



NABCB Advisory to Government Bodies, Regulators, Industry, Corporates, PSUs, GVCs & MSMEs

Subject: Prescribe / Use National Accreditation for Third-party Conformity Assessment (Certifications, Inspections and Verifications)

About QCI

The **Quality Council of India (QCI)**, is the **National Accreditation Body** and an **Apex Body for Quality Promotion in India**. QCI is an autonomous body set up by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India. The Chairman of QCI is nominated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.



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About NABCB

The **National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)**, a constituent Board of the QCI, provides accreditation to Certification, Inspection, and Validation/Verification bodies as per international standards and requirements, to ensure technical competence, impartiality, quality and compliance to applicable standards/regulations. It is a full member of international & regional bodies – the International Accreditation Forum (**IAF**), the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (**ILAC**), and the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (**APAC**), and is an **IAF MLA Signatory**, **ILAC MRA Signatory**, and **APAC MRA Signatory** to multilateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (**MRAs / MLAs**), which facilitates international equivalence and acceptance of accredited conformity assessment (certifications, inspections, & validations/verifications). The **NABCB Brochure** and **NABCB Promotional Video** shall provide you a holistic overview on NABCB and its accreditation activities.

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The various Government & Statutory Bodies, Technical Regulators, PSUs, Corporates / Industry, Global Value Chains (GVCs), Medium Small Micro Enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone for manufacturing, services & trade in diverse industry sectors, and for assuring quality and compliance to applicable standards & technical regulations for the products & services placed in the market. Corporates, Industry, GVCs, MSMEs requires third-party conformity assessment activities such as certifications, inspections, validations/verifications etc. for their own needs as well as for the units, facilities, vendors, suppliers in their supply-chain.

NABCB advises to prescribe as a Policy the use of the National Accreditation System for the following conformity assessment activities:

- NABCB accreditation in accordance with **ISO/IEC 17020** international standard as a requirement for Third-party inspections across industry sectors (such as for machinery & equipment, electrical products & power supply networks, civil infrastructure, defence, oil & gas, metals & minerals, plastics & rubber, food & agricultural products etc.) as required for own needs of its group companies as well as in their supply chains. The NABCB accredited third-party inspection bodies can also be used for capacity verification of vendors / suppliers in the supply chain. [[Click here](#) for list of NABCB accredited inspection bodies].

- NABCB accreditation in accordance with [ISO/IEC 17021-1](#) international standard as a requirement for Management Systems certifications (such as [ISO 9001](#), [ISO 14001](#), [ISO 45001](#), [ISO 27001](#), [ISO 50001](#) etc.) for its own group companies, as well as for their supply chains. [[Click here](#) for list of NABCB accredited management systems certification bodies]
- The IAF has established a global database “[IAF CertSearch](#)” for verification of accredited management systems certifications which the Industry, Corporates, PSUs, GVCs & MSMEs should prescribe in their procurement policies for verification of management systems certifications, when required. Also, the management systems certifications of the group entities in this global database will lead to better business opportunities.
- NABCB accreditation in accordance with [ISO/IEC 17065](#) international standard as a requirement for Product / Process certifications of the entities/units/facilities in the supply chain of group companies supplying equipment, components & other items such as electrical & medical equipment, unmanned aircraft systems, renewable energy equipment, railway equipment, ready-mix concrete, food & agricultural products etc. which are key and critical across industry sectors to ensure consistent quality and reliability. [[Click here](#) for list of NABCB accredited product / process certification bodies]
- NABCB accreditation in accordance with [ISO/IEC 17029](#) & [ISO 14065](#) international standards for validation and/or verification activities, due diligence & reporting as required by Statutory Bodies, as well as by the own units / facilities of group companies, and their supply chains, to demonstrate compliance to requirements relating to GHG claims, Environmental labels, Sustainability reporting, ESG disclosures & assurance frameworks, and for trade in carbon markets. Accreditation in accordance with ISO/IEC 17029 may also be used for other validation & verification activities such as for engineering designs. [[Click here](#) for list of NABCB accredited validation & verification bodies]
- NABCB accreditation in accordance with [ISO/IEC 17024](#) international standard as a requirement for certification bodies to certify skills & technical competence of persons required for units/facilities of group companies, such as project management professionals, NDT professionals, welders, riggers, mobile crane / forklift operators, and other technicians/operators etc., especially for the subcontracted manpower outsourced through third-party agencies. [[Click here](#) for list of NABCB accredited certification bodies for persons]
- Government bodies, PSUs, Industry, Corporate groups, GVCs & MSMEs are requested to make relevant changes in its Policy, Procurement & Tender requirements/documents, Supplier/Vendor registration, and other relevant corporate documents accordingly.

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