



## **NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO/IEC 27001:2022**

### **Introduction:**

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 standards and IAF / APAC documents that have been adopted by the Board as its criteria.

Currently, the Management Systems accreditation schemes are based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, supplemented by sector specific ISO/IEC standards, as applicable.

**ISO/IEC 27001: 2022** Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection — Information security management systems — Requirements was **published in October 2022**.

### **IAF MD 26: 2022-Transition Requirements for ISO/IEC 27001:2022**

This document provides information on transition requirements of normative documents ISO/IEC 27001:2013 to ISO/IEC 27001:2022 to be followed by IAF MLA accreditation bodies and accredited CABs (Conformity Assessment Bodies), with the scope as detailed in this document. The document is mandatory for all IAF MLA Accreditation Bodies and accredited CABs, and the transition time allowed by IAF is 3 years from the date of publication of ISO/IEC 27001:2022.

*(The NABCB accredited / applicant CABs for ISMS are advised to refer to IAF MD 26 for more details and actions required).* **Date of Issue & Implementation of NABCB Transition Policy: 01 February 2023**

### **NABCB Policy:**

NABCB applicant / accredited certification bodies for Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) are required to adapt ISO/IEC 27001:2022, as part of the accreditation criteria for the scope in accordance with ISO/IEC 27006 standard requirements read with ISO/IEC 17021-1 scheme under the IAF MLA. NABCB is required to evaluate the operations and planning of accredited certification bodies to ensure that all **transitions are completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

This policy shall apply to all accredited and applicant certification bodies seeking accreditation from NABCB for the provision of ISO/IEC 27006 certification read with ISO/IEC 17021-1.

**This NABCB policy shall remain current until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.**

### **Implementation:**

NABCB has approved the following policy for transition:



1. All CBs accredited to ISO/IEC 17021-1 for ISMS scheme shall submit a plan for transition by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. The transition plan of CBs shall clearly indicate the date by which the CB would transition to ISO/IEC 27001:2022. The documented date in the CB's plan shall ensure transition of its clients at the earliest during the surveillance / recertification audit, followed by the accredited CB's successful evaluation of transition by NABCB.
2. NABCB is ready to carry out transition assessment against ISO/IEC 27001:2022 from **1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**. This can be part of the upcoming office assessment (surveillance / reassessment) with addition of 0.5 man-day onsite for assessing compliance to transition requirements. If this is planned as a separate assessment, 1.0 assessment man-day will be considered for the transition assessment.
3. Certification bodies whose applications are currently under process as per ISO/IEC 27001:2013 and for whose initial office & witness assessments have been completed, shall be required to complete the accreditation process by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, and achieve accreditation from NABCB. Such CBs will be required to submit their plan for implementation of ISO/IEC 27001:2022 by **31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**, and will be required to undergo early first Surveillance or an assessment for transition. i.e., latest by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.
4. Alternatively, all initial accreditation applicants whose applications are pending as on the date of publication of this policy, and whose initial office and/or witness assessments are to be carried out, shall demonstrate conformity to ISO/IEC 27001:2022, in addition to ISO/IEC 17021-1 before a decision is taken for grant of accreditation. This demonstration of conformity shall be through a special assessment of 1.0 man-day or shall be evaluated during the normal assessment process (Document review and/or Office assessment as applicable depending on the progress of assessment for the concerned applicant CAB).
5. Transition of accredited certification bodies shall normally be carried out during their routine Surveillance / Re-assessment activity, as applicable, with addition of 0.5 man-day onsite for verifying compliance to ISO/IEC 27001:2022. It will be carried out either as part of normal Surveillance / Re-assessment process with addition of 0.5 man-day onsite, or through a separate 1.0 man-day assessment for assessment of revised documents, competence, audit records etc. The accredited CB shall be required to submit specific details of changes made in its documentation.
6. Failure to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 27001:2022 shall lead to raising of non-conformity and which shall have to be effectively closed within timelines



prescribed in NABCB accreditation procedure or 30 Sept 2023, whichever is earlier. Transition of accredited certification bodies to the revised standard shall have to be effectively completed by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**.

7. All applications (initial accreditation applicant or scope extension) from the date of publication of this Policy would be accepted as per ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 read with ISO/IEC 27006:2020 and ISO/IEC 27001:2022.
8. Failure to comply with requirements of ISO/IEC 27001:2022 by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023** shall lead to Suspension of accreditation by NABCB. The accreditation of CB may remain suspended for a maximum of 6 months. Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 27001:2022 by the end of this period shall result in withdrawal of accreditation.