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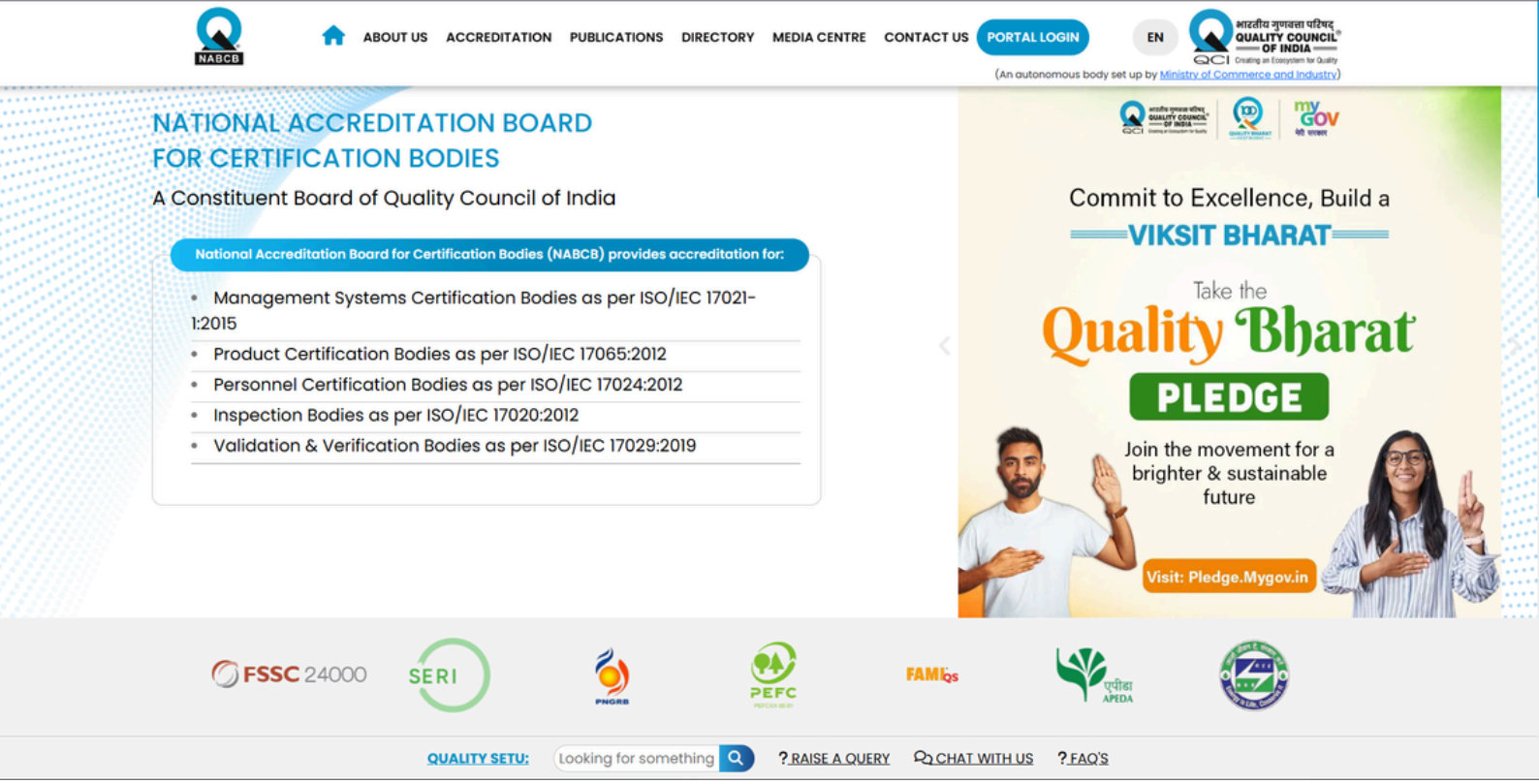
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About NABCB

The **National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)**, a constituent Board of the Quality Council of India (QCI), plays a central role in strengthening India's quality infrastructure by ensuring that conformity assessment bodies operate with competence, impartiality, and global credibility. NABCB provides accreditation to certification bodies, inspection bodies, and validation & verification bodies, evaluating them through a rigorous process based on internationally accepted standards and guidelines. These assessments include documentation review, on-site assessments, and ongoing surveillance to ensure independence and reliability.

NABCB's work directly contributes to enhancing trust in certified products, processes, and services, supporting regulators, industries, and consumers across various sectors. Its accreditation programs align with global best practices, enabling accredited bodies to demonstrate consistent performance and technical competence in the services they deliver.

Global Recognition Through MLAs/MRAs

NABCB is a signatory to multiple Multilateral and Mutual Recognition Arrangements under Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated [formerly the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)] and APAC. These agreements:

- Enable international acceptance of certificates and reports issued by NABCB-Accredited bodies,
- Reduce the need for repeat inspection or certification abroad,
- Support Indian exporters by reducing technical barriers to trade, and
- Enhance global confidence in India's conformity assessment outcomes.

NABCB's International Engagements

NABCB represents India at major global Accreditation forums, including:

- Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated [formerly the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)].
- Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC)

Participation in these bodies allows NABCB to:

- Contribute to global policy discussions,
- Stay aligned with evolving international standards, and
- Strengthen India's presence within the global quality ecosystem.

Accreditation Schemes

NABCB offers Accreditation under a wide portfolio of schemes, including:

- **Inspection Body**

NABCB grants accreditation to inspection bodies as per requirements of international standard ISO/IEC 17020:2012 "Conformity assessment – Requirements for the various types of bodies performing inspection".

- **Management Systems**

NABCB grants accreditation to certification bodies as per requirements of international standard ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 "Conformity Assessment-Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems".

NABCB offers accreditation under various management systems schemes listed as follows:

- **Quality Management Systems (ISO 9001)**
  - ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017 – Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 3: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of quality management systems.
    - QMS for Medical Devices (ISO 13485)
    - Educational Organizations Management Systems (ISO 21001)
    - Primary Packaging Materials (ISO 15378)

- **Environmental Management Systems (ISO 14001)**
  - ISO/IEC 17021-2:2016 – Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 2: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of environmental management systems.

    - Sustainable Electronics Recycling International (SERI)- R2 Standards Sustainable Electronics Recycling International (SERI) R2 Standard is the premier global benchmark for the responsible reuse, refurbishment, and recycling of electronic equipment. To ensure the highest level of integrity, accreditation is granted only to certification bodies operating under ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 standards.

- **Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems (ISO 45001)**
  - ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018 – Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 10: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of occupational health and safety management systems.

- **Food Safety Management Systems (ISO 22000)**
  - ISO 22003-1:2022 – Food safety management systems — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food safety management systems.
    - FSSC 22000
    - FAMI-QS

- **Energy Management Systems (ISO 50001)**
  - ISO 50003:2021 (ISO 50003:2014) – Energy management systems — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems.

- **Information Security Management Systems (ISO/IEC 27001)**
  - ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 – Information technology — Security techniques — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems.

- **Privacy Information Management Systems (ISO/IEC 27701)**
  - ISO/IEC 27701:2025 - Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection — Privacy information management systems — Requirements and guidance

- **Facility Management Systems (ISO 41001)**
  - ISO/IEC TS 17021-11:2018 – Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 11: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of facility management (FM) management systems.

- **Aerospace Quality Management Systems**
  - NABCB offers AQMS accreditation in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021-1 and AS 9104-1 for the Certification Bodies providing certifications to the industry in the Aviation, Space & Defense sectors. NABCB provides accreditation under AQMS scheme for the following certification standards:
    - AS 9100: Quality Management Systems – Requirements for Aviation, space & Defense Organizations
    - AS 9110: Quality Management Systems – Requirements for Aviation Maintenance Organizations
    - AS 9120: Quality Management Systems- Requirements for Aviation, Space and Defense Distributors

- **Information Technology Service Management Systems (ISO/IEC 20000-1)**
  - ISO/IEC 20000-6:2017 – Information technology — Service management — Part 6: Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of service management systems.

- **Road Traffic Safety Management Systems (ISO 39001)**
  - ISO/IEC TS 17021-7:2014 – Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 7: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of road traffic safety management systems.

- **Trustworthy Digital Repository Management Systems (ISO 16363)**
  - ISO/IEC 17021-1 – "Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems" and ISO 16919 – "Space data and information transfer systems — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of candidate trustworthy digital repositories".

- **Business Continuity Management Systems (ISO 22301)**
  - ISO/IEC TS 17021-6:2014 – Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 6: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of business continuity management systems.

- **Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ISO 37001)**
  - ISO/IEC TS 17021-9:2016 – Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 9: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of anti-bribery management systems.

- **Asset Management Systems (ISO 55001)**
  - ISO/IEC TS 17021-5:2014 – Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 5: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of asset management systems.

- **Artificial Intelligence Management Systems (ISO 42001)**
  - ISO/IEC 42006:2025 - Conformity assessment - Requirements for Bodies Providing Audit and Certification of Artificial Intelligence Management Systems

- **FSSC 24000**
  - FSSC 24000 Social Management System is a globally recognised certification scheme for demonstrating responsible social practices in organisations, based on the principles of ISO 26000 and aligned with internationally accepted labour and human rights conventions.

- **Product Certification**

NABCB provides accreditation to Product Certification Bodies as per requirements of International Standard ISO/IEC 17065:2012 “Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services”.

NABCB offers following Product Certification Schemes:

- **GLOBALG.A.P**
  - is a globally recognised farm assurance certification programme that promotes safe, sustainable, and responsible agricultural production across sectors such as crops, livestock, horticulture, and aquaculture.

- **Global Seafood Alliance (GSA)**
  - The Global Seafood Alliance (GSA) is an international non-governmental organization dedicated to advocacy, education and leadership in responsible aquaculture. GSA engages stakeholders worldwide who are dedicated to advancing environmentally and socially responsible aquaculture practices.

- **Brand Reputation through Compliance Global Standard (BRCGS)**
  - The Brand Reputation through Compliance Global Standard (BRCGS) develops standards and certification programme covering food safety, product quality, legality, authenticity and packaging assurance. It engages with government officials, policymakers, and regulators to represent the interests of the retail sector.

- **International Featured Standards (IFS)**
  - International Featured Standard (IFS) develops globally recognised product safety and quality standards and programs for companies within the food and consumer goods supply chain.

- **Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)**
  - PEFC, the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, is a worldwide organisation promoting sustainable forest management through forest certification and labelling of forest-based products. Products with a PEFC claim and/or label offer assurances that the raw materials that have been used in their manufacture originate from sustainably managed forests and Trees outside Forests (TOF) areas, recycled and controlled sources.

- **Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF)**
  - The Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests, is a registered society of experts, professionals, and stakeholders of natural resources, involved in developing Forest Certification scheme of India-specific and globally benchmarked sustainability standards.

- **Voluntary Certification Scheme for AYUSH Products**
  - The Voluntary Certification Scheme for Ayush Products is a certification program that focuses on ensuring the quality, safety, and efficacy of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (collectively known as Ayush) products.

- **India Good Agricultural Practices (IndG.A.P.)**
  - Indian Good Agricultural Practices is a certification scheme that focuses on promoting sustainable and safe agricultural practices in India. The IndG.A.P. provides a mechanism which gives direction to farms irrespective of size and resources to introduce quality in their production system to ensure food safety and hygiene thereby increasing acceptability of their produce by consumers and food processing industry.

- **IRF Trusted Mark**
  - The IRF Trusted Mark is a certification scheme designed to promote consumer confidence in retail businesses by ensuring high standards of customer-centric practices.

