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Accreditation Criteria
for
Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs)

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0.0 Foreword

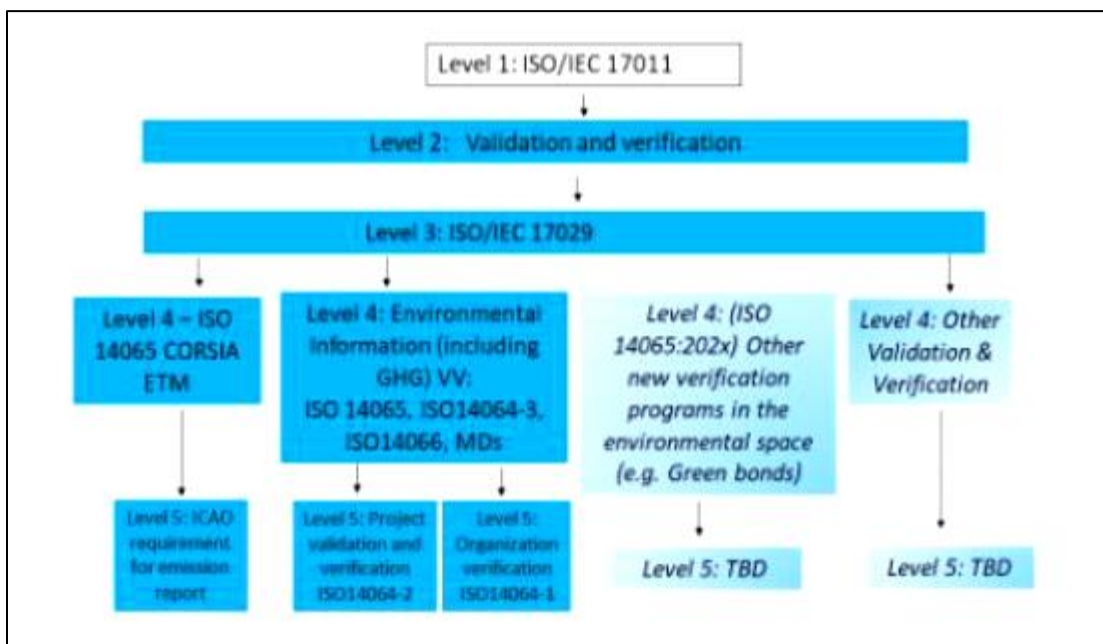
The Government of India and the Indian Industry came together in 1996 to establish a national accreditation system as per international standards in response to the need of the industry and the certification bodies of Management Systems (QMS, EMS and other Management Systems) who were largely dependent on the accreditation systems of Europe and US at the time.

A Council with representation from Government, Industry, Certification Bodies, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) etc. was formed in January, 1997 and named as the Quality Council of India (QCI). This Council was entrusted with the task of establishing the accreditation structure and the associated systems in India equivalent to international standards. A National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) (hereafter referred as Board) was established to implement the accreditation of the Certification/Inspection Bodies by QCI with a mandate to represent Indian accreditation at the international fora.

NABCB has already established the required accreditation system and has published Accreditation Criteria and related documents for Conformity Assessment Bodies for Management Systems such as QMS, EMS, FSMS, ISMS, ITSMS, OHSMS, MDQMS, EnMS, TDRMS, AMS, BCMS, ABMS, Product Certification, Inspection, Personnel, and GHG Validation & Verification.

IAF in its General Assembly held in October 2019 endorsed extension of the IAF MLA under the IAF Level 2 Validation and Verification to ISO/IEC 17029:2019 as new IAF MLA Level 3 standard in accordance to IAF PL3 Policies and Procedures for the Expansion of the Scope of the IAF MLA as below:

IAF MLA Structure for Validation & Verification



This document sets out the Accreditation Criteria for Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs) to provide Validation and Verification services as per requirements of ISO/IEC 17029:2019 or any programme(s)/scheme(s) that are based on ISO/IEC 17029:2019 Standard, for example Green House Gas emissions (according to ISO 14064-1:2018, ISO 14064-2:2019) based on ISO 14065:2020, which is a sector specific application of ISO/IEC 17029:2019. Specific programme(s)/scheme(s) and relevant standards/requirements will be further added by NABCB to the criteria as per the evolving market needs.

