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TO: IAS-ACCREDITED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION BODIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Criteria for Management System Certification Bodies (AC477)

Hearing Information:

IAS Accreditation Committee

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:30 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time)

WebEx Meeting – Refer to IAS website for details.

Dear Madam or Sir:

IAS is proposing several changes to the Accreditation Criteria for Management System Certification Bodies, AC477. The changes are being requested to accommodate recent updates to the international standards and global requirements for the accreditation of management system certification bodies.

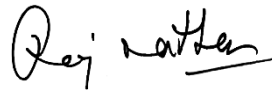
The changes proposed are summarized below:

1. Editorial changes are proposed to items 2.5, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.3.1.7, 4.3.1.8, 4.4, 4.4.5 Note 1 and 4.7. The purpose of these proposed changes is to improve clarity in the document.
2. Addition of Remote Assessments and Virtual Site definitions is now referenced under item 2.7 and 2.8.
3. Due to the extensive use of remote assessments due the Covid-19 situation, this statement has been included in section 3.1.5 to ensure that after circumstances return back to normal then remote assessments will be exercised only when required and approved by IAS, otherwise it will be onsite assessments.
4. A statement that all documents must be submitted in English to IAS under section 3.3.
5. A new Annex B has been included to illustrate the IAS Accreditation cycle for MSCB since different accreditation bodies have different cycles as allowed under ISO/IEC 17011:2017 standard.
6. All MSCB enquiries and applications are through the portal, so a statement to inform applicants that these procedures are available in the Rules of Procedure for MSCBs under section 4.1.1

7. The information to be submitted for remote and onsite assessments are similar with the exception of requiring Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools for remote. Sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 have been merged to address this.
8. More information has been included in section 4.4.5 to cover witnessing requirements under Stage 1 and Stage 2 and a Note 2 to highlight that these requirements are found in applicable IAF Mandatory Documents (MD).
9. Sub sections previously under 4.5 has been merged for remote and onsite assessments as the witnessing requirements are dependent on the IAF MD requirements.
10. A new section 5 has been added to inform all MSCBs and their certified clients must comply with the new IAF CERTSEARCH requirements and on the use of the IAF CERTSEARCH Mark.
11. Annex A has been updated due to the many transitions that have taken place with both accreditation and certification standards.

You are cordially invited to attend the WebEx committee hearing and present verbal comments. Prior to the hearing, parties interested in the deliberations of the committee should refrain from communicating, whether in writing or verbally, with committee members regarding agenda items. The committee reserves the right to refuse communications that do not comply with this request. If you have any questions, please contact IAS at 562-364-8201 ext. 3309. You may also reach us by e-mail at iasinfo@iasonline.org

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raj Nathan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Raj Nathan
President



1 **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ACCREDITATION CRITERIA FOR MANAGEMENT**
2 **SYSTEM CERTIFICATION BODIES**

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11 **PREFACE**

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13 The attached accreditation criteria have been proposed to provide all interested parties with
14 an opportunity to comment. These criteria may be further revised as needed. The criteria are
15 developed and adopted following public hearings conducted by the International
16 Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS), Accreditation Committee and are effective on the first of
17 the month following approval by the Accreditation Committee, but no earlier than 30 days
18 following the approval.

