreword and use of EN 9100:

This document standardizes, to the greatest extent possible, the requirements for a quality management system and can be used at all levels of the supply chain by organizations worldwide. Its use should lead to improved performance in terms of quality, cost and time by reducing or eliminating the requirements of specific organizations, by the actual implementation of a quality management system and by the widespread application of good practice. This standard, although originally developed for the aerospace and defence industry, can also be used by other industrial sectors which need to have a quality management system with additional requirements to those of an EN ISO 9001 system.

### Intended application

This Standard is intended for use by organizations that design, develop or provide aerospace and defence products and services and by organizations that provide post-delivery activities, including the provision of maintenance, spares or materials for their own products and services, etc.

A certification cycle (3 years) must be a sufficient time to obtain by the organization, a contract, an order for products and/or services intended for the aeronautics, space and/or defense markets.

Each year, the lead auditor must explain the status of the organization in his report. If, at the end of 3 years, the organization does not have any contract or order on the aeronautics, space and/or defense market, the appropriateness of this EN 9100 certification should be reassessed by the organization.

For the initial EN 9100 audit, the organization shall meet all applicable requirements of EN 9100: 2018 on examples of products manufactured for other markets. The LA may issue EN 9100 deviation findings based on these examples.

Please note that the position taken through this Practical Fact Sheet must be communicated to the applicant organization and contractualized with it.

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