



ATF's Minimum Required Operating Standards

MROS v 2.0
Overview

WHAT IS MROS?

ATF's Minimum Required Operating Standards (MROS) are a series of standards for NIBIN Sites initially developed in 2019 by ATF and the National Crime Gun Intelligence Governing Board (NCGIGB). In 2022, after collecting feedback from NIBIN sites, ATF and the NCGIGB have released MROS v 2.0. These standards are set forth to ensure consistency, integrity, and success of NIBIN programs across the nation.

KEY Changes (MROS 2.0, Summer 2022)

Assessments - not Audits

- A change in vernacular is reflected by a change of mindset. Some feedback indicated that using the term "audit" created negative expectations of the process. As a result, audits have become assessments and our Assessors are primarily focused on working with sites as a team to help them achieve compliance.

Timeliness Standards

- Previously, MROS required IBIS acquisitions to be conducted within two (2) business days from receipt.
- MROS v 2.0 has created a tiered system for the new Timely Acquisition Standard.
 - Basic Compliance: Acquisition within twenty (20) business days.
 - Bronze Standard: Acquisition within ten (10) business days.
 - Silver Standard: Acquisition within five (5) business days.
 - Gold Standard: Acquisition within two (2) business days.

Improvement Plans - not Corrective Action Plans

- Another change in the mindset of MROS assessments is the implementation of Improvement Plans as opposed to Corrective Action Plans. If a site does not meet standards, the site will author an internally approved Improvement Plan to submit to the MROS assessment team. This Improvement Plan will be considered during future assessments. If a NIBIN site continues to have difficulty reaching compliance during MROS cycles, additional tools are available for improvement.

Additional Information found in the MROS v 2.0 Guidance Document:

- The 2022 Assessment Agenda, and the 2022 Self-Assessment Agenda
- MROS FAQs to include
 - Definition of Second Correlation Review
 - Definition of a NIBIN Lead vs a NIBIN Hit
- IBIS Minimum Training Requirements
 - Waiver Process for Exempt Qualified NIBIN Users
- Timely Acquisition Waiver