



**Accreditation Criteria**  
**for**  
**Bodies Operating Certification of Persons**



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## 0. Foreword:

The Government of India and the Indian Industry came together to establish the accreditation system in response to the need of the industry and the certification bodies of Quality Management Systems (QMS), Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and other Management Systems, who were largely dependent on the accreditation system of Europe and US.

A Council with representation from the Government, Industry, Certification Bodies, Non-Government Organizations (NGO), etc. was formed and named as the Quality Council of India (QCI). This Council was entrusted with the task of establishing the national accreditation system in India. A National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) was established to implement the accreditation of the Certification Bodies.

The NABCB has already published Accreditation Criteria for QMS, EMS, FSMS, ISMS, EnMS, OHSMS, Medical Devices QMS, Product Certification Bodies and Inspection Bodies

Today personnel certification has become an important element of verifying the competence of an increasingly mobile and global workforce, underscoring the value of industry-recognized credentials that can be carried across national borders. In response to this growing need, ISO/IEC International Standard aims to harmonize the various procedures used around the world for certifying the competence of personnel in different occupations or professions.

## 1.0 Scope

This document specifies the requirements that a third party certification body operating a Certification programme for Persons shall meet if it is to be recognized by the Board as competent and reliable in the operation of Certification of Persons.

## 2.0 Criteria

2.1 The Certification Bodies seeking accreditation for Certification of Persons shall comply with the requirements specified in **ISO/IEC17024:2012, “General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons”**.

2.2 The certification scheme will be assessed for compliance to the requirements of ISO 17024 or any other equivalent document approved by the Board.

*Note: A copy of the ISO/IEC 17024 can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards or from ISO Secretariat.*

## 3.0 IAF/APAC documents on the Requirements of ISO/IEC 17024

The Board shall adopt any IAF/APAC Mandatory Documents on ISO 17024 as part of the NABCB criteria, whenever they are brought out. In the meantime, if any further clarifications beyond ISO/IEC 17024 are required, the same will be issued by the Board on a case to case basis.

## 4.0 Scope of Accreditation

4.1 The Board has decided not to specify any scope sectors for accreditation for this programme however the scope will depend upon the scheme used for certification.

4.2 The certification body shall maintain a list of all the documents - standards, certification process etc. - for the schemes which are covered under the scope of accreditation. This list



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shall be maintained under document control. NABCB shall be included in the controlled distribution list.

### **5.0 Time of the Assessment undertaken by the Certification Body**

The certification body shall determine the time required for assessment, where required, in case not defined in the Scheme.



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