IAS TRANSITION POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ISO/IEC 17043:2023

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This policy applies to all IAS-accredited Proficiency Testing Providers (PTPs) and applicants relating to the transitioning process of accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) from the previous international standard ISO/IEC 17043:2010 to the new international standard ISO/IEC 17043:2023: Conformity Assessment- General requirements for the competence of proficiency testing providers (PTPs).

IAS-accredited PTPs are required to comply with the requirements of this policy to maintain accreditation with IAS. As per the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) General Assembly Resolution (ILAC GA 26-09), ILAC members have agreed to a three-year transition period from the date of publication of the new standard.

The three-year transition period is **from 2023-05-31 to 2026-05-31** and at the end of the period, accreditation of PTP to ISO/IEC 17043:2010 will neither be valid nor recognized under the ILAC arrangement. Failure to transit to the new standard after this end date will result in administrative action by IAS.

To ensure the smooth implementation of this transition policy, IAS has defined the following transition timelines.

Process	Action / Requirements	Dates
1	IAS will not accept new or transfer applications as per the previous standard ISO/IEC 17043:2010. All applications must be for the new standard ISO 17043:2023	Immediately
2	All IAS-accredited PTPs shall undergo a re-assessment in accordance with the new standard ISO/IEC 17043:2023 at its next routine assessment. **Note:** Accredited PTPs are allowed to submit responses for CARs and concerns relevant to transition re-assessments against new standards within 60 days.	Next assessment
3	IAS is ready to carry out Assessments as per the new standard ISO/IEC 17043:2023	From 2023-10-15
4	Any accredited PTP to ISO/IEC 17043:2010 fails to transfer its management system to the new standard ISO/IEC 17043:2023 before 2026-04-30 will be under administrative review (suspend canceled)	With effect from 2026-05-31

Availability of Accreditation Documents

All IAS-accredited/applicant PTPs are required to purchase a copy of the new International Standard ISO/IEC 17043:2023 from relevant standard bodies.

Assessment and Documentation

Refer to the IAS website for revised information on this transition and relevant applications related to the new standard.

Assessment report formats, checklists, and other assessment-related documents for the new standard will be provided to IAS assessors for use at assessments. Assessors are strictly advised to remove the assessment formats relevant to the previous standard from their computers/ folders unless required to keep them for considerable time due to justifiable reasons.

Stakeholder Training and Client Engagement

All ongoing communication and updates critical to the successful conclusion of the transition to ISO /IEC 17043:2023 will be posted on the following IAS website links: ¬ https://www.iasonline.org/services/proficiency-testing-provider

IAS is offering training events and online webinars to the new standard. Please consult the IAS website (https://www.iasonline.org/training) for training dates and venues. If interested in obtaining training to the new version of ISO/IEC 17043:2023, please contact IAS at training@iasonline.org

Annex

Guidance steps on the transition process for PTPs

Steps

1. Plan your transition process to the new version of the standard based on the IAS transition policy as outlined above.
2. Personnel responsible for the transition and implementation of their PTPs management system to the new version of the standard will need to be trained.
3. All relevant personnel need to understand, interpret, and implement the requirements of the new version of the standard.
4. Perform a gap analysis between the existing PTP management system and the requirements of the new version of the standard.
5. Update PTP management system documentation including existing policies, procedures and forms as required.
6. Establish an internal training plan and schedule awareness training for relevant PTP personnel and associated subcontractors.
7. Ensure all subcontractors are informed of the change in the standard and where applicable and they are following any relevant new requirements.
8. The PTP is now ready for the IAS assessments.

Note: Assessment visits relating to transitioning can be combined with the PTP's scheduled reassessments if they are within accepted time frames as stated in this policy.

Contact Information

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr. LHD Bandusoma, Program Manager at bandu@iasonline.org.

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