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**Accreditation Criteria**

For

**Information Security Management Systems Certification**

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## 0.0 Foreword:

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

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

The NABCB has already published Accreditation Criteria and corresponding Guidance documents for QMS, EMS, FSMS, Inspection and Product Certification Bodies. This document sets out the Accreditation criteria for Certification Bodies providing certification for **‘Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection - Information security management systems - Requirements’** based on ISO/IEC 27001:2022.

ISO/IEC 27006 has been adopted to facilitate harmonization of certification process in India and signing of mutual/multilateral agreements with other countries, regional and international forums in future.

## 1.0 Scope:

This document specifies the requirements that a third party body operating an Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) Certification Programme shall meet if it is to be recognized by the Board as competent and reliable in the operation of ISMS Certification.

## 2.0 Criteria

The Certification Bodies seeking accreditation for Information Security Management Systems Certification shall comply with the requirements specified in **ISO/IEC 27006: 2015/Amd 1:2020 - “Information technology — Security techniques — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems”**.

A copy of the ISO/IEC 27006 can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards or from ISO Secretariat.

## 3.0 Guidance on the Requirements of ISO/IEC 27006:2015/Amd 1:2020

The Board shall adopt the IAF Guidance on application of ISO/IEC 27006:2015/Amd 1:2020 as the criteria document of NABCB, whenever it is brought out. In the meantime, if any further clarifications beyond ISO/IEC 27006:2015/Amd 1:2020 are required, the same will be issued by the Board on a case to case basis.



#### **4.0 Scope of Accreditation**

The Board has decided not to specify any scope sectors for accreditation for this programme. The accreditation shall be granted as per ISO/IEC 27006:2015/Amd 1:2020.

#### **5.0 Certification Body (CB) Competence**

5.1 Accreditation by NABCB signifies that the certification body is competent to offer ISMS certification as per ISO/IEC 27001:2022. The competence of the CB shall be established by assessing compliance to relevant provisions of ISO/IEC 27006:2015/Amd 1:2020

5.2 The CB shall have a procedure for initial qualification and subsequent monitoring of its auditors and experts based on ISO 19011 and the specific requirements given in ISO/IEC 27006:2015/Amd 1:2020.

#### **6.0 Time of the Audits undertaken by the Certification Body**

The Certification body shall have procedures to determine the audit man days required for audit for initial assessment, surveillance and reassessment. The procedure shall also include the policies for estimation of audit duration for multisite organizations and transfer of certificates, as needed

The CB shall give due consideration to the guidance given in Annex C of ISO/IEC 27006:2015/Amd 1:2020 on the audit man days that are normally required for audit to verify compliance to ISO/IEC 27001:2022 standard in designing its system as above.



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