- **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)**
  - Certification scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) will ensure that the UAS meet applicable regulatory requirements and secure international acceptability. This product certification scheme is based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17067:2013 and covers the certification of UAS for the flying in visual line of sight, flying in day and night, and flying below 400 feet.

- **Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plant Produce (VCSMPP)**
  - Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plant Produce (VCSMPP) is a voluntary certification scheme for medicinal plants based on good agricultural and collection practices to enhance confidence in the quality of India's medicinal plant produce and make available good quality raw material to the AYUSH industry. The certification can be obtained for two levels i.e., Level 1 and Level 2 based on customer needs.

- **RMC Plant Certification Scheme (RMCPCS)**
  - RMC Plant Certification Scheme is an independent third-party voluntary certification system to assure quality in operations and processes of RMC Plants. The RMC Plants Certification Scheme has two options for certification, one being 'RMC Capability Certification' and other being 'RMC 9000+ Capability Certification', the latter ensuring compliance to the requirements of ISO 9001 also in addition to the QCI Scheme requirements.

- **i-CAS Halal**
  - The "India Conformity Assessment Scheme (i-CAS) – Halal" has been established by the Quality Council of India as a certification scheme for Halal products.

- **ICMED 13485 Plus**
  - ICMED 13485 Plus is a voluntary Indian certification scheme for medical devices that verifies their quality, safety, and efficacy, integrating quality management systems with product testing against specified standards.

- **Better Cotton Initiative**
  - The Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) is a global sustainability programme for cotton production, focused on improving environmental, social, and economic outcomes for cotton farmers and the cotton sector.

- **National Programme for Organic Production**
  - The National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, provides the regulatory framework for organic production, processing, certification and labelling.

- **ISCC CORSIA Sustainable Aviation Fuel**
  - The Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), established by the International Civil Aviation Organization, is a global market-based measure to address CO_2 emissions from international aviation, under which Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) must comply with defined sustainability criteria and lifecycle greenhouse gas emission reduction thresholds.

- **COSMOS Standard AISBL**
  - The COSMOS-Standard establishes requirements covering areas such as the sourcing and processing of ingredients, environmental sustainability, packaging, manufacturing processes, product composition and labelling. It is designed to provide consumers with confidence that products claiming to be natural or organic meet defined and independently verified requirements.

- **Leaf Marque**
  - LEAF Marque is an environmental assurance certification scheme developed by Linking Environment And Farming (LEAF) that recognises products from farms adopting more sustainable agricultural practices. Based on the principles of Integrated Farm Management (IFM), the scheme promotes responsible management of soil, water, biodiversity, energy and other farm resources, supporting environmental protection, efficient resource utilisation and continuous improvement in agricultural sustainability.

- **Ayush Mark**
  - The Ministry of Ayush, in collaboration with the Ayush Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL), is proud to announce the forthcoming Ayush Quality Mark Programme.The primary purpose of the Ayush Quality Mark is to establish a reliable stamp of quality and authenticity for specific categories of Ayush products and services, which meet global standards, positioning it as a trusted benchmark. This Mark will serve as a critical differentiator, building consumer confidence both domestically and internationally, and driving the entire sector towards world-class standards.

- **GOTS**
  - Global Standards brings together scientific expertise, independent verification, digital tools and global partnerships within an integrated framework to help businesses drive continuous improvement. Rather than addressing sustainability issues in isolation, its standards adopt a holistic approach by connecting environmental responsibility, social criteria, supply chain integrity and credible certification. This integrated system supports businesses in strengthening sustainability practices and promoting transparency and accountability across their operations and supply chains.

- **PEFC**
  - The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) promotes sustainable forest management through certification and chain-of-custody systems. The scheme focuses on responsible sourcing, traceability and sustainable forest-product supply chains, helping forest owners, manufacturers, traders and forest-product businesses demonstrate responsible sourcing practices and pursue credible sustainability certification to meet market expectations and support access to responsible sourcing markets.

• Personnel certification

NABCB provides accreditation to Personnel Certification Bodies (PrCBs) against ISO/IEC 17024:2026 – Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons, ensuring that certified individuals demonstrate competence in their respective fields. Accredited PrCBs maintain impartiality, confidentiality and security throughout the certification process. Accredited sectors include Project Management, NDT, Welding and Welding Inspection, Lifting and Crane Operations, HSE, Petroleum Retail Operations and Traditional Community Healthcare, covering diverse industrial and professional domains.

- **Validation and Verification**

NABCB grants accreditation to validation & verification bodies as per requirements of international standard ISO/IEC 17029:2019 “Conformity assessment — General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies”.

NABCB offers accreditation under various validation & verification schemes listed as follows:

- **Greenhouse Gases (ISO 14065)**
  - General principles and requirements for bodies validating and verifying environmental information. ISO 14065:2020 is a sector application of ISO/IEC 17029:2019, which contains general principles and requirements for the competence, consistent operation and impartiality of bodies performing validation/verification as conformity assessment activities.

- **Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)**
  - The Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) is a global program initiated by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. CORSIA aims to address and mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international aviation. CORSIA is a significant step towards reducing the environmental impact of international aviation and primarily relies on carbon offsetting as a means to compensate for the growth of international aviation emissions.

- **Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) - VERRA**
  - The Verified Carbon Standard (VCS), administered by Verra, is a widely used greenhouse gas (GHG) crediting programme for projects involving emission reductions and removals. The programme supports the quantification and verification of climate-related outcomes under its applicable methodologies and requirements.

- **Global Carbon Council (GCC)**
  - The Global Carbon Council (GCC) is a voluntary carbon offsetting program that aims to assist the organisations reduce their carbon footprints, help sectoral economy to diversify by adopting low-carbon pathways and catalyze climate actions on ground. GCC aims to support the organisations in implementing GHG reduction projects and measures; establish transparent and simple certification processes in accordance with international protocol for operationalization of carbon offsetting program.

- **Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS)**
  - The Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), notified by the MOEFCC and administered by Bureau of Energy Efficiency, establishes a national framework for the generation, issuance, and trading of carbon credits to support greenhouse gas emission reduction and climate mitigation objectives. Accreditation under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme forms a key component of the Indian Carbon Market, encompassing both Compliance Mechanism and Offset Mechanism, wherein validation and verification bodies operate in accordance with ISO/IEC 17029:2019 (Conformity assessment — General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies) and ISO 14065:2020 – (General principles and requirements for bodies validating and verifying environmental information) ensuring competent, impartial, and consistent validation and verification of emission reduction/removal/avoidance activities, credible carbon credit issuance, and integrity of the national carbon market mechanism.

- **Gold Standard**
  - Gold Standard supports climate and sustainable development projects that seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while delivering broader sustainable development benefits. Its standards provide a framework for assessing project outcomes and promoting environmental integrity, transparency and credible climate action.

Accreditation Benefits

- **Facilitating Global Trade**

Multilateral arrangements between national accreditation bodies support accreditation as an internationally recognised means of demonstrating conformity with agreed standards and requirements. These arrangements help build confidence in conformity assessment outcomes and support international trade.

- **Regulators and Government Organizations**

Regulators and government bodies require confidence in the products and services they regulate or approve. As accreditation demonstrates technical competence, regulators can rely on NABCB-accredited conformity assessment bodies where third-party conformity assessment is required.

- **Competitive Edge**

NABCB accreditation demonstrates credible evidence of conformance with national and international standards and regulations which supports the accredited organization to differentiate business from its competitors.

- **Harmonization of processes to bridge standards and conformity assessment**

Implementation of NABCB accreditation supports conformity assessment bodies in harmonization of their processes and implementation of standards. It also helps in continual improvements.

- **Risk Management and Higher level of Quality Assurance**

Conformity assessment bodies are assessed against applicable international standards, including requirements related to risk analysis. This helps support the consistent delivery of reliable services by accredited bodies.

- **Continual Improvement**

Periodic assessments help ensure the continued competence of accredited bodies and implementation of their management systems. Accreditation also helps expand the choice of goods and services available in the market and supports confidence in their quality and safety.

- **Confidence and Trust**

Government, Industry and Consumers recognize the credibility & reliability in use of NABCB accredited conformity assessment services as it provides level of trust, assurance to the product/processes.

Agraya Accreditation Body Meeting

NABCB participated in the 2026 Agraya Accreditation Body Meeting held in London in September 2026.

The annual meeting brought together representatives from Accreditation Bodies (ABs) for a one-day update and technical calibration session aimed at strengthening cooperation and alignment between Agraya and the international accreditation community.

The meeting included discussions on key updates to GLOBALG.A.P. standards, the 2025 Integrity and Annual Reports, and ongoing developments in relevant standards. The session also provided an opportunity for Accreditation Bodies to exchange technical perspectives and strengthen coordination with Agraya.

The meeting was organised in collaboration with IFS – International Featured Standards and BRCGS – Brand Reputation through Compliance Global Standards, with 30 representatives from 26 Accreditation Bodies.

Representing the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), Mr. Anand Deep Gupta and Mr. Jaimin Patel, Assistant Director, participated in the meeting.

The participation provided an opportunity for NABCB to engage with the international Accreditation Body community and remain informed of developments concerning GLOBALG.A.P. schemes, integrity activities, and emerging standards requirements.



MoU with Gold Standard Foundation

The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), Quality Council of India (QCI), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gold Standard Foundation, an internationally recognised scheme owner working towards climate security and sustainable development.

The MoU aims to strengthen cooperation in the areas of climate action, carbon markets and credible conformity assessment. The collaboration seeks to support greater confidence in validation and verification processes and climate-related claims.

With NABCB's accreditation activities covering Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs), this partnership marks another step towards strengthening international cooperation and promoting the integrity, transparency and credibility of climate action.

Through this collaboration, NABCB continues to support confidence in validation and verification activities that contribute to credible climate action and sustainable development.



NABCB Transition Policy for ISO/IEC 17024:2026

The transition to ISO/IEC 17024:2026 – Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons establishes the requirements for Personnel Certification Bodies (PrCBs) to transition to the revised standard.

NABCB has issued its Policy for Transition from ISO/IEC 17024:2012 to ISO/IEC 17024:2026 to facilitate the transition of NABCB-accredited and applicant Personnel Certification Bodies. As part of the accreditation criteria, Personnel Certification Bodies shall adopt NABCB 211 – Accreditation Criteria for Personnel Certification Bodies and demonstrate conformity with ISO/IEC 17024:2026 and other applicable standards.

As per the transition arrangements, the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) has established a 36-month transition period, from 31 March 2026 to 31 March 2029. NABCB will be ready to conduct assessments and accept new applications against ISO/IEC 17024:2026 from 1 January 2027. Personnel Certification Bodies are required to submit their transition plans, self-declarations and supporting documents by 30 June 2027, with their transitions to be completed by 30 June 2028. The transition of certified personnel is to be completed by 31 December 2028.

The NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO/IEC 17024:2026 is available on the NABCB website under Publications → Policies → Transition Policies.
Please visit the website for:
NABCB Policy for Transition from ISO/IEC 17024:2026

NABCB Transition Policy for ISO 9001:2026

NABCB has issued its Policy on Transition from ISO 9001:2015, including Amendment 1:2024, to ISO 9001:2026 to facilitate the transition of NABCB-accredited and applicant Certification Bodies (CBs) to the revised Quality Management System (QMS) standard.

As part of the accreditation criteria, Certification Bodies shall adopt NABCB 201 – Accreditation Criteria for Quality Management System. Assessments will be conducted in accordance with ISO 9001:2026 and other applicable standards for bodies providing certification.

As per the transition arrangements established by the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI), the transition period spans 30 September 2026 to 30 September 2029. NABCB will be ready to conduct assessments and accept new accreditation applications against ISO 9001:2026 from 1 November 2026. Certification Bodies are required to submit their transition plans, self-declarations (Annex A) and supporting documents by 31 December 2026, with their transitions to be completed by 31 July 2027.

