

NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO 14001:2026 (EMS)

Reference: ISO 14001:2026 – Environmental Management Systems — Requirements with guidance for use

The NABCB accredited / applicant CABs for Environmental Management Systems (EMS) are advised to refer to ISO 14001:2026 for more details and actions required. ***Date of Issue & Implementation of NABCB Transition Policy 5th September 2026.***

NABCB Policy:

NABCB applicants / accredited certification bodies for Environmental Management Systems (EMS) shall adopt ISO 14001:2026 as part of the accreditation criteria.

NABCB will evaluate the operations and planning of accredited/applicant certification bodies to ensure that all **transitions are completed by 30th April 2027.**

Key timeline for transition:

Activity	Due Date
NABCB will be ready to assess to support the new version of ISO 14001:2026 and announce transition process on	5 th September 2026
CABs to submit self-declaration and plan to NABCB for transition for ISO 14001:2026 before	30 th September 2026
NABCB transitions of CABs to be completed by	30 th April 2027
CAB transitions of certified clients are completed either during a scheduled audit (e.g., surveillance) prior to this date or during a special transition audit prior to this date.	30 th April 2029
NABCB will accept application for ISO 14001:2026 from	1 st October 2026
NABCB will conduct assessment from	5 th September 2026

Action by NABCB:

1. NABCB shall conduct transition assessment of additional 0.5 man-day by clubbing with the scheduled office assessment (Surveillance/ Reaccreditation as applicable) for verifying compliance to the requirements of ISO 14001:2026.
2. If this is planned as a separate Office assessment (on-site / off-site), 1 man-day shall be considered for transition assessment.
3. For the CABs who are under initial accreditation process, shall need to undergo a transition assessment before the grant.

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