

# WRAP Certification Frequently Asked Questions

We have answered frequently asked questions about the Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production WRAP certification. We provide accredited audit services for WRAP certification proving your commitment to the ethical manufacture of apparel/textile, footwear & other sewn goods. Are you considering a certification? **Contact our experts!** 

## 1. WHO QUALIFIES FOR WRAP CERTIFICATION?

The WRAP certification program focuses on production facilities in the apparel/textile, footwear, and sewn products industry (including their supply chain) and other related industries. Certification is solely awarded to individual facilities. Holding companies, brands, and retailers do not qualify for WRAP certification.

## 2. WHY DO I NEED WRAP CERTIFICATION?

Supported by the International Apparel Federation (IAF), the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA), and more than 20 international trade and industry associations, WRAP is the most accepted independent certification in the sewn products industry. Over 100 buyers, brands, and retailers around the world rely on WRAP certification when choosing business partners.



After registering online, a production facility conducts a self-assessment of its compliance with the 12 WRAP Principles. Accredited TÜV Rheinland inspectors then perform a WRAP certification audit to determine whether corrective actions are necessary. Qualified facilities are recommended to WRAP for certification.

## 4. HOW LONG DOES THE WRAP CERTIFICATION PROCESS TAKE?

Most WRAP certificates are issued within 2-6 months, depending on overall facility preparedness at the time of application. More time may be required in rare cases.

## 5. CAN MULTIPLE FACILITIES OPERATE UNDER A SINGLE WRAP CERTIFICATION?

No, each facility must be individually certified.

#### 6. CAN A BRAND OR RETAILER BE WRAP CERTIFIED?

No, WRAP certification is only available to individual production facilities. Brands and retailers are not eligible.

#### 7. HOW CAN OTHERS VERIFY A WRAP CERTIFICATION?

An up-to-date list of certified facilities can be found on the WRAP website. However, the WRAP world map of certified factories shows only those who have given permission to be displayed.

## 8. ARE FACTORIES NOTIFIED OF AN UPCOMING

No, all WRAP audits are unannounced. Certification audits take place within a 1 month window after signing the contract, while Post-Certification Audits (PCAs) are conducted at random and can occur at any time.

# 9. WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO TÜV RHEINLAND AUDITORS HOLD?

We are a WRAP accredited monitoring partner. Our experienced, accredited auditors have completed the WRAP IRCA-certified Lead Auditor Training Course and attend mandatory refresher courses on a regular basis. Our services are based on an in-depth understanding of local labor, workplace safety and environmental laws and regulations.

DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT WRAP CERTIFICATION? CONTACT OUR ACCREDITED WRAP CERTIFICATION AUDITORS TODAY!

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