Certification Bodies shall issue new initial certifications only against ISO 9001:2026 after 31 March 2028. The transition of certified clients, including the issuance of revised certificates, must be completed by 30 September 2028, in accordance with the policy.

The NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO 9001:2026 is available on the NABCB website under Publications → Policies → Transition Policies.
Please visit the website for:
NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO 9001:2026.

New Business Opportunities with NABCB

Product certification is evolving across sectors — from sustainable agriculture and food safety to organic cosmetics, textiles and responsible supply chains. NABCB-accredited CABs can explore opportunities to expand their accreditation portfolio and respond to emerging market and regulatory needs.

SCOPE EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES

Certification Scheme	Sector	Key Areas Covered	Opportunities for Certification Bodies
ISCC CORSIA	Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) and Renewable Fuels	Sustainable feedstock sourcing, traceability, GHG emissions, lifecycle assessment, chain of custody and CORSIA sustainability requirements	Enter the growing market for SAF sustainability certification, supporting fuel producers, suppliers and aviation stakeholders in meeting international sustainability and decarbonisation requirements.
PEFC	Sustainable Forestry and Forest Products	Sustainable forest management, chain of custody, responsible sourcing, traceability and sustainable forest-product supply chains	Support forest owners, manufacturers, traders and forest-product businesses seeking credible sustainability and chain-of-custody certification and access to responsible sourcing markets.

Certification Scheme	Sector	Key Areas Covered	Opportunities for Certification Bodies
AYUSH Mark	AYUSH and Traditional Medicine Products	Product quality, safety, manufacturing practices, raw material controls, testing and compliance with AYUSH Mark requirements	Enter the growing market for quality and safety certification of AYUSH products, supporting manufacturers in strengthening consumer confidence and accessing domestic and international markets.
VCSMPP	Medicinal Plants and Sustainable Agricultural Practices	Good Agricultural Practices, Good Field Collection Practices, cultivation, collection, harvesting, post-harvest handling, traceability and quality of medicinal plants	Support medicinal-plant growers, collectors and producer groups seeking recognised quality and sustainability certification and stronger linkages with the AYUSH and herbal-product supply chains.
UAS	Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)	Product safety, conformity assessment, design and manufacturing requirements, testing, quality and regulatory compliance	Enter the emerging drone and UAS certification market, supporting manufacturers and organisations seeking conformity, safety assurance and access to expanding domestic and international markets.

Certification Scheme	Sector	Key Areas Covered	Opportunities for Certification Bodies
ISA Secure	Industrial Automation and Operational Technology Cybersecurity	Industrial automation and control systems, cybersecurity, ISA/IEC 62443 requirements, product security, system security and secure development processes	Enter the growing industrial cybersecurity certification market, supporting manufacturers, system integrators and critical-infrastructure organisations in demonstrating cybersecurity assurance and resilience.
ICMED Plus	Medical Devices and Healthcare Products	Quality management systems, product quality, safety, performance, testing, manufacturing controls and applicable medical-device standards	Support medical-device manufacturers seeking credible quality and product certification, strengthening market confidence and facilitating access to domestic and international healthcare markets.

New Accreditations Granted in September 2026

S. NO	NAME OF THE CAB	SCHEME
1.	QIC Protech Pvt. Ltd	Inspection Body
2.	COAE International Pvt. Ltd.	Information Security Management System
3.	Pacific Certification Pvt. Ltd.	Inspection Body
4.	Credenza Certs India Pvt. Ltd	Quality Management System
5.	Alluring Safety Spark Pvt. Ltd.	Food Safety Management System
6.	Qmark International Certifications Private Limited	Product Certification Body
7.	MS Certification Services Private Limited	Product Certification Body
8.	4k Earth Science Private Limited. (4ESPL)	Validation/Verification Body
9.	AQMA Cert Pvt. Ltd.	Prodcut Certification Body

Guidance on the Use of NABCB Accreditation Symbol, IAF MLA Mark & ILAC MRA Mark

NABCB 010 – May 2026 sets out the conditions for using the NABCB Accreditation Symbol, making other claims of accreditation, and using the IAF MLA Mark and ILAC MRA Mark.

The NABCB Accreditation Symbol identifies an accredited Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) and consists of the NABCB logo together with the CAB's unique accreditation number. The approved proportions and colour combinations are specified by NABCB.

The use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol is mandatory for all NABCB-accredited CABs on their certificates. Where applicable, accredited Certification Bodies and Validation/Verification Bodies may use the Combined IAF MLA Mark, while accredited Inspection Bodies may use the Combined ILAC MRA Mark, subject to a formal agreement with NABCB and the applicable IAF/ILAC requirements.

NABCB LOGO



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NABCB SYMBOL



USE BY ACCREDITED CABs ONLY

Who can Use the NABCB Accreditation Symbol:

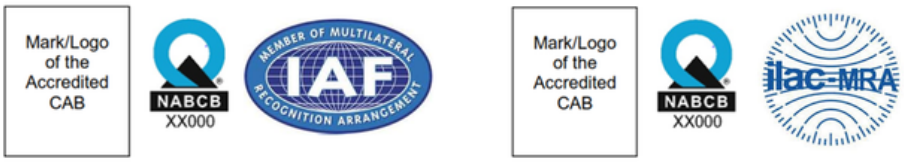
MARK/SYMBOL	NABCB	NABCB-Accredited CABs	Client Organizations of Accredited CABs
NABCB Logo	✓ Permitted	✗ Not Permitted	✗ Not Permitted
NABCB Accreditation Symbol	✓ Permitted	✓ Permitted (with accreditation number and CAB logo)	✓ Permitted only if authorized and under CAB control
Combined IAF MLA / ILAC MRA Marks	✓ Permitted	✓ Permitted (as applicable and under agreement)	✗ Not Permitted

Control and Responsibility

ASPECT	REQUIREMENT
Responsibility	*The NABCB-accredited Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) is fully responsible for the correct and authorized use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol.*
Control of Client Use	*Any permitted use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol by client organizations shall be allowed only under the control and supervision of the NABCB-accredited CAB.*

ASPECT	REQUIREMENT
Scope Limitation	*The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall be used only for accredited scopes and locations covered under the CAB's accreditation.*
Prevention of Misuse	*The accredited CAB shall take reasonable actions to prevent misleading, incorrect, or unauthorized use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol by itself or its client organizations.*
Corrective Action	*In case of misuse, the accredited CAB shall take appropriate corrective action and, where necessary, withdraw authorisation for the improper use of the symbol.*
Non-Compliance	*Failure to control or prevent misuse of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol may result in corrective action, suspension, or withdrawal of accreditation.*

The accredited CAB may reproduce the NABCB Accreditation Symbol and, where applicable, the Combined IAF MLA Mark or ILAC MRA Mark only in conjunction with its own logo/mark on certificates, reports, stationery and literature associated with its accredited activities and scopes, subject to the conditions specified in NABCB 010 – May 2026.



Permitted representation of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol used in combination with the IAF MLA Mark or the ILAC MRA Mark by accredited CABs, as applicable

Prohibited Use of NABCB Accreditation Symbol

AREA / MEDIUM	RESTRICTION
Products and Product Packaging	*The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be used on products, product packaging, labels, or any material that may imply product approval.*
Management Systems Certification	*The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be used in any manner that suggests certification or approval of a product, process, or service.*
Vehicles	*The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be displayed on vehicles, except as part of a large publicity advertisement.*
Buildings and Flags	*The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be displayed on buildings or flags under any circumstances.*
Visiting Cards	*Use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol on visiting cards is not permitted.*
Misleading Representation	*The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be used in any way that misleads the reader about the accredited status of the CAB or its client organization.*

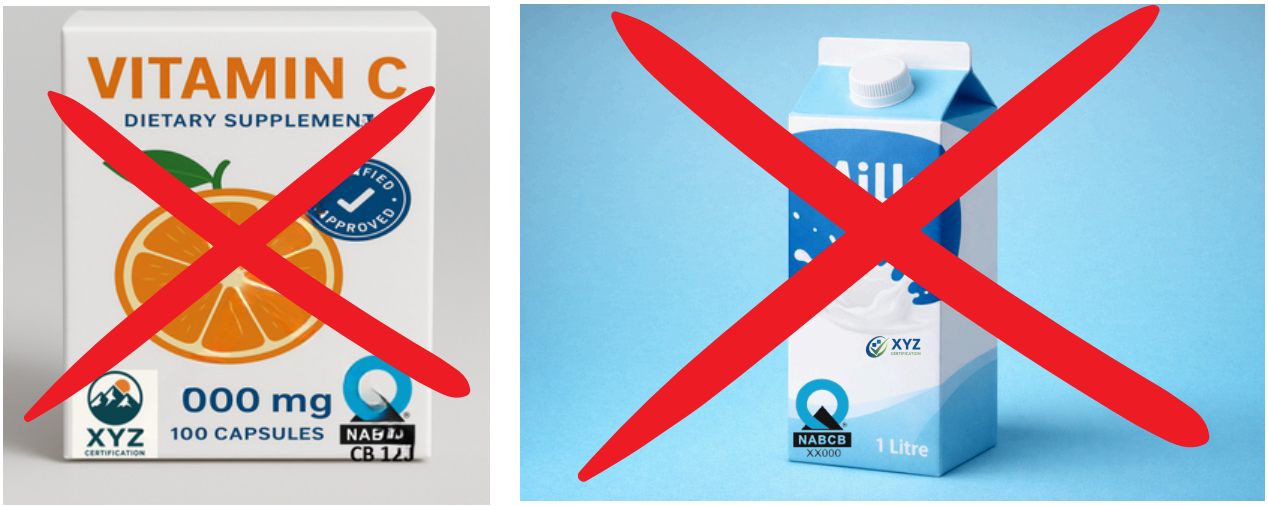
Use of IAF MLA/ILAC MRA Mark

MARK	PERMITTED USE CONDITIONS
IAF MLA Mark	*The IAF MLA Mark may be used only by NABCB-accredited Certification Bodies and Validation/Verification Bodies, in combination with the NABCB Accreditation Symbol, and strictly in accordance with the terms of the agreement signed with NABCB.*

ILAC MRA Mark	*The ILAC MRA Mark may be used only by NABCB-accredited Inspection Bodies, in combination with the NABCB Accreditation Symbol, and strictly in accordance with the agreement signed with NABCB.*
Use by Client Organizations	*Client organizations of NABCB-accredited CABs shall not use the IAF MLA Mark or the ILAC MRA Mark under any circumstances.*

Product vs Management System Certification

CERTIFICATION TYPE	SYMBOL USAGE RULE
Management Systems Certification	*Neither the Certification Body's Symbol nor the Accreditation Body's Symbol shall be used on products, packaging, or labels.*
Product Certification	*The Certification Body may authorize use of its own product conformity mark. Use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol on products is not permitted.*



Use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol on products or product packaging is NOT permitted.





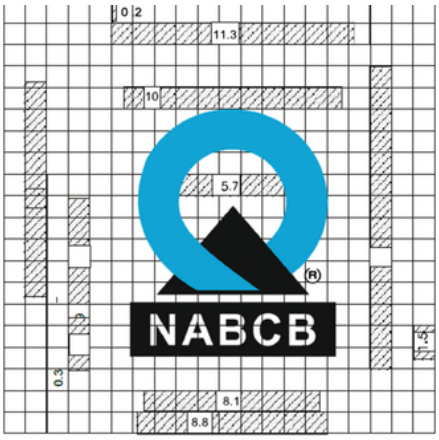
Use of NABCB Accreditation Symbol, IAF MLA Mark, or ILAC MRA Mark on visiting cards is NOT permitted.

