

STQC ISMS Certification Scheme Guidelines
for
Transition from ISO/IEC 27001:2005 to ISO/IEC 27001:2013

Subsequent to the release of new ISMS standard ISO/IEC 27001:2013, few provisions need to be described in STQC ISMS certification scheme for existing and potential clients. Since NABCB has not issued any guidelines for transition period, these transition provisions are being incorporated.

Existing Clients

- Audits and re-certifications of already certified organizations will still be permitted using ISO/IEC 27001:2005 up to July 31, 2015 to allow organizations the time to adapt to meet the new requirements. After *July 31, 2014* audits and re-certifications using the ISO/IEC 27001:2013 only will be conducted.
- Organizations previously certified against ISO/IEC 27001:2005 must have their certification upgraded to ISO/IEC 27001:2013 by *Sept 30, 2015*. After this date, certificates against ISO/IEC 27001:2005 will no longer be valid.
- Meanwhile certified organizations willing to upgrade to new standard can make request to STQC for an assessment against new standard which preferably can be taken up during their surveillance/recertification.

New Applications for ISMS Certification :

- After June 30, 2014, new applications shall be accepted against new standard only. Presently there may be applications which are under various phases of certification process against ISO/IEC 27001:2005, keeping STQC transition arrangements in view, following time frame shall be followed for various certification process related activities against ISO/IEC 27001:2005 standard:

Sl.No.	Activity	Time Frame
1.	Acceptance of new application	Up to June 30, 2014
2.	Completion of audit process (including stage II audit)	Up to Aug 30, 2014
3.	Issue of Certificate	Up to Sept 30, 2014

- Certificates issued to ISO/IEC 27001:2013 shall have a maximum validity until Sept 30, 2015.

For cases needing any deviations from these guidelines, prior approval of DG, STQC/Chairman Certification scheme is required.