

NABCB Policy for Transition from ISO/IEC 17024:2012 to ISO/IEC 17024:2026

NABCB Policy:

NABCB accredited / applicants Personnel Certification Bodies shall adopt NABCB 211 "Accreditation Criteria for Personnel Certification Bodies" as part of the accreditation criteria. The assessment shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17024:2026 and other applicable standards (if any) for bodies providing certification of personnel.

The Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) has set a 36-month transition period for ISO/IEC 17024:2026, from 31.03.2026 to 31.03.2029. After 31.03.2029, accreditation to ISO/IEC 17024:2012 will no longer be recognized under the Global ACI MRA.

NABCB will evaluate the operations and planning of accredited/applicant Personnel Certification Bodies to ensure that all transitions are completed by 30.06.2028.

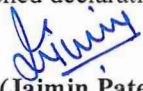
Key timeline for transition:

Activity	Due Date
NABCB will be ready for assessments as per the new version of ISO/IEC 17024:2026	01.01.2027
NABCB will accept new applications for accreditation against ISO/IEC 17024:2026 with effect from	01.01.2027
Personnel Certification Bodies to submit self-declaration, supporting documents and transition plan to NABCB for transition for ISO/IEC 17024:2026 before	30.06.2027
NABCB transitions of Personnel Certification Bodies to be completed by	30.06.2028
Personnel Certification Bodies' transitions of certified personnel completed either during a scheduled evaluation (e.g., surveillance) prior to this date or during a special transition evaluation prior to this date.	31.12.2028

Reference: Transition Requirements for ISO/IEC 17024: 2026 - Global ACI – TECH – 3 - TR 2029 – 03 - 31 (M)

Action by NABCB:

- NABCB shall conduct a minimum of one (1) man-day document review to verify compliance and the applicable ISO/IEC 17024:2026 transition requirements of Personnel Certification Bodies.
- Where the document review is not found to be satisfactory, NABCB shall conduct an office assessment as follows:
 - 0.5 man-day, where the office assessment is conducted in conjunction with a scheduled assessment (Surveillance Assessment (SA) or Reaccreditation (RA), as applicable)
 - 1.0 man-day, where a separate office assessment is required.
- For Certification Bodies whose initial accreditation process is at an advanced / final stage, NABCB may complete the accreditation process and grant accreditation on or before 31.12.2026. Such Certification Bodies shall subsequently be required to transition within the transition timeline specified in this policy
- Personnel Certification Bodies shall declare to NABCB their readiness for the transition, using the attached declaration template (Annex A).


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**Annex- A- Declaration by Accredited Conformity Assessment Body for
ISO/IEC 17024:2026**

I (name below) declare that from the date of this declaration, Personnel Certification Bodies (name below):

- a) Has implemented changes required under this transition,
- b) Conforms with the requirements necessary for transition, and
- c) Can demonstrate evidence of implementation.

I further acknowledge that:

- A. NABCB will review the implementation of transition against this declaration at the next assessment(s).
- B. A declaration that is false or cannot be substantiated is a breach of the Conditions of Accreditation and is ground for required corrections and corrective actions. If not properly resolved within set timelines this will be ground for suspension or withdrawal.
- C. The following activity has been completed:
 - Transition Plan
 - Documentation revised to support transition and/or revised requirements
 - Necessary competence has been determined for the revised document and Personnel Certification Bodies has sufficient number of personnel involved in assessment activities deemed competent to support the revised certification program.
 - Personnel Certification Bodies has a process to determine assessment duration that supports the revised certification program (if applicable).
 - Personnel Certification Bodies has a process to manage control of certifications to the revised document that includes (a) issuing accredited certificates only after the NABCB transition decision and (b) managing appropriate expiration dates for previously issued certificates.

Personnel Certification Bodies Name	
Accreditation / Application No.	
No. of Certified personnel (scheme wise)	
Signature	
Name	
Title	
Date	



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