
NABCB operates its accreditation schemes based on international / other standards approved by NABCB Board. The certification bodies are expected to comply with relevant ISO/IEC documents / standards and IAF documents that have been adopted by the Board as its criteria.

At present the QMS, EMS, FSMS, OHSMS, EnMS, RTSMS, ITSMS and ISMS accreditation programmes are based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, supplemented by sector specific ISO standards, wherever available.

Amendment to ISO/IEC 27006:2015 Information technology -- Security techniques -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems was published in Mar 2020. The revision was made corresponding to the revision and publication of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.

Accordingly, the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has resolved as below:


The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the Transitional Arrangement associated with ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 - Information technology - Security techniques - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems – Amendment 1, will be two years from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard (by 31 Mar 2022).

Note: The date of publication was March 2020.

Policy:

All IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to adopt ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1 : 2020 as part of the accreditation criteria for their ISO/IEC 27001 certification schemes under the IAF MLA. IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to evaluate the operations and planning of accredited bodies to ensure that full implementation of the latest version will be in place before 31 March 2022.

This policy shall apply to all accredited and applicant bodies seeking accreditation by NABCB for the provision of ISMS certification.
This policy shall remain current until 31 March 2022.

Implementation:

The NABCB transition policy for implementation of ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1 : 2020 shall be as described below:

1. All CBs accredited/applicant as per ISO/IEC 17021-1 for ISMS scheme shall submit a plan for transition by 31 January 2021. The plan shall clearly indicate the date by which the CB would transit to ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020, and in no case shall be later than 31 March 2021.

3. All applications after **01 April 2021** would be accepted as per ISO/IEC 17021-1 read with ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020.

4. All accredited CBs shall confirm to NABCB the revision of its documentation as per ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 and its implementation by **31 March 2021**. The accredited CBs shall be assessed for compliance to ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 during their routine surveillance / reassessment.

5. All assessments, after **01 April 2021**, of the accredited/applicant CBs shall be as per ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020. Any deviation from ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD1:2020 shall be given as Concern and not as Non-conformity until **30 June 2021**.

6. All concerns against ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 raised during the assessments until 30 June 2021, which have not been addressed by the CB, would be reviewed and classified as critical / major / minor NCs and would be communicated to the CBs for necessary action by **31 July 2021**.

7. Applicant CBs whose office assessment is carried out as per ISO/IEC 27006:2015 before **31 March 2021** shall submit its revised documentation as per ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020, and the compliance in such case shall be verified through a remote assessment before a decision on accreditation is taken.


9. Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 shall result in suspension of accreditation on **31 December 2021**, and/or withdrawal of accreditation on **31 March 2022**.