Content, Size and Reproduction of NABCB Accreditation Symbol and IAF MLA Mark or ILAC MRA Mark

The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall be reproduced in accordance with the approved design specifications, proportions and colour combinations specified in Appendix A of NABCB 010. The NABCB logo shall not normally be reduced below 15 × 12 mm. Where space limitations require a smaller reproduction, the logo must remain legible, with no infilling of spaces or letters.

Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) shall reproduce the NABCB Accreditation Symbol along with the correct accreditation number, which shall be displayed below the NABCB logo. The accreditation number is an integral part of the symbol and shall always be shown correctly.

The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be reproduced by client organizations on its own. The symbol shall be reproduced from the master supplied by NABCB. Redrawn versions must not be used. Any permitted use by a client organization shall be only in conjunction with the logo/mark of the NABCB-accredited CAB and under the control and authorization of the accredited CAB.



Font: Arial True type (bold)
Colour: Circle - Cyan 80% Magenta 30% Triangle and Outline - Black 100%.

Black & White: Circle - Black 40%
Triangle and Outline Black 100%

The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall be printed only in the approved colour combinations or in the grey-black version, as specified in the applicable Appendix. No other colour variations or modifications are permitted.

Where applicable, the Combined IAF MLA Mark or ILAC MRA Mark may be used by accredited CABs only under a formal agreement with NABCB. These international marks shall be reproduced and used strictly in accordance with the latest versions of IAF ML 2 and ILAC R7, respectively, and the specific conditions stipulated in the agreement signed with NABCB.

Action on Suspension or Withdrawal

Upon suspension of accreditation, the accredited CAB shall immediately cease using the NABCB Accreditation Symbol, the applicable IAF MLA Mark or ILAC MRA Mark, and the Scheme Owner Mark/Logo on its certificates, stationery and other relevant publicity material. Such use may resume only after NABCB formally revokes the suspension.

Upon termination of accreditation due to non-renewal or withdrawal, the CAB shall immediately cease using the relevant marks and logos on its certificates, stationery and other publicity material, and discontinue any reference to its accredited status.

IAF CertSearch: Verification of Accredited Certifications

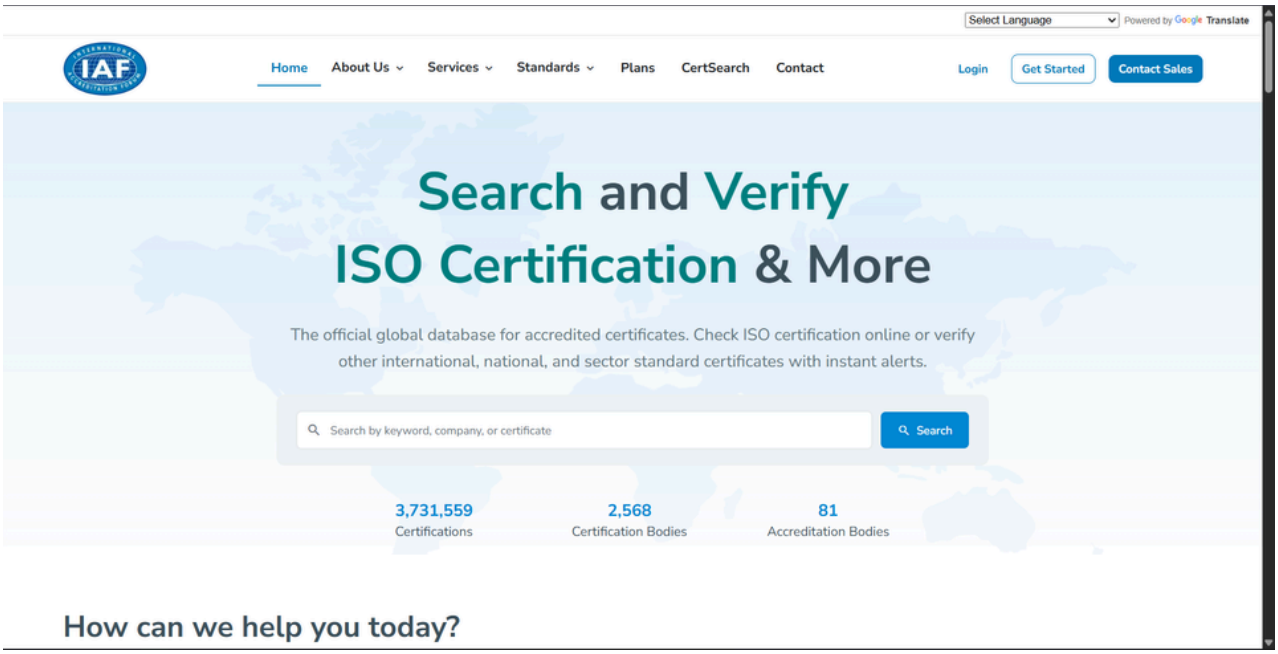
Verify. Validate. Build Confidence.

IAF CertSearch is a global database designed to verify accredited management system certifications and provide information about certified organisations, Certification Bodies (CBs) and Accreditation Bodies (ABs). It helps users check certification status and review the details associated with a certificate.

Step 1: Visit IAF CertSearch

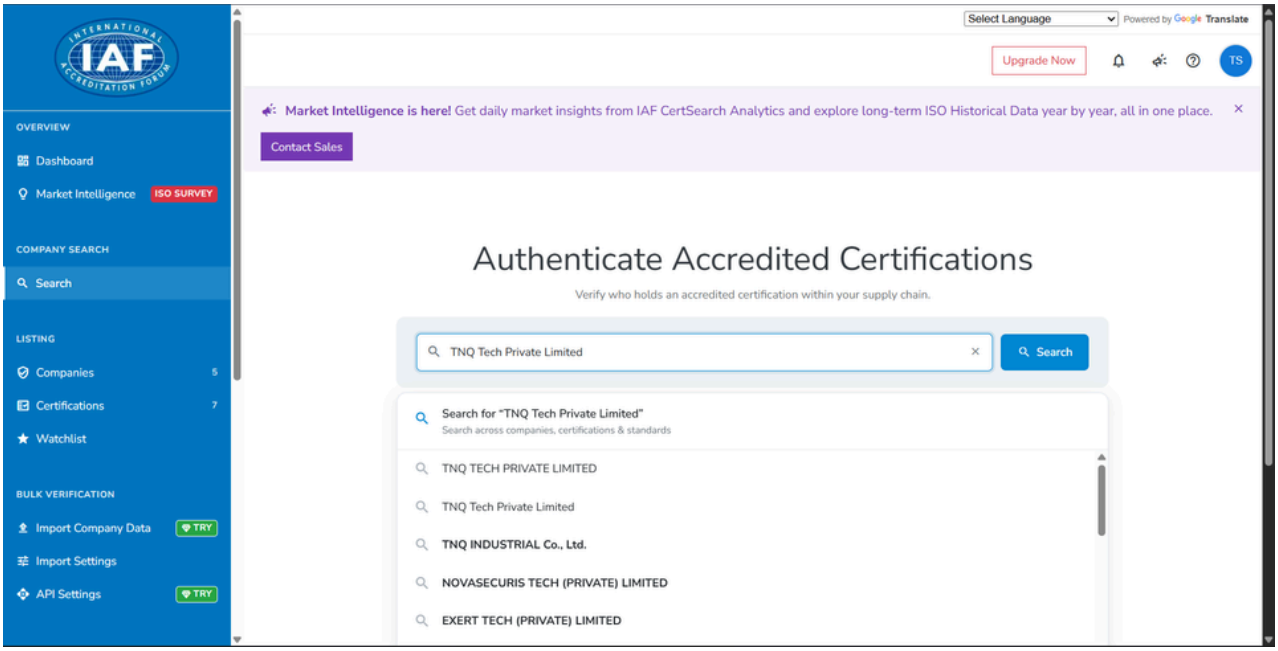
Visit the official website: https://www.iafcertsearch.org/

The homepage provides access to the search facility, enabling users to look up certification information.



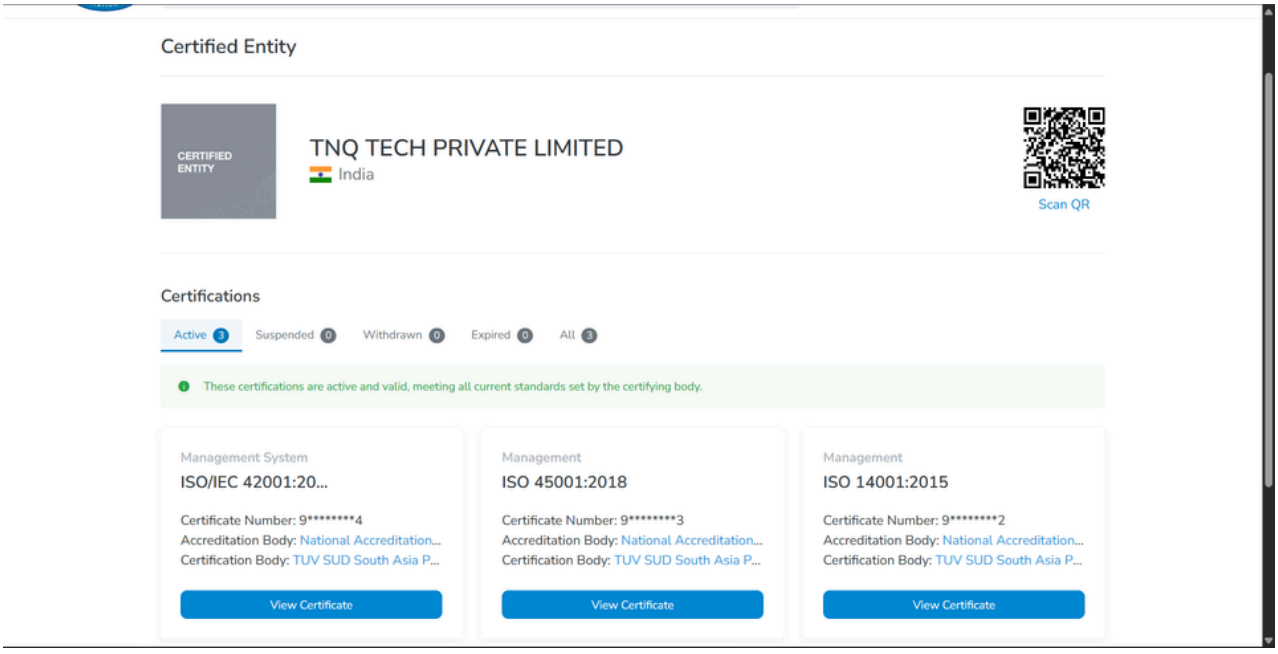
Step 2: Search for an Organisation or Certificate

Enter the organisation's name or certificate number in the search field. Select the relevant organisation from the search results to view its certification information. Searching by certificate number can take users directly to the corresponding certificate record.



Step 3: Review the Certification Details

Open the relevant certificate record and review the available information, including the certified organisation's name, applicable standard, certification scope, certification status, issuing Certification Body and associated Accreditation Body.



