

NABCB Policy for Transition from ISO/IEC 17020:2012 to ISO/IEC 17020:2026

NABCB Policy:

NABCB accredited / applicants Inspection Bodies as per ISO/IEC 17020: 2012 shall adopt NABCB 203 "Accreditation Criteria for Inspection Bodies" as part of the accreditation criteria. The assessment shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17020:2026.

NABCB will evaluate the operations and planning of accredited/applicant inspection bodies to ensure that all transitions are completed by 30.09.2028.

Key timeline for transition:

Activity	Due Date
NABCB will be ready for assessments as per the new version of ISO/IEC 17020:2026	01.11.2026
NABCB will accept new applications for accreditation against ISO/IEC 17020:2026 with effect from	01.12.2026
Inspection Bodies to submit self-declaration and transition plan to NABCB for transition to ISO/IEC 17020:2026 before	31.03.2027
NABCB transitions of Inspection Bodies to be completed by	30.09.2028

Reference: ISO/IEC 17020: 2026 – Requirements for the various types of bodies performing inspection

Action by NABCB:

1. NABCB shall conduct a minimum of one (1) man-day document review to verify compliance and the applicable ISO/IEC 17020:2026 transition requirements of Inspection Bodies.
2. Once the document review is completed satisfactorily, NABCB shall conduct an office assessment as follows:
 - a) 0.5 man-day, where the office assessment is conducted in conjunction with a scheduled assessment (Surveillance Assessment (SA) or Reaccreditation (RA), as applicable)
 - b) 1.0 man-day, where a separate office assessment is required
3. For Inspection Bodies whose initial accreditation process is at an advanced / final stage, NABCB may complete the accreditation process against ISO/IEC 17020:2012 and grant accreditation on or before 31.12.2026. Such Inspection Bodies shall subsequently be required to transition to ISO/IEC 17020:2026 within the transition timeline specified in this policy.



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