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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ACCREDITATION CRITERIA FOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION BODIES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. **Scope:** These criteria set forth the requirements for obtaining and maintaining International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS), Management System Certification Body accreditation. The criteria supplement the IAS Rules of Procedure for Management System Certification Bodies.
- 1.2. **Normative and Reference Documents:** Publications listed below refer to current editions (unless otherwise stated).
 - 1.2.1. ISO/IEC Standard 17021-1, Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems – Part 1: Requirements.
 - 1.2.2. ISO/IEC Standard 17021 series of standards as applicable.
 - 1.2.3. All IAF Mandatory Documents (MD).
(http://www.iaf.nu/articles/Mandatory_Documents_/38)
 - 1.2.4. IAF Resolutions related to accreditation bodies and transitions as available on the IAF website.
 - 1.2.5. All IAF Informative Documents (ID).
(http://www.iaf.nu/articles/Informative_Documents_/32)
 - 1.2.6. ISO/IEC Standard 17000, Conformity assessment – Vocabulary and general principles.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. Applicable definitions found in ISO/IEC Standard 17000 series apply.
- 2.2. **APAC:** Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation
- 2.3. **CAB:** Conformity Assessment Body
- 2.4. **IAF:** International Accreditation Forum
- 2.5. **MSCB:** Management System Certification Body [applicant or accredited by IAS](#)
- 2.6. **Witness Audits:** Certification audits that are observed by an IAS assessor
- 2.7 **Remote Assessments:** Accreditation Body's assessment of the physical location or virtual site of a CAB office or CAB's client, using electronic means
- 2.8 **Virtual site:** An online environment allowing persons to execute processes, e.g. in a cloud environment.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Accreditation services are available to all third-party Management System Certification Bodies that meet the following requirements:
 - 3.1.1. Have at least one certified customer

- 3.1.2. Have completed at least one Internal Audit and one Management Review
- 3.1.3. Have a complete and demonstrable management system based on the requirements of the ISO/IEC 17021 series of standards (as applicable)
- 3.1.4. Have at least one auditor or pool of auditors approved for each IAF technical cluster, critical code, technical area or category in the requested scope of accreditation.
- ~~3.1.4.~~3.1.5. All office and witness assessments will be conducted onsite unless agreed by IAS for remote or virtual assessments.

3.2. Accreditation services are available for all third-party Management System Certification Bodies who provide certification for the disciplines listed in Annex A. These publications refer to current editions (unless otherwise stated). IAS may consider requests for recognition of other disciplines on a case-by-case basis.

3.3. All documents submitted to IAS must be in English.

~~3.2-3.4.~~ The IAS Accreditation cycle for MSCB is 4 years. Refer to Annex B

4. **REQUIRED BASIC INFORMATION** – Initial Accreditation

4.1. **Applicant Management System Certification Body:** The following must be provided when seeking a quotation for accreditation:

4.1.1. ~~Formal Application is through the IAS Portal~~

~~4.1.1.4.1.2.~~ IAS Desired Scope of Accreditation Form. Template available in the IAS portal, document titled "IAS-MSCB-Accreditation -- Desired Scope of Accreditation (Available under "Scope Document" within portal)

~~4.1.2.~~ ~~Formal Application through IAS Portal~~

4.1.3. Information regarding current or past accreditation status, including, but not limited to:

4.1.3.1. Any negative findings that are currently unresolved according to accreditation body procedures

4.1.3.2. Any outstanding payment to an IAF member accreditation body

4.1.3.3. Any sanctions that have been brought against the CAB within the past five years and the reasons for those sanctions.

4.2. **Applicant Management System Certification Body – Initial Assessment:** The following must be provided prior to IAS scheduling of an initial ~~onsite or remote~~ assessment:

4.2.1. IAS online application form and associated fee

4.2.2. Proposed scope request (Desired Scope of Accreditation Form. Template available in the IAS portal, document titled "IAS-MSCB-Accreditation -- Desired Scope of Accreditation)

4.2.3. Quality documentation and associated procedures_ ([referSee](#) clause 10 of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015)

[4.2.4.](#) List of all auditors, [relevant personnel](#) and decision makers, including information on the IAF codes, categories or technical areas for which listed individuals have demonstrated competence ([referSeeto](#) clause 7.2 of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and IAF MD10)

[4.2.4.4.2.5.](#) List of all certified customers

[4.2.5.4.2.6.](#) List of entities operating on behalf of the certification body (this includes branch offices, franchisees, subcontractors, etc.) (See IAF MD23)

[4.2.6.4.2.7.](#) List of countries in which certifications have been issued (See IAF MD23 and IAF MD12)

4.3. **Applicant/Accredited Management Systems Certification Bodies – Onsite/[Remote](#)**

Assessment: The following must be provided prior to any office assessment:

4.3.1. ~~Remote~~ Office Assessment (~~when possible~~)

4.3.1.1. Arrangements for video/remote conferencing. [This is applicable only when remote assessment is approved by IAS.](#)

4.3.1.2. Copy of latest quality documentation and supporting procedures, forms, work instructions, etc.

4.3.1.3. Internal Audit/Management Review input/output evidence

4.3.1.4. Information on complaints and appeals received within the last two (2) years

4.3.1.5. Any internal corrective actions and the evidence supporting their closure and verification

4.3.1.6. Certified customer files as requested by the assessment team

~~4.3.2. Onsite Office Assessment~~

~~4.3.2.1. Copy of latest quality documentation and supporting procedures, forms, work instructions, etc.~~

~~4.3.2.2. Internal Audit/Management Review input/output evidence~~

~~4.3.2.3. Information on complaints and appeals received within the last two (2) years~~

~~4.3.2.4.4.3.1.7.~~ List of all subcontractors/agents/franchisees/partners, etc., including information regarding area/region of operations, number of certificates issued, and operational control measures taken on behalf of the [CBCAB](#)

~~4.3.2.5.4.3.1.8.~~ Evidence demonstrating the [CBCAB](#)'s commitment to identifying, analyzing and managing risks, including those relating to impartiality/conflict of interest (ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 clause 5.2.3), liability and financing (ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 clause 5.3.1), operational control (ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 clause 6.2.1),

personnel (ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 clause 7.2.9), control of entities operating on behalf of accredited **CBCABs** (IAF MD23 clause 1.1) and the specific risks associated with markets served (ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 clause 9.1.4.2 g).

4.4. **Applicant/Accredited Management System Certification Bodies - Witnessing:** The following must be provided prior to any witness assessment ([where applicable, the requirements apply for both onsite and remote witnessing](#)):

- 4.4.1. Schedule and information for witness audits to be conducted
- 4.4.2. Auditor documents (confidentiality/impartiality agreement, contract, competence evaluation)
- 4.4.3. Audit program (full certification cycle)
- 4.4.4. Audit plan (specific to each audit being witnessed)

~~4.4.5.~~ [4.4.5. For initial accreditation, IAS requires both stage 1 and stage 2 witness audits to be witnessed. This applies for each sub scope \(QMS, EnMS, ITMS etc.\) requested by the CAB during the application stage. Stage 1 results \(if applicable\)](#)

[4.4.6](#) Logistical arrangements (e.g., travel, accommodation) for assessment team

Note 1: For witness audits, the number of auditors should not be more than double the number of assessors (2 auditors;-1 assessor) as this prevents [an](#) adequate assessment of [CAB's](#) competence. [Where this is not possible if no other choice](#), **CBCABs** must seek permission from IAS head office to exceed this ratio.

Note 2: [For discipline-specific witnessing requirements, please refer to relevant applicable IAF sub scope Mandatory Documents.](#)

4.5. **Accredited Management System Certification Bodies – Scope Expansion ([Onsite/Desk/Remote](#)):** The following must be provided prior to any scope expansion assessment:

- 4.5.1. [Desk/Remote](#) Scope Expansion (when possible)
 - 4.5.1.1. Information regarding competence of personnel involved with the certification process (auditors, decision makers, application reviewers, personnel determining audit time, etc.)
 - 4.5.1.2. At least one complete customer file (application received to certificate issued) demonstrating effectiveness of the certification process for the requested expansion.
 - 4.5.1.3. Actions to address risks related to the scope expansion
- 4.5.2. Onsite Scope Expansion ([Refer to IAF MD17](#))
 - 4.5.2.1. Any [Critical Code or Discipline that requires witness by the relevant ISO standard or IAF MD, these code listed as critical](#) must be witnessed prior to granting accreditation

4.5.2.2. The full scope of a certification body must be witnessed within the first accreditation cycle. After the initial cycle, IAS reserves the right to reduce the witnessing requirements so that full scope is witnessed within the next two cycles, when appropriate

