



NABCB Policy on Transition for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024

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.

IAF MD 29: 2024-Transition Requirements for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024

This document provides information on transition requirements of normative documents ISO/IEC 27006:2015 to ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 to be followed by IAF MLA accreditation bodies and accredited CBs (Certification Bodies), as detailed in this document. The document is mandatory for all IAF MLA Accreditation Bodies and accredited CBs, and the transition time allowed by IAF is 2 years (24 Months) from the date of publication of ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024. This transition policy applies to all applicant/accredited Certification bodies providing audit and certification of an Information Security Management Systems (ISMS), in addition to the requirements contained within ISO/IEC 17021-1.

Normative Document: ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024

Replacing ISO/IEC 27006: 2015 - Information technology — Security techniques — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems with:

ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems was **published in March 2024**.

*(The NABCB accredited / applicant CBs for ISMS are advised to refer to IAF MD 29:2024 for more details and actions required). **Effective Date of NABCB Transition Policy for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024: 01 August 2024***

NABCB Policy:

NABCB applicant / accredited certification bodies for providing audit and certification of an Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) are required to adapt ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024, as part of the accreditation criteria for the scope in accordance with standard requirements of 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 30th September 2025**.



This policy shall apply to all accredited and applicant certification bodies seeking accreditation from NABCB for the Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021-1 & ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024.

This NABCB policy shall remain current until 31st March 2026.

Implementation:

NABCB has approved the following policy for transition:

1. All CBs accredited to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC 27006:2015 for ISMS scheme shall submit a plan for transition by **30th September 2024**. The transition plan of CB shall clearly indicate the date by which the CB would transition to ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024. 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 27006-1:2024 from **1st August 2024**. This can be part of the upcoming office assessment (surveillance / reassessment) with addition of 1 man-day for assessing compliance to transition requirements. If this is planned as a separate assessment (document review or Office assessment), 1.5 assessment man-day will be considered for the transition assessment. If NABCB is able to review the required changes and implementation by CAB as a result of the CAB technical document review, then a CAB head office assessment is not required. If NABCB is not able to, then an Office assessment is required. This shall be completed by all the accredited CABs no later than **30 September 2025**.
3. Certification bodies whose applications are currently under process as per ISO/IEC 27006:2015 and for whose initial office & witness assessments have been completed, shall be required to complete the accreditation process by **30th September 2024**, and achieve accreditation from NABCB. Such CBs will be required to submit their plan for implementation of ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 by **01st December 2024** and will be required to undergo early first Surveillance or an assessment (separate assessment as stated in sl. No. 2 above) for transition. i.e., latest by **1st May 2025**.
4. Alternatively, all initial accreditation applicants whose applications are pending as on **01st September 2024**, and whose initial office and/or witness assessments are to be carried out, shall demonstrate conformity to ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024, 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 CB).

5. Accredited/Applicant CABs for ISMS shall make the following actions but not limited to:

- a) Plan and prepare to submit transition arrangements to NABCB (in accordance with NABCB transition policy) and be ready to apply new requirements earlier than the set due dates.
- b) Perform Complete Gap Analysis.
- c) Develop transition plan to address the following:
 - i. Identify the changes between new and old version. Typical processes considered for changes can include sales/quoting, auditing process, certification document, competence management and communication with existing certified clients.
 - ii. Analyze impact of changes on relevant activities/processes and identify required actions to ensure conformance (e.g. management system/documents, and if applicable, IT tools).
- d) Monitor the evidence of the required changes and verify ongoing implementation of the changes.
- e) Ensure that relevant personnel affected by the changes are competent for the revised version and transition process. Personnel may include, but not be limited to, auditor, reviewers of audit report, certification decision maker, application reviewer, planner.
- f) As requirements for audit time determination have changed in the 2024 edition of ISO/IEC 27006-1, it is possible that the contract between the CAB and their existing certified clients may need to be revised.

6. Failure to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 shall lead to raising of non-conformity and which shall have to be effectively closed within timelines prescribed in NABCB accreditation procedure or 31 July 2025, whichever is earlier. Transition of accredited certification bodies to the revised standard shall have to be effectively completed by **30th September 2025.**

7. All applications (initial accreditation applicant or scope extension) from **01st November 2024 would be accepted only as per ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024.**

8. Failure to comply with requirements of ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 by **31st December 2025 shall lead to Suspension of accreditation by NABCB. The accreditation of CB may remain suspended for a maximum of **three months (i.e. till 31 March****



2026). Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 by the end of this period shall result in withdrawal of accreditation.

9. Timeline for CB activity:

CB Activity	Due Date
CAB may use ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for all initial clients after accreditation for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024	Date to be determined for each CAB based on its accreditation transition date.
CAB to use ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for all clients no later than	31 st March 2026
<i>Note: For the clients certified before the date of accreditation transition, the CB may use either ISO/IEC 27006:2015 or ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for surveillance audits after accreditation for ISO/IEC 27006- 1:2024</i>	

****End of the Transition Policy****