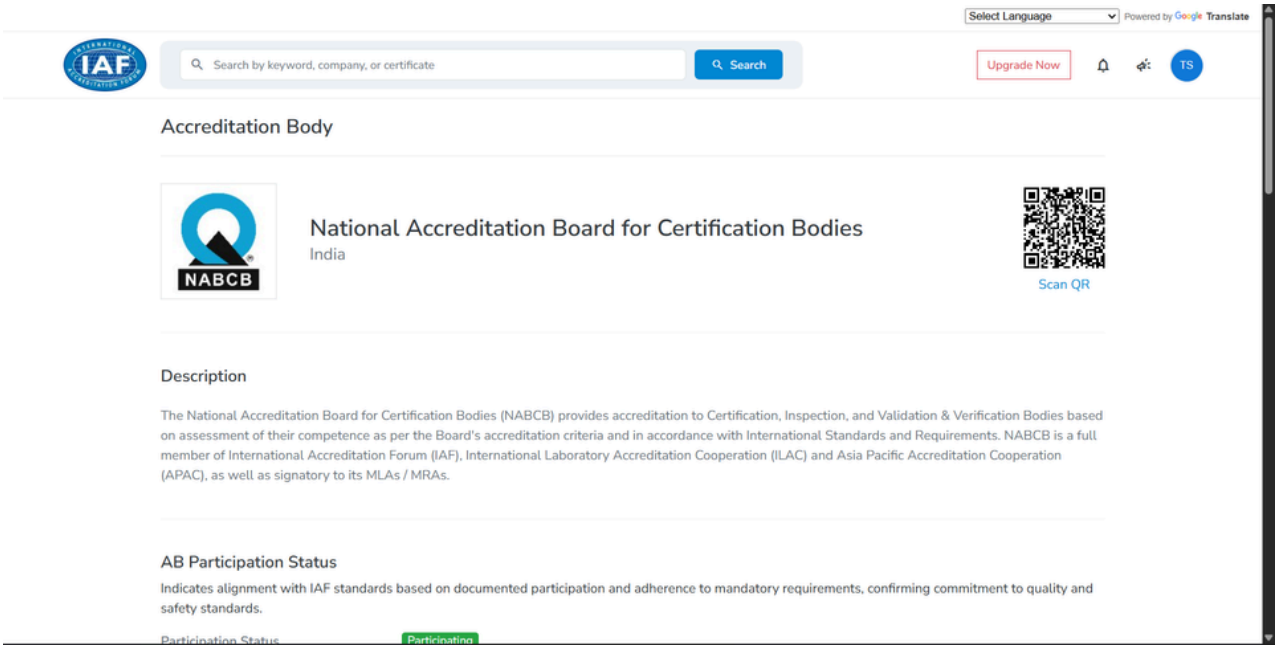
Step 4: Check the Certificate Status

Review the status displayed in the database to understand the current standing of the certification:

- **Active**: The certification is currently valid.
- **Suspended**: The issuing Certification Body has suspended the certificate.
- **Withdrawn**: The certificate has been withdrawn by the Certification Body.
- **Expired**: The certificate has reached its expiry date without renewal.

Step 5: Review Certification and Accreditation Body Information

Users can also consult the available profiles of Certification Bodies and Accreditation Bodies to review their details and related accreditation information. This helps establish the connection between the certified organisation, the issuing Certification Body and the associated Accreditation Body.



Important Note

IAF CertSearch primarily covers accredited management system certifications. If a certificate cannot be located, this does not automatically mean that it is invalid. The certificate may not have been uploaded, may be restricted from public view or may have been removed from the database. Contact the issuing Certification Body to confirm its status when necessary.

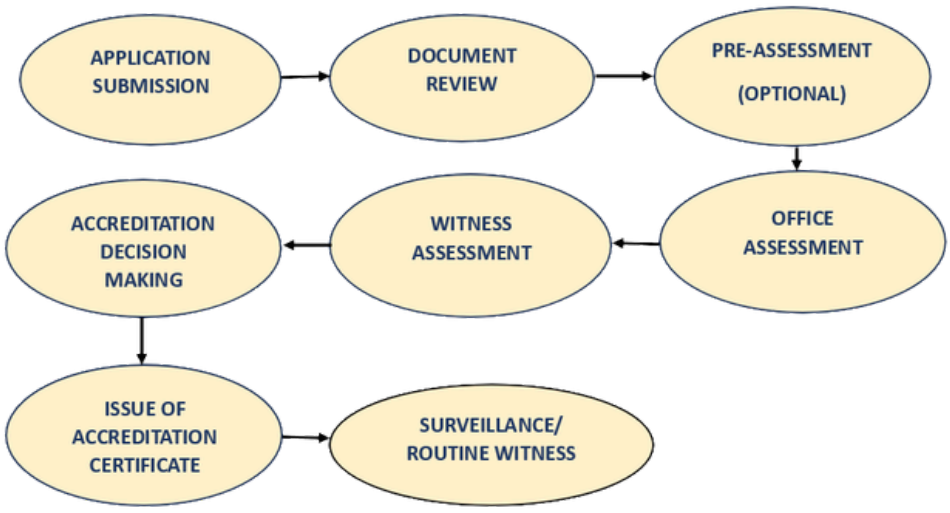
Access the database: www.iafcertsearch.org

Accreditation Process

The NABCB accreditation process follows a structured, multi-stage evaluation framework designed to ensure that Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) operate competently, consistently, and impartially. The sequence of activities—from application to accreditation decision—ensures that each CAB is rigorously assessed before approval and continuously monitored throughout the Accreditation cycle.

The application and process tracking are managed through NABCB's online portal, providing a streamlined, transparent, and accessible interface for applicants to submit documents, track progress, and communicate with the accreditation team.

For Portal Registration: https://nabcbportal.qci.org.in



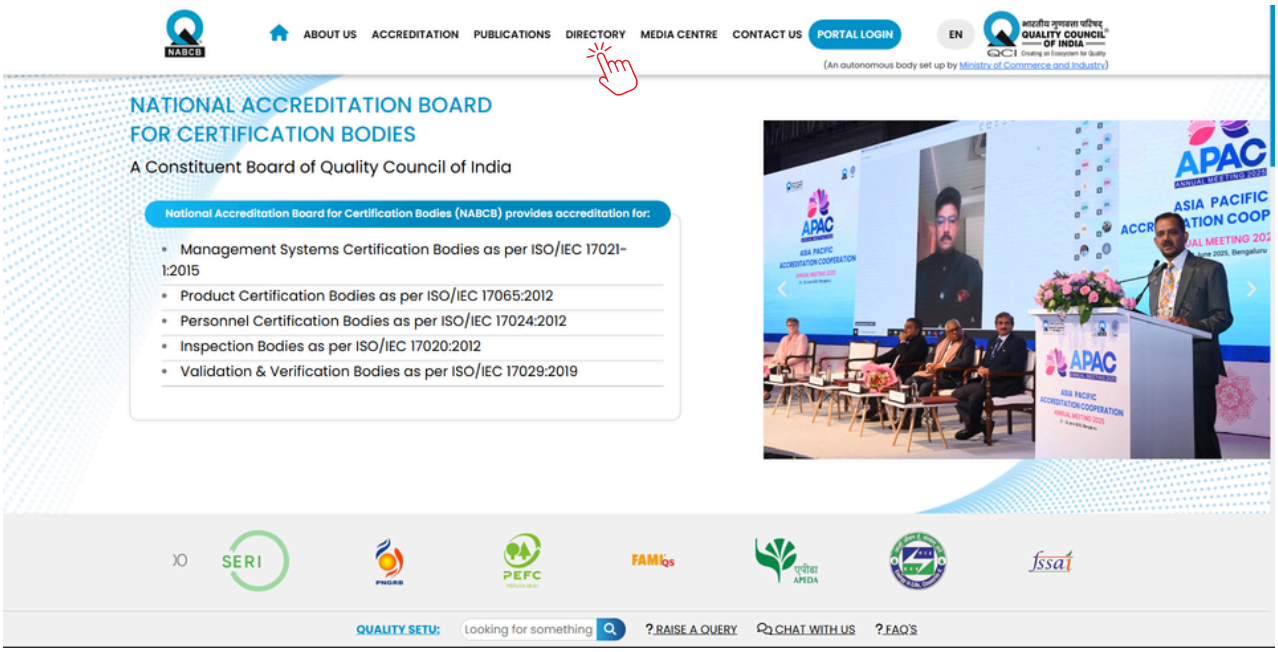
Flow chart of Accreditation Process

How to Find an Accredited Conformity Assessment Body

NABCB provides an online directory to help users find and verify Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) accredited under its various schemes, including Certification Bodies, Inspection Bodies, Product Certification Bodies, Personnel Certification Bodies, and Validation and Verification Bodies.

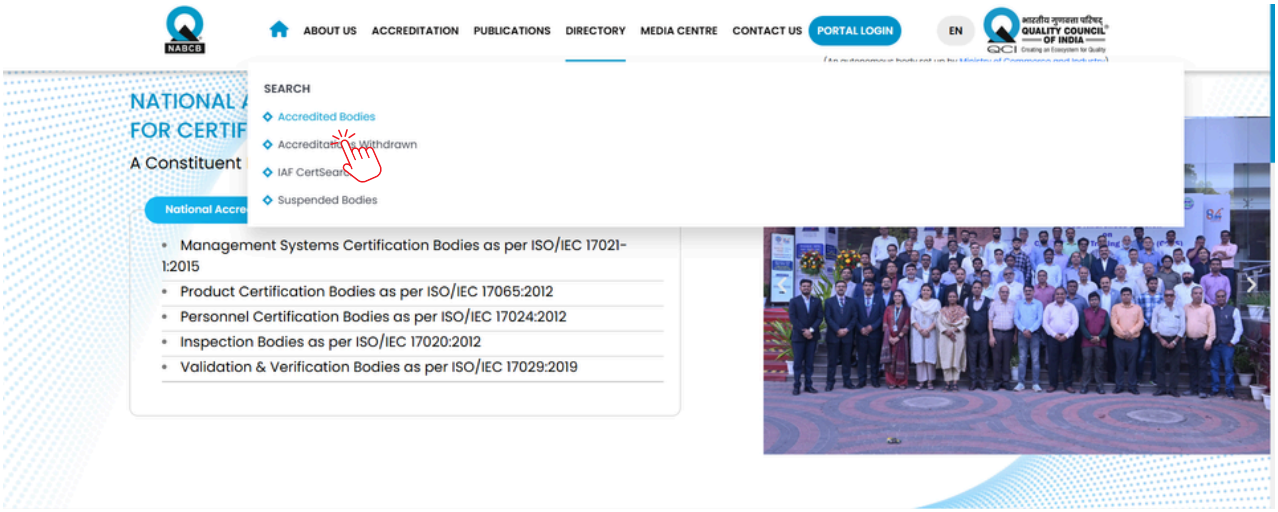
Step 1: Visit the NABCB Website

Visit https://nabcb.qci.org.in/ and click on Directory in the main navigation menu.