~~4.5.2.3.1.1.1.1. For discipline specific witnessing requirements, please refer to the applicable IAF Mandatory Document.~~

4.5.3. Scope Expansion during normal Surveillance/Reassessment

All of the above required information under 4.5.2 and:

4.5.3.1. Prior written notice to IAS and the assessment team (at least two weeks)

4.5.3.2. Any scope expansion requested while the assessment team is present may only be conducted with authorization from the IAS head office

Note: [For discipline-specific witnessing requirements, please refer to relevant IAF sub scope Mandatory Documents.](#) ~~For discipline specific witnessing requirements, please refer to the applicable IAF Mandatory Document.~~

[Please refer to MD 16, 17 and 22 for discipline specific witnessing requirements.](#)

4.6. **Applicant/Accredited Management Systems Certification Bodies – Response to**

Findings: The following criteria must be met when responding to findings issued by IAS personnel:

All finding responses must include effective Root Cause Analysis

4.6.1. Root cause analysis should include:

4.6.1.1. Identification of the root issue

4.6.1.2. Evaluation of additional impacts

4.6.1.3. Actions taken to address the immediate impacts

4.6.1.4. Actions taken to address ongoing impacts

4.6.1.5. Plan for verification of effectiveness of actions taken

4.6.1.6. Timeframe for completion of actions

4.6.2. All findings responses must include objective evidence (where applicable); objective evidence must be:

4.6.2.1. Submitted in English

4.6.2.2. Appropriately identified and organized

4.6.2.3. Accompanied by a narrative describing the complete corrective action process for the specific finding

4.7. **Accredited Management Systems Certification Bodies – Unannounced Visits:** The

following requirements must be observed by both [CBCABs](#) and their certified customers:

- 4.7.1. Should IAS assessors arrive to either **CBCAB** or certified customer site unannounced, they must be permitted unrestricted access to the facility, management system documentation, and all associated records
- 4.7.2. The certified customer must have a readily available copy of the last audit report issued by the **CBCAB**
- 4.7.3. Have demonstrable evidence of the certification process (e.g., Management Review, closure of findings, corrective action)

4.8. **Accredited Management Systems Certification Bodies – Standard Transitions:** The following is required when transitioning to new standard editions:

- 4.8.1. At least one witness assessment (at IAS discretion)
- 4.8.2. Competent personnel conducting all parts of the certification process
- 4.8.3. Prior notice (at least two weeks before assessment) of intention to transition

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (AS APPLICABLE)

5.1. All requested scopes must be in the format used in the IAS MSCB pre-application form

5.2. Additional standards and guidelines will be used when performing assessments of the respective certification disciplines as listed in the Annex A. These publications refer to current editions (unless otherwise stated).

5.3. ~~All accredited, applicant~~ CABs and their certified clients must comply and shall be included in the IAF CERTSEARCH database including meeting the requirements stated in the IAS Rules of Procedure (MSCB) on the use of the IAF CERTSEARCH Mark. This applies to:

- a) MSCBs accredited by IAS, and;
- b) Entities certified by IAS accredited MSCBs.

6. LINKS TO ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- 6.1. Food Safety System Certification (FSSC) – www.fssc22000.com
- 6.2. International Accreditation Forum (IAF) – www.iaf.nu
- 6.3. International Organization for Standardization (ISO) – www.iso.org
- ~~6.4. Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) – www.apac-pac.org~~
- ~~6.5-6.4.~~ Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) - <https://www.apac-accreditation.org/>
- ~~6.6-6.5.~~ IAF CertSearch - <https://www.iafcertsearch.org>

These criteria were previously issued June 2013, February 2014, February 2015, February 2016, April 2017, ~~and~~ September 2018 and [September 2019](#).

