Transition Requirements for ISO 50003:2021

ISO 50003:2021 Energy management systems — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems.

The revised ISO 50003 was published in May 2021 and the International Accreditation Forum has issued IAF MD 24: 2021, Transition Requirements for ISO 50003:2021.

All new applicants will be assessed against the requirements of ISO 50003:2021 from 31 May 2022 and all accredited certification bodies shall complete the transition by the 30th November 2023.

Accredited certification bodies are required to:

1) Plan and prepare to apply to INAB for transition with an extension to scope application
2) Complete a gap analysis of the differences between ISO 50003:2014 and ISO 50003:2021
3) Develop a transition plan to address the following:
   a) Identify the changes between new and old version. Typical processes considered for changes can include sales/quoting, auditing process, competence management and communication with existing certified clients.
   b) Analyse impact of changes on relevant activities/processes and identify required actions to ensure conformance (e.g., management system/documents, IT tools).
   c) Implement required actions
4) Ensure that relevant personnel affected by the changes are competent for the revised version and transition process. Personnel may include, but not be limited to, auditor, reviewers of audit report, certification decision maker, contract reviewer, planner.

NOTE: CABs are encouraged to plan and commence required actions at the earliest opportunity.

CABs should submit evidence of 2 to 4 above with the application for extension to scope by 30 November 2022. INAB will conduct a technical review either remotely or at the CAB’s head office. A specific witnessed assessment is not required. A minimum of 1 assessment day to confirm transition will be required.