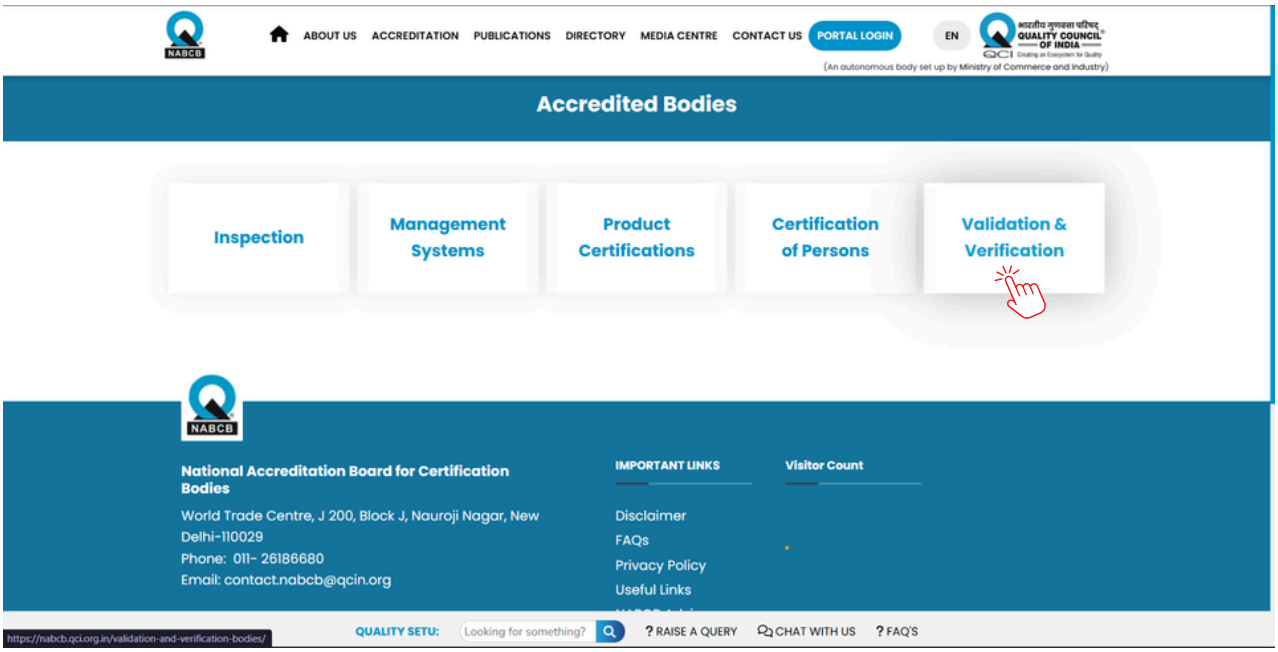
Step 2: Select "Accredited Bodies"

Under the Directory menu, select Accredited Bodies to access the categories of CABs accredited by NABCB.



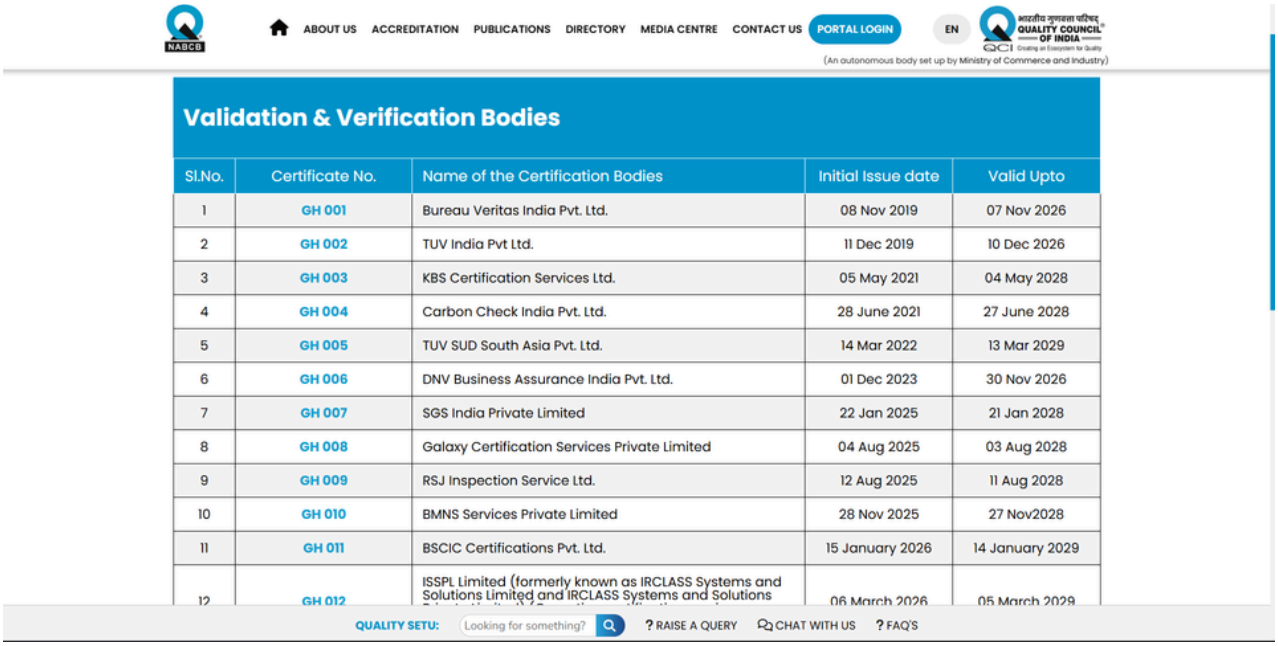
Step 3: Select the Relevant Category and Scheme

Choose the appropriate category, such as Management Systems, Inspection, Product Certification, Certification of Persons, or Validation and Verification.



Step 4: View the CAB Details

Select the relevant CAB from the directory to access the available details, such as its name, contact information, accreditation reference and validity dates. Check the relevant scheme and accredited scope before relying on its accreditation status.

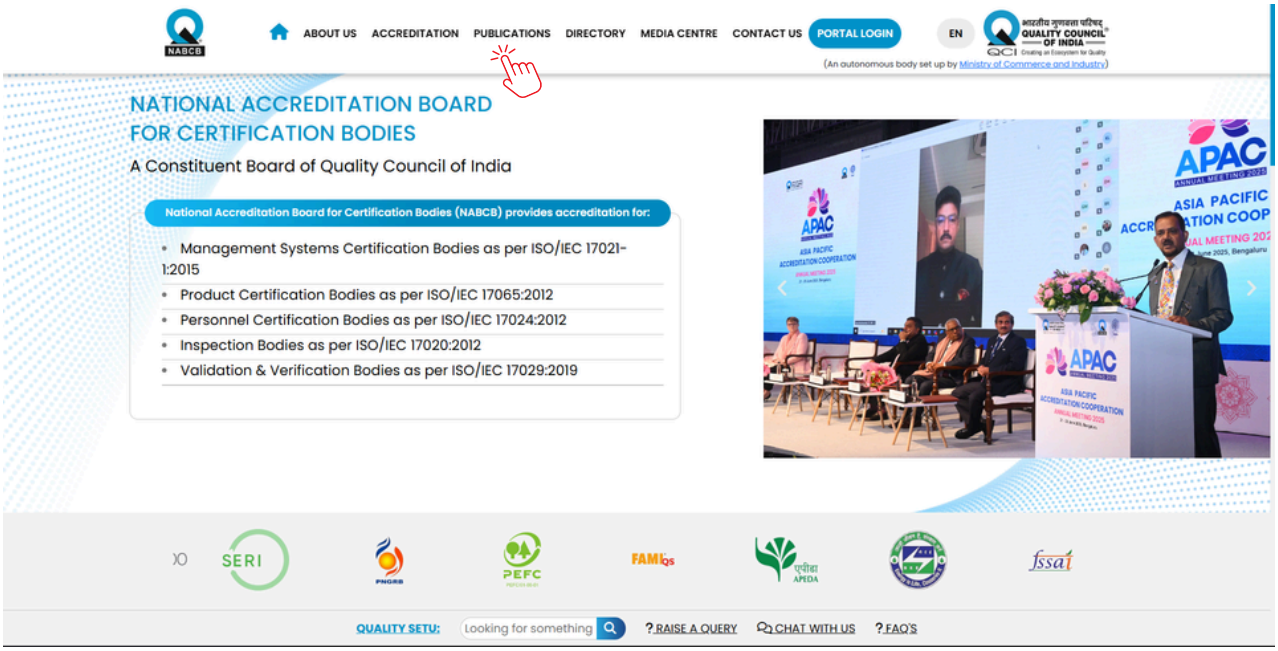


How to Access Scheme Documents on the NABCB Website

NABCB publishes scheme documents to provide information on accreditation criteria, procedures and applicable requirements for Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs). These documents are available through the Publications section of the NABCB website.

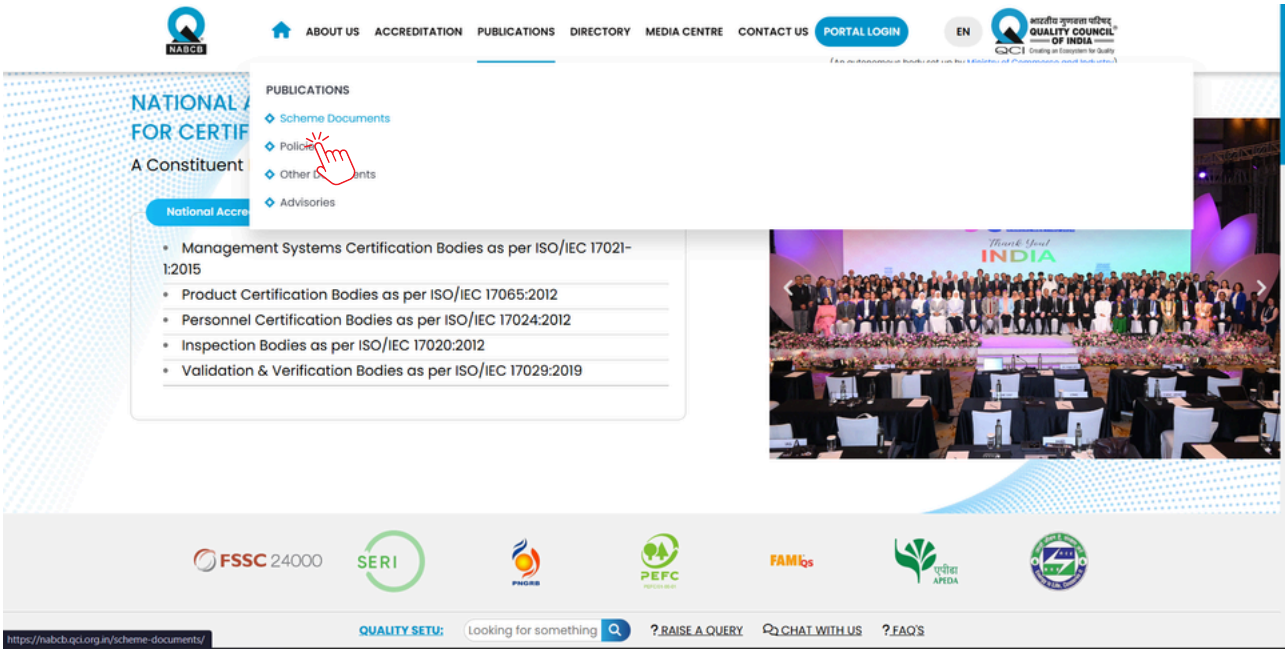
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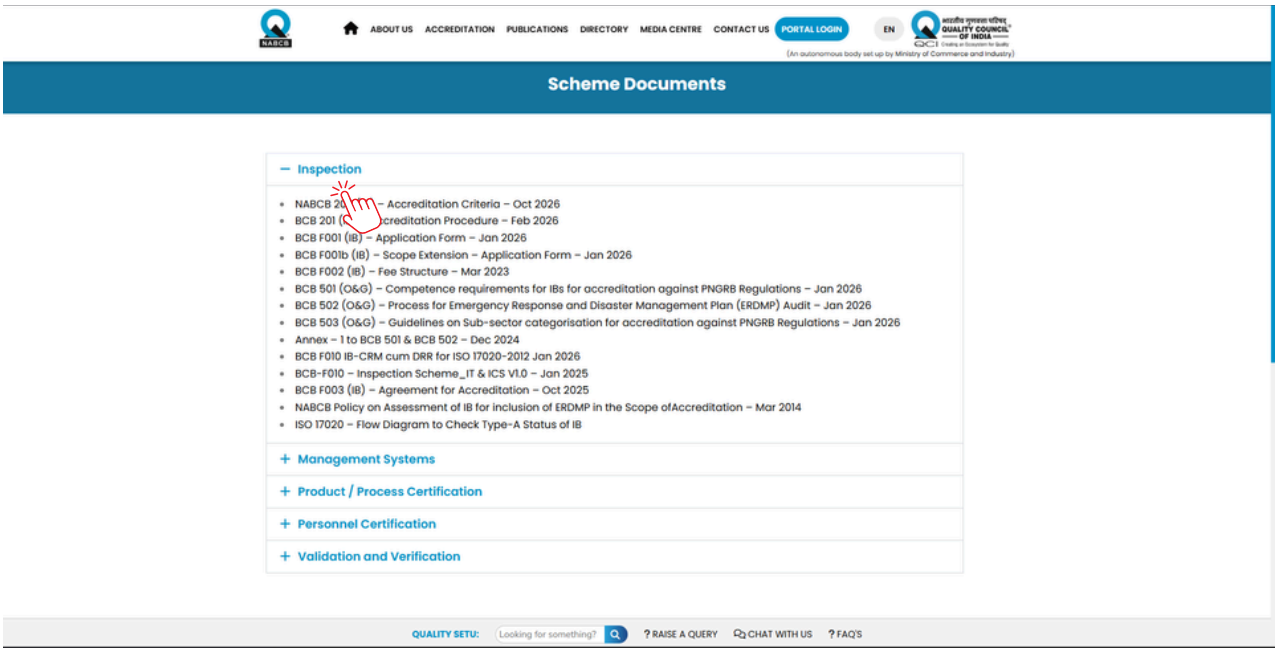
Under the Publications menu, click on Scheme Documents to access the available accreditation scheme documents.