Annex A: Informational Purposes only. References may be outdated (Strikeouts indicate the standard has been withdrawn and is no longer offered for initial accreditation, except when approved by IAS head office)

Program Status	IAS Abbreviation	Main Standard	Additional Accreditation Level Document(s)	Certification Standard(s)
Currently Active	QMS (Quality)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017	ISO 9001:2015
	EMS (Environmental)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC 17021-2:2016	ISO 14001:2015
	OHSAS (Occupational)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018	ISO 45001:2018 ⁷
	FSMS (Food Safety)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/TS 22003:2013	ISO 22000:2018
	FSSC (Food System)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/TS 22003:2013	FSSC 22000 V5.0
	ISMS (Information Security)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC 27006:2015	ISO/IEC 27001:2013
	ITSMS (Info. Tech. Service)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC 20000-6:2017	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018
	BCMS (Business Continuity)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC TS 17021-6:2014	ISO 22301:2019 ²
	MED-QMS (Medical Quality)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	N/A	ISO 13485:2016
	EnMS (Energy)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO 50003:2014	ISO 50001:2018
	ABMS (Anti-Bribery)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC TS 17021-9:2016	ISO 37001:2016
	GHG-VVB (Green House Gas)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO 14066:2011 ISO 14064-1:2018 ⁰⁶ ISO 14064-2:2019 ⁰⁶ ISO 14064-3:2019 ⁰⁶	ISO 14065:2013 (Under development by ISO)
	AMS (Asset Man.)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC TS 17021-5:2014	ISO 55001:2014
New/Pilot	LS-ET-SP (Learning Services)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	N/A	ISO 29990:2010
	ESMS (Event Sustain.)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC TS 17021-4:2013	ISO 20121:2012
	RTSMS (Road Traffic)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC TS 17021-7:2014	ISO 39001:2012
	SDCMS (Sustain. Comm. Dev.)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC TS 17021-8:2019	ISO 37101:2016
	FMMS (Facility Management)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC DTS 17021-11 (Currently Under Development)	ISO 41001:2018

Annex B: Informational Purposes only
IAS Enquiry and Application process through the IAS Portal

<u>IAS Abbreviation</u>	<u>Main Standard</u>	<u>Additional Accreditation Level Document(s)</u>	<u>IAF MDs, External Requirements</u>	<u>Certification Standard(s)</u>
<u>QMS</u> (Quality)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 23</u>	<u>ISO 9001:2015</u>
<u>EMS</u> (Environmental)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-2:2016</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 23</u>	<u>ISO 14001:2015</u>
<u>OHSAS</u> (Occupational)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-10:2018</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 22, 23</u>	<u>ISO 45001:2018</u>
<u>FSMS</u> (Food Safety)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO/TS 22003:2013</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 16, 23</u>	<u>ISO 22000:2018</u>
<u>FSSC</u> (Food System)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO/TS 22003:2013</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 16, 23</u>	<u>FSSC 22000 V5.0</u>
<u>ISMS</u> (Information Security)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO/IEC 27006:2015</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 23</u>	<u>ISO/IEC 27001:2013</u>
<u>ITSMS</u> (Info. Tech. Service)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO/IEC 20000-6:2017</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 23</u>	<u>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018</u>
<u>BCMS</u> (Business Continuity)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO/IEC TS 17021-6:2014</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 23</u>	<u>ISO 22301:2019</u>
<u>MED-QMS</u> (Medical Quality)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 23</u>	<u>ISO 13485:2016</u>
<u>EnMS</u> (Energy)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO 50003:2014</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 23</u>	<u>ISO 50001:2018</u>
<u>ABMS</u> (Anti-Bribery)	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO/IEC TS 17021-9:2016</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 23</u>	<u>ISO 37001:2016</u>
<u>GHG-VVB (Green House Gas)</u>	<u>ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</u>	<u>ISO 14066:2011</u> <u>ISO 14064-1:2018</u>	<u>IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14, 23</u>	<u>ISO 14065:2013</u>

