



Accreditation Criteria

for

Privacy Information Management Systems (PIMS) Certification



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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 needs 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 USA.

A Council with representation from the Government, Industry, Certification Bodies, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) etc. was formed and named as the **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/Inspection Bodies.

The NABCB has already published Accreditation Criteria and corresponding Guidance documents for QMS, EMS, FSMS, ISMS, Inspection and Product Certification Bodies. This document sets out the Accreditation criteria for Certification Bodies providing certification for “Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection – Privacy information management systems – Requirements and guidance” based on ISO/IEC 27701:2025.

ISO/IEC 27706 has been adopted to facilitate harmonization of certification process in India and signing of mutual/multilateral agreements with other countries, regional and international forums in future.

1.0 Scope:

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

2.0 Criteria

The Certification Bodies seeking accreditation for Privacy Information Management Systems Certification shall comply with the requirements specified in **ISO/IEC 27706:2025 “Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of privacy information management systems”**.

A copy of the ISO/IEC 27706:2025 can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards or from ISO Secretariat.

3.0 Guidance on the Requirements of ISO/IEC 27706:2025

The Board shall adopt the IAF Guidance on application of ISO/IEC 27701:2025 as the criteria document of NABCB, whenever it is brought out. In the meantime, if any further clarifications are required, the same will be issued by the Board on a case-to-case basis.



4.0 Scope of Accreditation

While the Board has decided not to specify any scope sectors, accreditation shall be granted as per ISO/IEC 27706, the certification body however, is advised to define scope and technical areas based on PII risk, complexity of processing and business domains of the client. (For example, healthcare or pharmaceutical clients may have higher privacy, legal & regulatory risk than a software services client.)

5.0 Certification Body (CB) Competence

5.1 Accreditation by NABCB signifies that the certification body is competent to offer PIMS certification as per ISO/IEC 27701:2025. The competence of the CB shall be established by assessing compliance to relevant provisions of ISO/IEC 27706:2025.

5.2 The CB shall ensure to define and qualify the Specific requirements for the auditor qualification with reference to the Privacy, legal & regulatory requirements of the business domain of their clients. The CB shall also refer to the requirements of Knowledge and skills as per ISO/IEC 27706:2025.

5.3 The CB shall have a procedure for initial qualification and subsequent monitoring of its auditors and experts based on ISO 19011 and the specific requirements given in ISO/IEC 27706:2025.

6.0 Time of the Audits undertaken by the Certification Body

The Certification body shall have procedures to determine the audit man days required for audit for initial audit, surveillance and recertification. The procedure shall also include the policies for estimation of audit duration for multisite organizations and transfer of certificates, as needed.

The CB shall give due consideration to the guidance given in Annex A (normative) and Annex B (informative) on the audit man days that are normally required for audit to verify compliance to ISO/IEC 27706:2025 standard in designing its system as above.



Amendment records

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