All Existing IAS-Accredited and Applicant Personnel Certification Bodies

IAS TRANSITION TO ISO/IEC STANDARD 17024:2012 POLICY

This Policy references the International Accreditation Service (IAS) AC474, Accreditation Criteria for Personnel Certification Bodies (PCB) and applies to all existing IAS accredited and applicant PCBs and covers the following aspects of the transition process to ISO/IEC Standard 17024:2012, Conformity assessment – General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons.

IAS-accredited PCBs are required to comply with the requirements of this policy to maintain accreditation. This policy is based on the following resolution of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF):

**IAF Resolution 2012–10 – (Agenda Item 7) Transition Period for ISO/IEC 17024 - The General Assembly resolved that the transition period for ISO/IEC17024:2012 be three years from the date of publication.**

*Note: The date of publication was July 1, 2012.*

**Implementation of ISO/IEC 17024:2012**

- **Effective July 1, 2013**, IAS will conduct assessments or reassessments of all accredited and applicant PCBs against the revised ISO/IEC Standard 17024:2012. IAS assessors will identify areas of noncompliance with the new standard and cite them as Concerns in assessment reports.
- In the event an accredited PCB has not demonstrated compliance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17024:2012 after its scheduled reassessment, the PCB will be issued an ISO/IEC 17024:2003 certificate until **January 1, 2015**.
- To maintain IAS accreditation, all IAS-accredited PCBs are required to satisfactorily resolve Concerns cited against the 2012 standard no later than **January 1, 2015**.
- All IAS-accredited PCBs which have not demonstrated full compliance with ISO/IEC 17024:2012 by **January 1, 2015** will be suspended and their certificate removed from the IAS website until compliance is demonstrated.
- Any exception to the above policy may be granted on a case by case basis by IAS.

**Effective January 1, 2015, all IAS-accredited PCBs must comply with the requirements of the 2012 standard.**
Availability of ISO/IEC 17024:2012
All IAS-accredited and applicant PCBs are required to have a copy of ISO/IEC 17024:2012. This is available for purchase from relevant standard bodies, including the International Code Council Bookstore: [http://shop.iccsafe.org/catalogsearch/result/?order=relevance&dir=desc&q=17024](http://shop.iccsafe.org/catalogsearch/result/?order=relevance&dir=desc&q=17024).

Stakeholder and Client Engagement
All on-going communication and updates critical to the successful conclusion of the transition to ISO/IEC 17024:2012 will be posted on the IAS website: [www.iasonline.org](http://www.iasonline.org). Revisions to the IAS Accreditation Criteria AC474 will be posted on the IAS website for 'Public Comment' and discussed at the IAS Accreditation Committee meeting planned for June 7, 2013. All revisions approved by the Committee will then be posted on the IAS Website as PCB accreditation requirements.

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