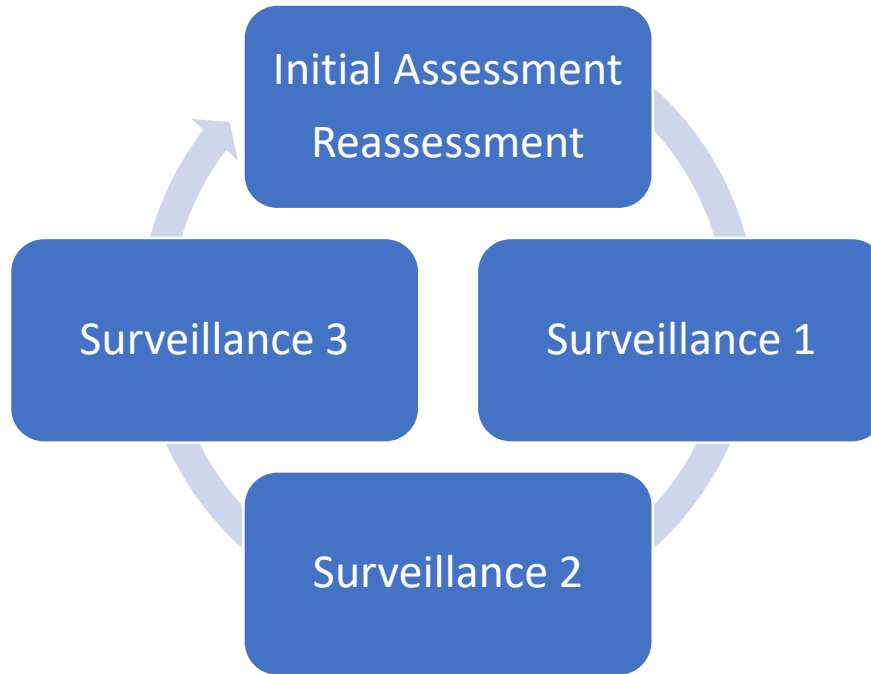
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FMMS (Facility Management)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC DTS 17021-11:2018	IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 23	ISO 41001:2018
EOMS (Educational Organizations)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	N/A	IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 23	ISO 21001:2018
PIMS (Privacy Information MS)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	ISO/IEC 27006:2015 ISO/IEC 27001:2013	IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 23	ISO/IEC 27701:2019
CMS (Compliance Management Systems) (IN DRAFT INTERNATIONAL STANDARD PHASE)	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	TBD	IAF MD 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 23	ISO/DIS 37301

Disclaimer:

1. Where IAF requirements referenced in the above table are in transition, browse the [IAF Website Publications page](#) for latest versions of the IAF Mandatory Documents (MDs).
2. All standards listed above for the relevant sub scopes are considered current at the time of this publication, please consult the [International Organization for](#)

Standardisation/Standardization (ISO) or your National Standards Body for the latest version of the specific Standards Development Organization

Annex B: IAS ACCREDITATION CYCLE for Office Assessment



1st Cycle

<u>Example of MSCB Assessment Schedule *</u>	<u>Initial Accreditation Decision date to next Surveillance Assessment 1 date (12 months apart)</u> June 1, 2019 to June 1, 2020	<u>Surveillance 1 Assessment Date to Surveillance 2 Assessment Date (12 months apart)</u> June 1, 2020 to June 1, 2021	<u>Surveillance 2 Assessment date to Surveillance 3 Assessment date (12 months apart)</u> June 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022	<u>Surveillance 3 assessment date to Reassessment 1 date (12 months apart)</u> June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023
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2nd Cycle

<u>Example of MSCB Assessment Schedule*</u>	<u>Reassessment 1 date to next Surveillance Assessment 1 date (12 months apart)</u> June 1, 2023 to June 1, 2024	<u>Surveillance 1 Assessment Date to Surveillance 2 Assessment Date (12 months apart)</u> June 1, 2024 to June 1, 2025	<u>Surveillance 2 Assessment date to Surveillance 3 Assessment date (12 months apart)</u> June 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026	<u>Surveillance 3 assessment date to Reassessment 2 date (12 months apart)</u> June 1, 2026 to June 1, 2027
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* Depending on the relevant IAF MDs' witness requirements for specific sub scopes, some MSCBs shall be visited on an annual basis.