



NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO/IEC 27006: 2015

Introduction:

NABCB operates its accreditation schemes based on international / other standards approved by NABCB Board. The certification bodies are expected to comply with relevant ISO/IEC documents / standards and IAF documents that have been adopted by the Board as its criteria.

At present the QMS, EMS, FSMS, OHSMS, EnMS, RTSMS, ITSMS and ISMS accreditation programmes are based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, supplemented by sector specific ISO standards, wherever available.

The revision of ISO/IEC 27006, ISO/IEC 27006:2015 Information technology -- Security techniques -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems was published on 1 October 2015. The revision was made corresponding to the revision and publication of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.

Accordingly, the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has resolved as below:

IAF Resolution 2015–12 –Transition Period for ISO/IEC 27006: 2015

“The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the period for the transition of Information Security Management System Accreditation to ISO/IEC 27006: 2015 from ISO/IEC 27006: 2011 be 24 months from the date of publication.

Note: The date of publication was **1 October 2015.**”

Policy:

All IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to adopt ISO/IEC 27006:2015 as part of the accreditation criteria for their ISO/IEC 27001 certification schemes under the IAF MLA. IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to evaluate the operations and planning of accredited bodies to ensure that full implementation of the latest version will be in place before 30 September 2017.

This policy shall apply to all accredited and applicant bodies seeking accreditation by NABCB for the provision of ISMS certification.

This policy shall remain current until **30 September 2017.**

Implementation:

Keeping in view the processing time for new applications, NABCB Board has approved the following policy for transition:

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1. All CBs accredited/applicants to ISO/IEC 17021 for ISMS scheme shall submit a plan for transition by **31 Jan 2016**. The plan shall clearly indicate the date by which the CB would transit to ISO/IEC 27006:2015.
2. NABCB would be ready to carry out assessments against ISO/IEC 27006:2011 from **1 Apr 2016**.
3. All applicants whose applications are pending as on **1 Oct 2016** shall have to demonstrate conformity to ISO/IEC 27006:2015, in addition to ISO/IEC 17021 before a recommendation is made to the accreditation committee for grant of accreditation. This demonstration of conformity may be through a special assessment and would depend on the level of compliance to ISO/IEC 27006:2015 demonstrated during the normal assessment process.
4. All applications after **1 Oct 2016** would be accepted as per ISO/IEC 17021 read with ISO/IEC 27006:2015.
5. No accreditation without compliance to ISO/IEC 27006:2015 would be granted after **31 March 2017**.
6. All assessments, after **1 Apr 2016**, of accredited/applicant CBs shall be against ISO/IEC 27006:2015. Any deviation from ISO/IEC 27006:2015 shall be given as observation/concern and not as non-conformities till **30 September 2016**.
7. All observations/concerns against ISO/IEC 27006:2015 raised during the assessments, which have not been addressed by the CB, would be reviewed and classified as critical / major / minor NCs and would be communicated to the CBs for necessary action by **1 October 2016**.
8. Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 27006:2015 by **30 September 2017** shall result in withdrawal of accreditation.