



NAID AAA Certification Program

When it comes to service provider qualifications, choose the certification program with strength and integrity.

		Due Diligence Comparison	
		NAID	Other
Audit Quality	All NAID AAA Certified service providers are subject to regularly scheduled, onsite audits by trained, accredited security professionals. In addition, random, unannounced audits are structured so NAID AAA Certified operators will not know when they will be audited next.	✓	
Regulatory Alignment	The program requires written policies and procedures for each company to ensure incident response preparedness, employee training, and regulatory compliance.	✓	
Security Specifications	Accredited auditors review employee background screening and training, compliance with written procedures, access controls, operational security, destruction equipment, and confidentiality agreements.	✓	
Provide Audit Report	A customer may request an audit report to monitor the service provider and to ensure they meet the regulatory risk assessment requirements.	✓	
Free Compliance Monitoring	A customer may monitor compliance by subscribing to email notifications of the service provider's certification renewal, audit, or lapse.	✓	
Oversight	The Certification Review Board and the Certification Rules Committee oversee the program's integrity, both of which contain industry veterans and outside, accredited professionals.	✓	
Transparency	All documents and specifications are available to the public for free and online. Audit reports and monitoring services are also provided to clients at no charge. The association's financial records and board of director's meeting minutes are available online as well.	✓	
Program Acceptance	More than 1,000 operations on five continents are certified by NAID, including mobile, plant-based, paper, and computer destruction services. NAID AAA Certification is required by hundreds of government offices and thousands of private contracts.	✓	
Program Recognition	NAID AAA Certification is acknowledged by many accreditation programs, such as those offered by the International Association of IT Asset Managers, the Institute of Certified Records Managers, and the R2 IT asset recycling program certification offered by the Sustainable Electronic Recycling Institute (SERI).	✓	

For more on the depth and integrity of the NAID AAA Certification Program, contact the Certification Department at certification@naidonline.org or 602-788-6243. Additionally, NAID CEO Robert Johnson, an international authority on data destruction operations, regulations, and compliance, is available to explain how NAID's program protects members and their clients.