Step 3: Choose the Relevant Accreditation Category

On the Scheme Documents page, select the relevant category to view the associated documents. The available categories include:

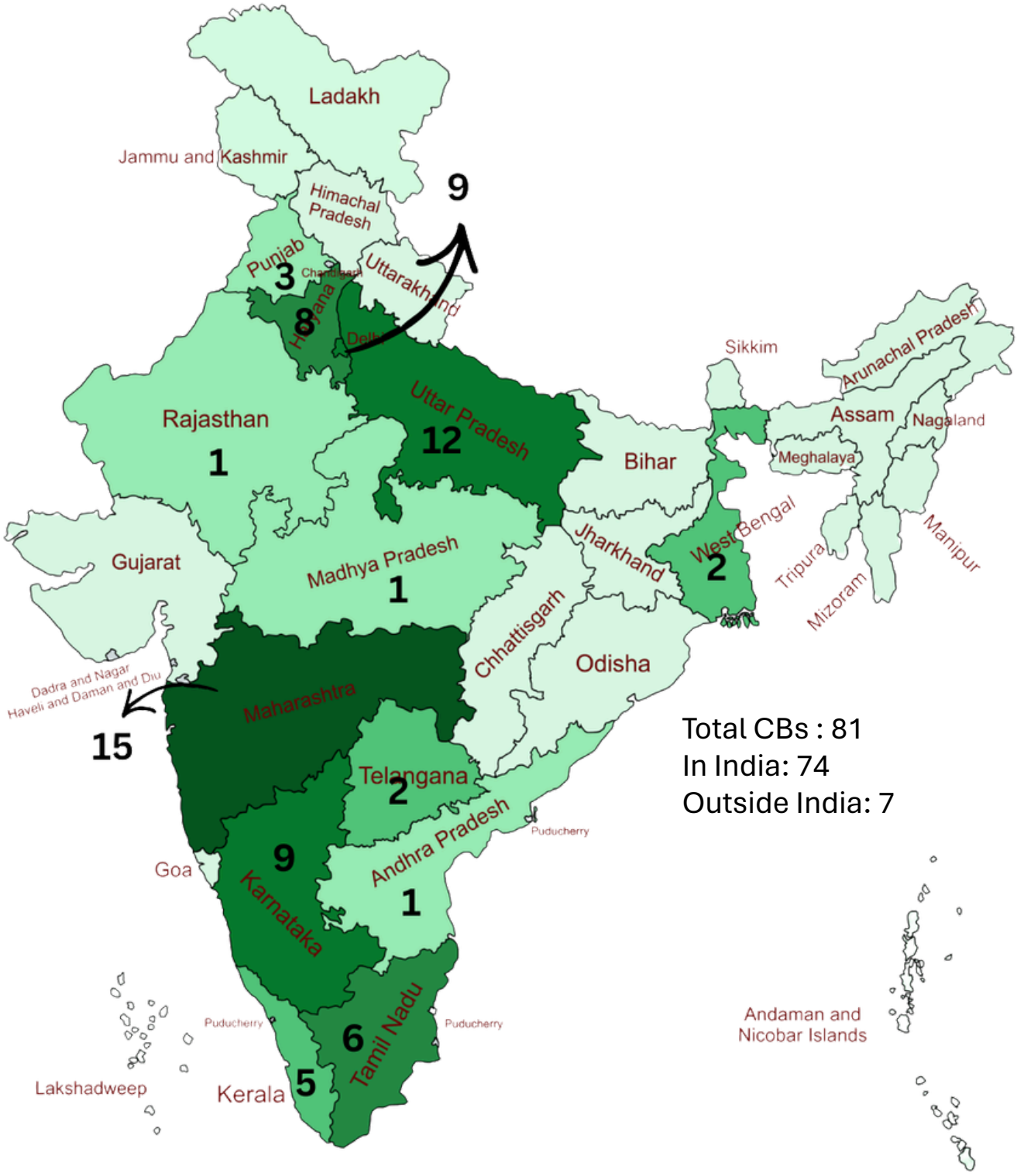
- Inspection
- Management Systems
- Product / Process Certification
- Personnel Certification
- Validation and Verification



Accredited Certification Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Certification Bodies

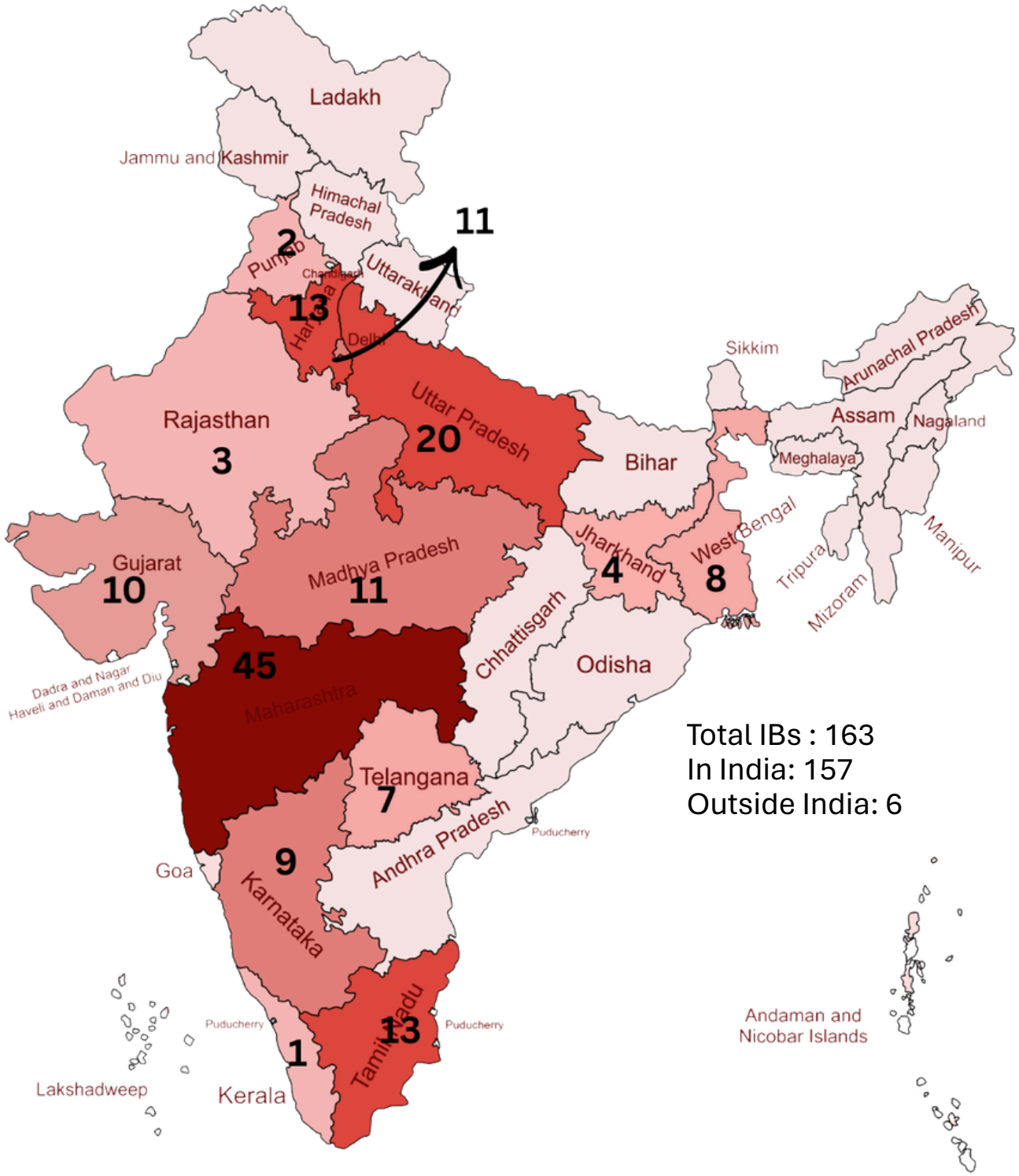
The map below illustrates the nationwide presence of NABCB-Accredited Certification Bodies (CBs) across India.



Accredited Inspection Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Inspection Bodies

