



## IAS TRANSITION POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ISO/IEC 17024:2026

This transition policy applies to all IAS-accredited and applicant Personnel Certification Bodies (PCBs). It addresses the transition process to ISO/IEC 17024:2026: Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons, that was revised and published in March 2026. It is mandatory for all IAS-accredited Personnel certification bodies to comply with the requirements of this transition policy to maintain continued accreditation with IAS.

### 1. Timeframe of Transition

- a) The Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) has established a 36-month transition period for ISO/IEC 17024:2026 from the date of publication of the standard. The three-year transition period is from **March 27, 2026, to March 27, 2029**, and at the end of the period, accreditation of personnel certification bodies to ISO/IEC 17024:2012 will no longer be recognized and remain valid under the Global Accreditation Cooperation Inc. Multi-lateral Arrangement (MLA).
- b) To ensure the implementation of this transition policy, IAS defined the following transition timelines:

| Application & Initial Assessments                                                                                                     |                        |
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| Accept applications for the new standard ISO/IEC 17024:2026                                                                           | From September 1, 2026 |
| No longer accept new applications as per the previous standard ISO/IEC 17024:2012                                                     | From September 1, 2026 |
| All Initial Assessments shall be conducted in accordance with the standard ISO/IEC 17024:2026                                         | From September 1, 2026 |
| Surveillance/ Re-assessments                                                                                                          |                        |
| Assessments can be conducted as per ISO/IEC 17024:2026 or ISO/IEC 17024:2012 based on the personnel certification bodies' preference. | Till December 31, 2026 |

### 2. Accreditation Documents

- a) All IAS-accredited Personnel Certification Bodies (PCBs) shall purchase a copy of the revised International Standard ISO/IEC 17024:2026 from r designated National Standards

- Body or other relevant standard sellers.
- b) Assessment report formats, checklists, and other assessment-related documents will be provided to IAS assessors for use appropriately.

### **3. Assessment**

- a) All accredited personnel certification bodies shall be assessed to the new standard ISO/IEC 17024: 2026 by **March 27, 2029**.
- b) The personnel certification bodies may combine the transition assessment with scope extension assessments. During the scope extension assessment, all requirements of ISO/IEC 17024:2026 shall be covered.
- c) In exceptional circumstances, a separate assessment may be conducted to verify the personnel certification bodies meets the requirements of the new revised standard.

### **4. Failure to Transit to the New Standard**

If the accredited personnel certification bodies cannot transit or be assessed to the new standard before **March 27, 2029**, the IAS accreditation will be suspended. If the suspension cannot be lifted within six (6) months, the accreditation will be cancelled.

### **5. Stakeholder Training and Customer Engagement**

- a) Communication and updates critical to the conclusion of the transition to ISO/IEC 17024:2026 will be posted on the following IAS website links: <https://www.iasonline.org/services/personnel-certification-bodies/>.
- b) 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 ISO/IEC 17024:2026, please contact IAS at [training@iasonline.org](mailto:training@iasonline.org)

### **6. Guidance on the Transition Process for Personnel certification bodies Agencies**

- a) Plan your transition process to the new version of the standard based on the IAS transition policy as outlined above.
- b) Perform a gap analysis between the existing management system and the requirements of the new version of standard.
- c) Update management system documentation, including existing policies and procedures as required.
- d) Top management must ensure all relevant personnel understand, interpret, and are able to implement the requirements of the new version of the standard. This will be reviewed during the assessment.
- e) Establish an internal training plan and schedule awareness training for relevant personnel.
- f) Ensure personnel responsible for the transition and implementation of management system are trained to the new version of the standard.

Please reach out to the PCB program management team for any further clarification.