NABCB has adopted ISO/IEC 17029:2019 as the criteria for accreditation for VVBs to facilitate harmonization of Validation and Verification services in India with the international standards and to facilitate equivalence of the outcome of the work of the VVBs by signing of Mutual/Multilateral Agreements with other accreditation bodies and/or countries at regional and international forums in future as appropriate.

1.0 Scope

This document specifies the requirements that a Validation and Verification Body providing validation and verification services shall meet if it is to be recognized by the Board as competent and reliable.

2.0 Criteria

All Validation and Verification Bodies seeking accreditation shall comply with the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 17029:2019 - “Conformity Assessment-General principles and requirements for Validation & Verification Bodies”. In addition to the above mentioned criteria, the Validation & Verification Bodies shall also comply with other accreditation criterion as applicable for sector(s), scheme(s) and Validation & Verification requirements as given in Annexure-A.

3.0 Additional requirements

VVBs shall also comply with any documents established by the Board for the purpose of application of the ISO/IEC 17029 standard in a particular sector or as demanded by local requirements/conditions. Further, the Validation & Verification Bodies shall also comply with IAF Mandatory Documents as applicable and mentioned in Annexure-A.

If any further clarifications beyond ISO/IEC 17029 and IAF MDs are required, the same shall be issued by the Board on a case to case basis.

4.0 Scopes of accreditation

The scopes of accreditation shall be in accordance with ISO / IEC 17029 requirements provided in Annexure of BCB 201(VVB), IAF MLA Structure and IAF Mandatory Documents or as per specific programme/scheme requirements.

5.0 Validation and Verification of assertions



The accreditation requirements specified in this document are for the VVBs that carry out validation and verification activities by applying the requirements as specified in ISO/IEC 17029 and programme/scheme for particular V&V Bodies activities.

6.0 Accreditation for a specific programme/scheme

If any VVB is seeking accreditation for a specific programme/scheme, the requirements of programme/scheme shall be considered as additional to the NABCB criteria specified. In considering accreditation of a VVB, for operating any programme/scheme, NABCB may prescribe a policy in addition to the accreditation requirements contained in this document. NABCB shall also determine the suitability of the programme for the purpose of offering accreditation in accordance with its relevant procedure. NABCB reserves the right to offer or not to offer accreditation for programmes/schemes based on its criteria and policy.

ANNEXURE – A

Sector	V&V activities	Level - 3	Level - 4	Level -5	IAF MDs
Environmental	GHG emissions	ISO/IEC 17029:2019	ISO 14065:2020 ISO 14064-3:2019 ISO 14066:2023	ISO 14064-1:2018 ISO 14064-2:2019 ISO 14046:2014 ISO 14044:2006 ISO 14067:2018 ISO 14016:2020	6
			ISO 14065:2020 and Carbon Offsetting & Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Environmental Technical Manual (ETM)	Standards And Recommended Practices (SARPS), Annexure-16, Part IV to Convention on ICAO, ETM Document No. 9501, Procedure for demonstrating compliance with CORSIA	6
			ISO 14065:2020 and Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)	Programme Guide VCS	6
			ISO 14065:2020 and Global Carbon Council (GCC)	GCC Programme Framework	6
			ISO 14065:2020 and Gold Standard	VVB Requirements	6



7.0 Amendment Record

Date	Auth. by	Description of Amendment
January 2022	CEO	To align it with the requirements of new standard ISO/IEC 17029:2019
July 2025	CEO	Updating in Level 5 documents for VCS, GCC & Gold Standard under Annexure A Deletion of IAF MD 14 reference as withdrawn by IAF