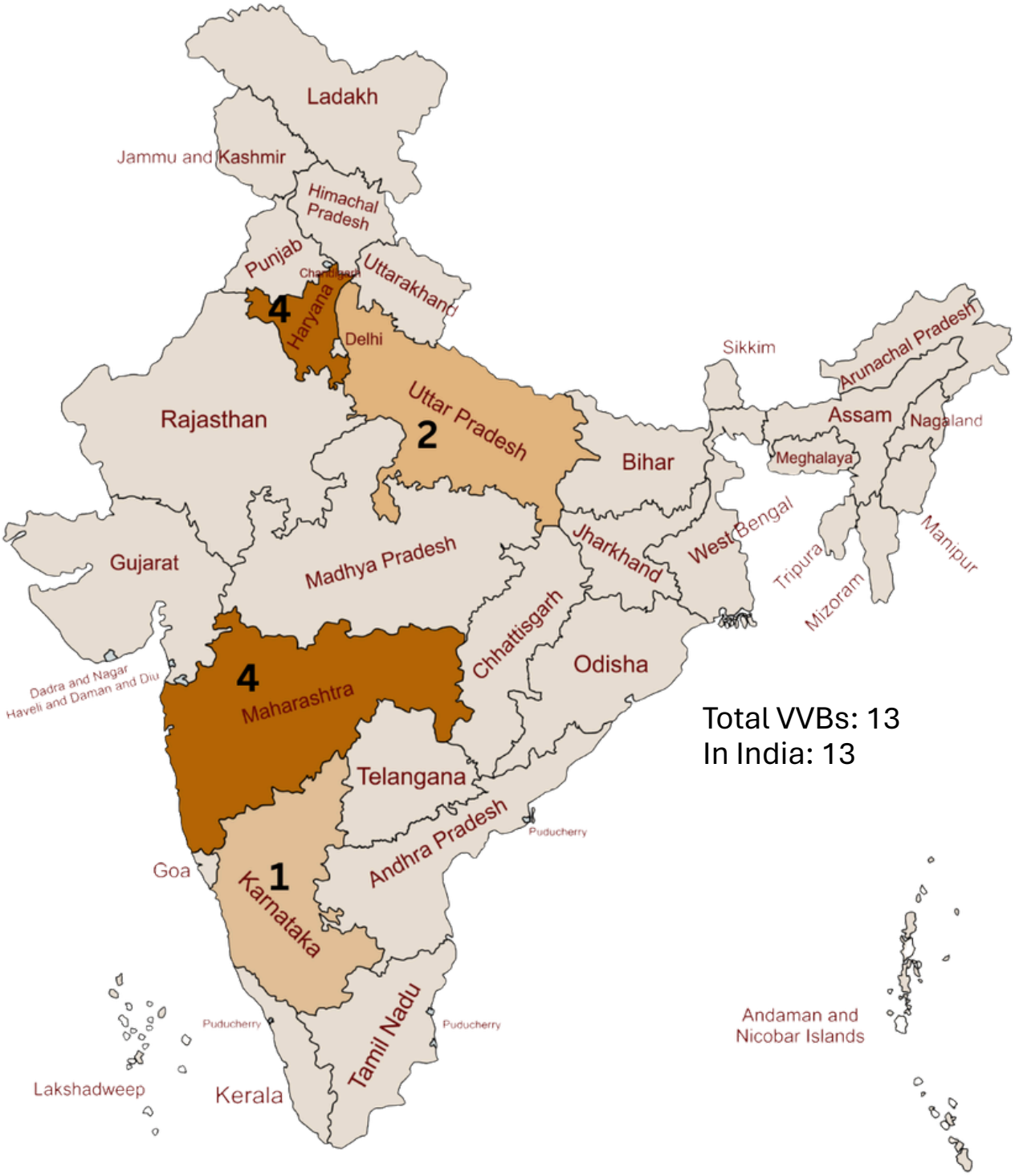
The map below presents the state-wise presence of NABCB-Accredited Inspection Bodies (IBs) across India, highlighting their distribution and operational reach.



Accredited Validation & Verification Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Validation & Verification Bodies (VVBs)

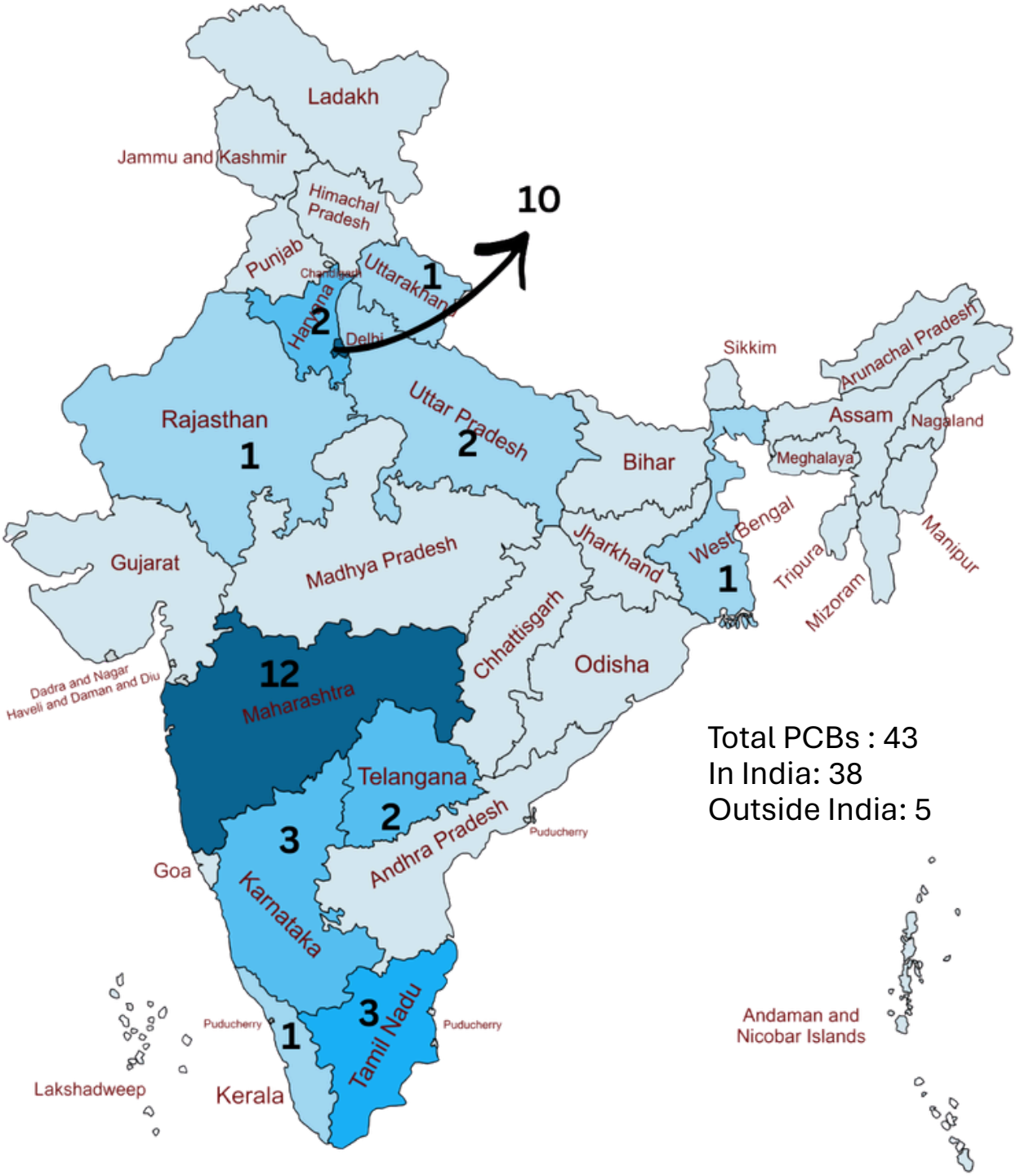
The map below displays the state-wise presence of NABCB-Accredited Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs) across India.



Accredited Product Certification Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Product Certification Bodies (PCBs)

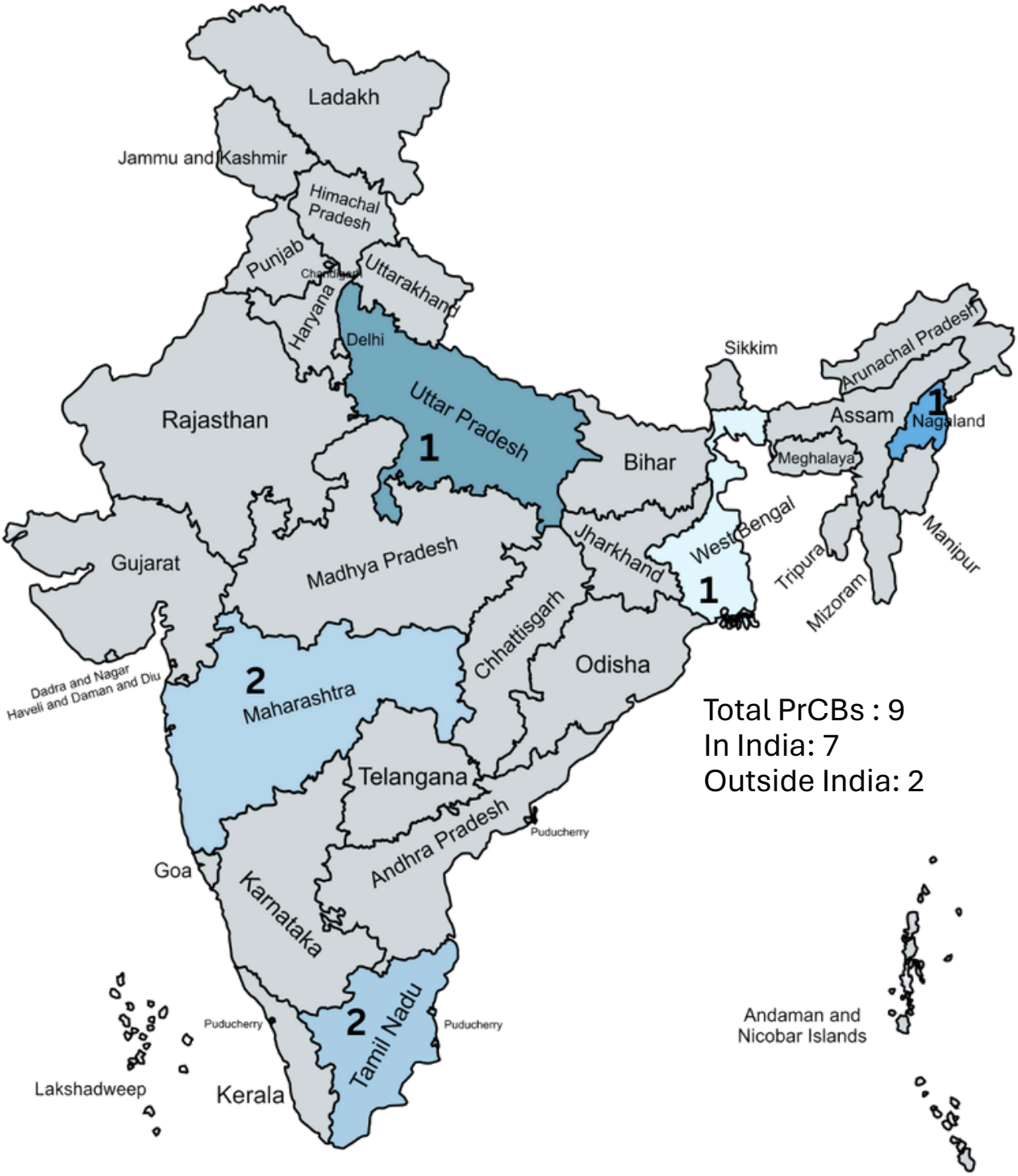
The map below displays the state-wise presence of NABCB-Accredited Product Certification Bodies (PCB) across India.



Accredited Personnel Certification Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Personnel Certification Bodies (PrCBs)

The map below displays the state-wise presence of NABCB-Accredited Personnel Certification Bodies (PrCB) across India.



Scheme in Spotlight: Key Accreditation Opportunities

LEAF Marque – Sustainable Agriculture through Product Certification

LEAF Marque is a global environmental assurance scheme developed by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) that recognises products from farms adopting more sustainable agricultural practices. Based on the principles of Integrated Farm Management (IFM), the scheme promotes a whole-farm approach to sustainable food production, encouraging responsible management of soil, water, biodiversity, energy and other agricultural resources. The LEAF Marque Standard v17.0, effective from 5 May 2026, provides the framework for assessing farming practices and environmental performance. Certification involves independent verification against the applicable standard, helping farming businesses demonstrate their commitment to sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship.

Why LEAF Marque Certification Matters?

LEAF Marque certification supports farming businesses in:

- Promoting sustainable agricultural practices through Integrated Farm Management.
- Improving the responsible use of soil, water, energy and other resources.
- Protecting biodiversity and supporting environmental conservation.
- Demonstrating commitment to environmental sustainability through independent verification.
- Building confidence among customers and supply-chain stakeholders in more sustainably farmed products.

NABCB Accreditation Opportunity for Product Certification Bodies

NABCB provides accreditation to Product Certification Bodies (PCBs) in accordance with ISO/IEC 17065:2012 – Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services.

PCBs interested in this scheme may apply through NABCB Portal: https://nabcbportal.qci.org.in/

Learn more: NABCB Website | LEAF Marque Standard

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