



NABCB Policy on Grant of Scopes (Management Systems) for CBs not having any Foreign Accreditation

Introduction:

This document is applicable to those CBs who have NABCB accreditation for a few scopes in a Management Systems (MS) scheme and seek scope extension or are applying for new accreditation in an MS scheme, and do not have any foreign accreditation (IAF MLA) for the scheme. In case of CBs having foreign accreditation(s) a policy for grant of scopes without witnessing was announced vide our email dated 11 Mar 2016 which applies.

Requirements:

1. In case of Applicant CB, out of the two witness assessments required (BCB 201) for grant of accreditation, if one witness assessment is for a critical scope, all scopes/technical areas may be granted with a condition that the CB will offer the first client for critical (class 3) scopes in each group (refer groups in BCB 201), for witnessing by NABCB, after grant of accreditation.
2. In case of additional schemes, where NABCB is granting accreditation with one witnessing, if the CB offers witness in any of the critical scopes, then all scopes/technical areas may be granted in that scheme, with a condition that the CB will offer the first client for critical scopes (class 3) in each group (refer groups in BCB 201) for witnessing by NABCB, after grant of accreditation.
3. Existing accredited CBs may be granted all scopes within the scheme(s), if they have at least one critical scope under NABCB accreditation. However the CB has to offer the first client for critical (class 3) scopes in each group (refer groups in BCB 201) for witnessing by NABCB, after scope extension.
4. The CB to avail of the above must have auditor qualification system and competent resources in all scopes/technical areas requested for grant of accreditation in the scheme and the same shall be verified by NABCB, generally through an office assessment.
5. The CB has to ensure that audit offered for NABCB witnessing meets the requirements of the accreditation procedure in respect of man-days, team size etc.
6. In case there is an IAF MD on witnessing for grant of scopes, its provisions would apply in addition to the above (i.e in FSMS, MDQMS etc).



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7. This policy is applicable till implementation of IAF MD 17: 2015 with effect from 07 Jan 2018 when new accreditation procedure would come into force.

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