AIAG’s vision, in part, is to be the industry “think tank” for quality going forward. Part of our role in this is to provide an industry standard assessment tool for individuals or organizations to use to determine the basic quality competency of their team, e.g. “is your team ready?”

Many automakers and suppliers require use of Core Tools, e.g. SPC, MSA, FMEA, APQP and PPAP available from AIAG. Over time, many organizations including suppliers have developed their own training to support the implementation and/or auditing of these core tools. AIAG has developed a free on-line assessment tool for individuals and organizations that can be used to determine basic competency in these areas. These results can be used to evaluate and improve training materials as applicable as well as plan for individual development or improvement. Results are shared with confidentially with the individual or only in aggregate for organizational customers wishing to target specific gaps for improvement.

AIAG trains and qualifies the third party ISO/TS16949 auditors in how to effectively audit these Core Tools. The assessment questions are based on the same material used to develop the auditor training materials, e.g. what is “needed to know.” This ensures alignment with the necessary “basics” and provides a common understanding across the industry.

The assessment is not scored and there is no required threshold for “passing.” It is a timed open book process. It is not a Core Tools certification process although there is a separate AIAG process for those wanting to be certified as competent in the Core Tools. Assessment feedback is provided by Core Tool module only and to the individual or organization involved so they can determine for themselves any next steps.

This survey is available in several languages. If you are an industry quality practitioner or Manager, use this handy tool to make sure you have the right understanding of the right Core Tools content!