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Accreditation Criteria

For

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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 need of the industry and the certification bodies of Management Systems (QMS, EMS, OHSMS and other Management Systems) who were largely dependent on the accreditation systems of Europe and US.

A Council with representation from Government, Industry, Certification Bodies, Non-Government Organizations (NGO), etc. was formed and named as **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 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 '**Occupational health and safety management systems Requirements**' based on ISO 45001:2018 standard or any other standard meeting the requirements of the NABCB Policy on recognition of standards under accreditation schemes for certification.

1.0 Scope:

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

2.0 Criteria

The Certification Bodies seeking accreditation for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems Certification shall comply with the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 "Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems"

3.0 Guidance on the Requirements of ISO 45001:2018 Standard

The Board has adopted the IAF MD 22 on application of ISO 45001:2018 as the criteria document of NABCB. In the meantime, if any further clarifications beyond ISO 45001:2018 are required, the same will be issued by the Board on a case-to-case basis.

IAF MDs are freely downloadable from IAF website.

4.0 Scope of Accreditation

The Board has adopted the scope of accreditation based on the Statistical Nomenclature of Economic Activities as per IAF ID 1 and the same is available as annexure to NABCB procedure BCB 201 (MS).



5.0 Certification Body (CB) Competence

5.1 Accreditation by NABCB signifies that the certification body is competent to offer OHSMS certification in specific technical areas. The CB would be expected to identify technical areas for which it seeks accreditation and clearly demonstrate that it has the competence to offer certification in these areas.

5.2 The CB shall have a procedure for initial qualification and subsequent monitoring of its auditors and experts based on ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018 and IAF mandatory documents, if any. The CB shall establish procedures for qualifying an auditor /expert for a specific technical area.

6.0 Time of the Audits undertaken by the Certification Body

The Board has adopted the mandatory documents IAF MD 22 on the audit man days that are normally required for audit to verify compliance to ISO 45001:2018 standard.

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.

Note: For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies

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Dec 2022	CEO	Removal of reference of OHSAS 18001
Dec 2023	CEO	Minor edits to add IEC and page numbering and inclusion of Amendment Record in Contents
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