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The Imaging Services Accreditation Scheme (ISAS) was formally launched on the 9th June 2009 at UKRC.

ISAS is a patient focussed imaging service accreditation scheme assessed against a set of quality enhancing standards based on clinical and patient reported performance measures that **gives confidence** to patients, purchasers, staff, and managers about safety, effectiveness and sustainability.

The College of Radiographers and The Royal College of Radiologists have licensed UKAS to deliver ISAS.

Some of the benefits for participating are

- Improved focus on the management of risks
- Improved communication and teamwork within the service
- Support for organisational development
- Enhanced service reputation through impartial assessments
- Demonstrable services commitment to raising standards and willingness to be held

accountable

We are accepting applications now. Applications received will be processed on a *first come first served* basis. The first cohort of applicants will be formally processed to begin their accreditation journey during October. Apply now if you wish to be in this next cohort for accreditation. Application information for ISAS can be found within the [Getting Accredited](#) section.

UKAS would like to invite you to register for a place at an ISAS preparatory workshop. This preparatory workshop is free of charge and the aim is to provide practical advice to imaging services wishing to become accredited. To register, please go to the [Pre-application Information & Preparatory Workshops](#) section.

Assessors, both technical and lay are integral to ISAS.

Prior to carrying out any assessments all assessors will be provided with full training, and are expected to perform a minimum two assessments a year (approximately ten days with a maximum of 4 days onsite visits)

All assessors will gain valuable CPD, technical assessors will develop skills to support their own organisations preparation for accreditation.

For more information on the assessor role and an application pack, please visit the UKAS jobs section at http://www.ukas.com/tools/Jobs_at_UKAS.asp

We would welcome your Assessor application at any time as recruitment is ongoing.

If you have any queries please email imagingcustomerservice@ukas.com