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NABCB Policy on Scope Extension in QMS for CBs accredited for other relevant Sector Specific Management Systems Standards



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Purpose:

This document outlines the NABCB Policy for Certification Bodies (CBs) seeking scope extension in QMS accreditation scheme for scope sector(s) for which it also holds accreditation in other sector-specific extensions of QM Standards such as AQMS, EOMS, FSMS, ISMS etc.

The CB to avail benefit under this policy must be accredited under NABCB accreditation for both QMS and the relevant sector-specific extension of QMS standard.

Each scope extension application in QMS accreditation scheme will be considered and evaluated independently in line with this policy and the applicable BCB-201 (MS) for QMS, taking into consideration the competence requirements and qualification criteria the available resources of the CB, other applicable requirements including IAF MDs as applicable for the scope sector(s) for which the CB is already accredited in the applicable sector-specific extension of QMS standard.

This policy shall not be used as a matter of right by the CBs and shall be at the discretion of NABCB considering the past performance of CB in the applicable sector-specific extension of QMS standard, especially where major NCs or NCs on competence have been raised by NABCB in the last office and witness assessments. The CB shall have undergone office (initial / surveillance / reassessment) and witness assessments in the last 1 year by NABCB for the applicable sector-specific extension of QMS standard while seeking scope extension in QMS for the corresponding scope sectors under this policy.

NABCB Policy:

As per this policy, the following process shall be followed by NABCB:

1. Off-site document review shall be carried out for assessing the competence criteria, the number of resources qualified by the CB and other applicable requirements for the scope sector(s) applied for scope extension in QMS under NABCB accreditation.
2. If no major issues are observed in the off-site Document Review, then recommendation for accreditation can be placed before the Accreditation Committee for consideration and/or grant of accreditation with a condition that CB shall offer its first client for Witness Assessment to NABCB in QMS for the scope sector(s) for which scope extension is granted within a maximum period of 1 year (before any certificate is issued in critical code).
3. If no witness assessment for such scope sector(s) is offered as mentioned in 1 above, then NABCB shall carry out reduction in the accreditation scope by withdrawing accreditation for those scope sectors for which scope extension was granted under this policy.
4. If major issues are observed in the off-site Document Review in 1 above, then Office Assessment and/or Witness Assessment shall be carried out as decided by NABCB in consultation with the assessment team based on the outcome of Off-site Document Review.
5. Thereafter, on the completion of assessment process as mentioned at 4 above, it shall be placed before the Accreditation Committee for consideration and/or grant of accreditation.



However, in case an office assessment was carried out as per 4 above, then CB shall offer its first client for Witness Assessment to NABCB in QMS for the scope sector(s) for which scope extension is granted within a maximum period of 1 year (before any certificate is issued in critical code). In case it does not offer witness assessment, then 3 above shall be applicable.

Examples:

a) Scope Extension in OMS based on AOMS accreditation with NABCB:

If CB is accredited for AQMS (as per AS 9104-1) and applies scope extension in SS 21 (Aerospace) in the QMS, then the scope extension application shall be processed as per this policy.

b) Scope Extension in OMS based on EOMS accreditation with NABCB :

If CB is accredited for EOMS and applies for scope extension in QMS for scope sector SS 37 (*Education*), then the scope extension application shall be processed as per this policy.

c) Scope Extension in OMS based on FSMS accreditation with NABCB :

If CB is accredited for FSMS e.g. in food chain category e.g. Cat C and applies for scope extension in QMS for scope sector SS 03 (*Food products, beverages, and tobacco*), then the scope extension application shall be processed as per this policy.

d) Scope Extension in OMS based on ISMS accreditation with NABCB :

If CB is accredited for ISMS scheme and applies for scope sector SS 33 (*Information technology*) in QMS, then the scope extension application shall be processed as per this policy.



Amendment record

Date	Auth By	Description of Amendment
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