ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015
Section 1: Scope

• ISO/IEC 17021 contains principles and requirements for the competence, consistency and impartiality of bodies providing audit and certification of all types of management systems (MS).
• Agreed International Standard for Certification Bodies operating MS programs.
• Certification of management systems is a third-party conformity assessment activity (see ISO/IEC 17000:2004, 5.5).
• Other names:
  ➢ Certification Bodies
  ➢ Registrars
  ➢ Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs)

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• NOTE 1: Examples of MS: environmental management systems, quality management systems and information security management systems.
• NOTE 2: Certification of management systems is referred to as "certification" third-party conformity assessment bodies are referred to as "certification bodies".
• NOTE 3: A certification body can be non-governmental or governmental, with or without regulatory authority.
• NOTE 4: This part of ISO/IEC 17021 can be used as a criteria document for accreditation, peer assessment or other audit processes.
Thank you!