

**Schedule for Implementation of ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 in
Accreditation of Information Security Management
System Certification Bodies**

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has published IAF MD 29:2024 ‘Transition Requirements for ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024’ endorsing a 24-month transition period for the implementation of ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024. Certification bodies (CBs) shall use ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024, which was published in March 2024, for all clients of Information Security Management System (ISMS) certification no later than 31 March 2026.

For details, please refer to IAF website at

https://iaf.nu/iaf_system/uploads/documents/IAF_MD_29_27006-1_Transition_21052024.pdf

ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015. In this document, accreditation based on ISO/IEC 27006: 2015 refers to accreditation based on ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 in conjunction with ISO/IEC 27006: 2015 + A1: 2020; accreditation based on ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 refers to accreditation based on ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 in conjunction with ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024.

1. CBs applying for initial accreditation for ISMS certification (applicable for application from a new CB or an existing CB without being accredited by HKAS for ISMS certification).

Application for accreditation

HKAS will accept applications for accreditation based on ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 starting from 31 December 2024. Application for accreditation based on ISO/IEC 27006: 2015 will no longer be accepted after 31 March 2025.

Initial applications based on ISO/IEC 27006: 2015

Nonconformities against the requirements of ISO/IEC 27006: 2015 will be raised as ‘Nonconformities (NCs)’. Obvious nonconformities against the requirements of ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 will be raised as ‘Recommendations’^{Note 1}. Accreditation to ISO/IEC 27006: 2015 will be granted when the applicant CB has rectified all critical and significant NCs to the satisfaction of HKAS Executive and has committed to rectify all minor NCs prior to the next reassessment.

To ensure a smooth transition to ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024, all applicant CBs shall prepare a transition plan with specified time frame for conducting a gap analysis; updating relevant documentation; implementing the updated requirements in accordance with ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024; and the proposed schedule for the transition assessment. For applications submitted before 31 December 2024, the transition plan shall be submitted to HKAS Executive by 31 December 2024. For applications submitted on or after 31 December 2024, the transition plan shall be submitted to HKAS Executive together with the application for accreditation based on ISO/IEC 27006: 2015.

If accreditation cannot be granted to an applicant CB within one year after the date of receipt of the application, HKAS Executive will suspend processing the application for accreditation based on ISO/IEC 27006: 2015. The applicant CB shall implement all the requirements of ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 (and submit the required application fee as appropriate) before HKAS

Executive restarts the accreditation process and a fresh assessment to confirm conformity with all requirements to ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 shall be conducted.

In addition, taking to account the transition plan submitted by the applicant CB, HKAS Executive will agree with the applicant CB on the schedule of the assessment based on ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024. To ensure that there is sufficient time to rectify the identified NCs in relation to ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024, if any, this assessment should be completed on or before 30 September 2025.

The assessment based on ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 will include review of transition gap analysis and related documentation; and assessment visit at the office of the applicant CB. Such assessment will incur additional on-site assessment time and corresponding assessment fee by the CB. Furthermore, the CB are required to submit HKAS Executive an updated Management System Checklist [for ISMS certification (based on ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024)] of HKCAS 007 together with associated documentation for review prior to the office assessment.

Initial applications based on ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024

All nonconformities against the requirements of ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 will be raised as NCs. The applicant CB shall provide a plan for resolving all NCs identified in the assessment to HKAS Executive within one month of the assessment. Accreditation to ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 will be granted when the applicant CB has rectified all critical and significant NCs to the satisfaction of HKAS Executive and has committed to rectify all minor NCs prior to the next reassessment.

2. Issue of Certificate of Accreditation referring to ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024

A Certificate of Accreditation referring to ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 will be issued free of charge to an accredited CB for ISMS certification when conformity with ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of HKAS Executive.

Notes:

1. Addressing the 'Recommendations' raised does not imply conformity with ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024. Conformity of the CB to ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024 will be assessed on-site when the CB has confirmed full implementation of ISO/IEC 27006-1: 2024.

HKAS Executive
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