



NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO/IEC 27001:2013

Introduction:

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

Accordingly, NABCB has been operating an accreditation scheme for **Information Security Management Systems (ISMS)** certification bodies based on ISO/IEC 17021:2011.

The standard for certification, ISO/IEC 27001, has been revised and published on **1 October 2013**. This requirement standard has been published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) under the joint ISO and IEC subcommittee, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27.

The revised standard puts more emphasis on measuring and evaluating how well an organisation's ISMS is performing, and there is a new section on outsourcing, which reflects the fact that many organisations rely on third parties to provide some aspects of IT. It does not emphasise the Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle that 27001:2005 did. More attention is paid to the organisational context of information security, and risk assessment has changed. Overall, 27001:2013 is designed to fit better alongside other management system standards such as ISO 9000 and ISO 20000, and it has more in common with them.

Reference: IAF Resolution 2013-13 – Endorsing a Normative Document. Resolution 2013-13 was passed by the IAF 27th General Assembly in Seoul on 25 October 2013 endorsing a 2 year introduction period for ISO/IEC 27001:2013 (mandatory) from the date of publication (1 October 2013).

Policy:

All IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to adopt ISO/IEC 27001:2013 for their accreditation scheme under the IAF MLA. IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to evaluate the operations and planning of accredited bodies to ensure that full implementation will be in place before 1 October 2015.

This policy shall apply to all accredited and applicant certification bodies (CBs) seeking accreditation by NABCB for the provision of ISMS certification.

This policy shall remain current until 1 October 2015.

Implementation:

Keeping in view the processing times for new applications, NABCB Board has approved the following policy for transition;

1. All CBs, accredited/applicants to ISO/IEC 17021:2011 for ISMS scheme, shall submit a plan for transition by **31 March 2014**. The plan shall clearly indicate the date by which the CB would transit to ISO/IEC 27001:2013.
2. CBs may apply for accreditation for certification to ISO 27001:2005 upto **30 September 2014**.
3. Any application for accreditation pending on 1 Oct 2014 shall be processed for accreditation only after the CB demonstrates that it has switched to the 2013 version of ISO 27001.
4. All applications after **1 October 2014** would be accepted for certification to ISO/IEC 27001:2013.
5. All assessments of accredited/applicant CBs, after **1 October 2014**, shall be for certification against ISO/IEC 27001:2013. Any request for assessment before this date for certification against ISO 27001:2013 shall be accepted. This would give CBs one year's time to get assessed for certification to ISO 27001:2013.
6. Any non compliance relating to implementation of the revised version of ISO 27001 shall be raised as Concern till **31 Mar 2015** after which they shall be raised/upgraded as NCs and would have to be addressed by CBs within prescribed timelines.
7. **No accreditation without certification to ISO/IEC 27001: 2013 would be granted after 31 March 2015.**
8. No certificate as per old version of ISO 27001 shall be issued by any accredited CB after **30 September 2015**.
9. If satisfactory evidence of conformance to ISO/IEC 27001:2013 is not available/ evidenced during the assessments by **30 September 2015**, then accreditation of the CB shall be suspended for a maximum period of 6 months. Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 27001:2013 in addition to ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 by the end of this period would result in withdrawal of accreditation.