



## **Accreditation Criteria**

### **Energy Management Systems Certification Bodies**

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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, EnMS 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, as needed, for QMS, EMS, FSMS, ISMS, OHSMS, EnMS, ITSMS, RTSMS, Inspection, Product and Personnel Certification Bodies. This document sets out the Accreditation criteria for Certification Bodies providing certification for ‘**Energy Management Systems**’ based on ISO 50001:2018 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 certification body (CB) operating an Energy Management Systems (EnMS) Certification Programme shall meet if it is to be recognized by the Board as competent and reliable in the operation of EnMS Certification.

## 2.0 Criteria

The Certification Bodies seeking accreditation for Energy 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**” read with “**ISO 50003:2021 - Energy management system - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems**”.

## 3.0 Adoption of IAF documents

The Board shall adopt any IAF Mandatory Document on EnMS including application of ISO 50001:2018 as part of the NABCB criteria, whenever it is brought out. In the meantime, if any further clarifications beyond ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 or ISO 50003:2021 or ISO 50001:2018 are required, the same will be issued by the Board on a case to case basis.

## 4.0 Scopes of Accreditation

The Board has adopted the eight sectoral scopes of accreditation based on the energy use at different establishments, as described in BCB 201 (MS).

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

**5.1** Accreditation by NABCB signifies that the certification body is competent to offer EnMS certification as per ISO 50001:2018. The competence of the CB shall be established by assessing compliance to relevant provisions of ISO 50003:2021.

**5.2** The CB shall have a procedure for initial qualification and subsequent monitoring of its auditors and technical experts based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and the specific requirements given in ISO 50003:2021. The CB shall establish procedures for qualifying an auditor /technical expert for a specific sectoral scope.

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

The Board has adopted the ISO 50003:2021 for calculation of audit man days that are normally required for audit to verify compliance to ISO 50001:2018 standards.

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. In determining the audit time, the certification body shall include factors like energy sources, significant energy use, energy consumption and number of effective personnel as a minimum.

## **7.0 Transition**

If any standard adopted by the Board as criteria is revised, NABCB shall follow the IAF policy for transition supplemented by its own Transition Policy.

**Amendment Record**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Auth. by</b>	<b>Description of Amendment</b>
30.11.2015	CEO	Scope sector, auditor competence re-defined as per ISO 50003:2014 standard
Dec 2023	CEO	Revision under clause 4 regarding reference of BCB 201 (MS) for classification of Scope sectors
Jan 2026	CEO	NABCB office address changed