

Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) Transition Arrangements

07.2018 HKAS Arrangement for Implementation of ISO/IEC TS 17021-10: 2018

ISO/IEC TS 17021-10 was published in March 2018.

IAF Resolution 2012-11 endorsed a 2-year transition period for the implementation of all relevant newly published ISO/CASCO conformity assessment standards from the date of publication. As such, the occupational health and safety management system (OH&SMS) certification bodies shall conform to ISO/IEC TS 17021-10 by 31 March 2020.

For details, please refer to the 'Schedule for Implementation of ISO/IEC TS 17021-10: 2018 for Accreditation of Management System Certification Bodies'.

[Http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/doc/Schedule_for_Implementation_of_ISO_IEC_TS_17021-10-2018_4July2018.pdf](http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/doc/Schedule_for_Implementation_of_ISO_IEC_TS_17021-10-2018_4July2018.pdf)

If you have any query, please contact Mr SHUM Wai-leung on 2829 4806.

03.2018 HKAS Arrangement for accreditation of certification bodies for migration from OHSAS 18001: 2007 to ISO 45001: 2018

ISO 45001 was published in March 2018 and replaced OHSAS 18001: 2007.

IAF Resolution 2016-15 endorsed a 3-year migration period for certification bodies to migrate their clients from OHSAS 18001: 2007 to ISO 45001: 2018.

For details, please refer to the 'HKAS Arrangement for accreditation of certification bodies for migration from OHSAS 18001: 2007 to ISO 45001: 2018'.

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02.2018 HKAS arrangement for implementation of ISO/IEC 17025: 2017

Further to the publication of ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 in November 2017, HKAS has published a "Schedule for Implementation of ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 in Accreditation of Testing and Calibration Laboratories". Starting from 1 July 2018, HKAS will accept applications for accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017. We recommend that initial applications for accreditation should be made to this accreditation standard. Initial applications for accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 will not be accepted after 31 December 2018. Existing laboratories accredited to ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 shall submit a transition plan detailing the changes to their management system and the time frame for implementation of the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 to HKAS by 1 September 2018 (or within one month from the date of obtaining accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 for any newly accredited laboratories). The transition plan shall ensure that all on-site assessments by HKAS for confirming conformity with ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 will be completed by 1 May 2020. For more details, please refer to the implementation document with link:

http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/doc/Schedule_for_Implementation_of_ISO_17025.pdf

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12.2017 ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 was published

The international standard, ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 on 'General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories' has been revised. The revised standard, ISO/IEC 17025: 2017, was published on 1 December 2017. In accordance with the ILAC Resolution GA 20.15 of the Twentieth ILAC General Assembly held in November 2016, a transition period of 3 years from the date of publication has been adopted. At the end of the transition period, accreditation of a laboratory to ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 will not be recognised under the ILAC Arrangement. In this respect, laboratory currently accredited by HKAS has to complete the transition to the revised standard before the transition deadline on 1 December 2020. Accredited laboratories are urged to prepare their own transition plan and details of the transition arrangement will be announced by HKAS shortly.

04.2017 HKAS Arrangement for implementation of ISO/IEC 17021-3: 2017

International Standard ISO/IEC 17021-3 was published in March 2017. This standard cancels and replaces Technical Specification ISO/IEC TS 17021-3: 2013.

IAF Resolution 2012-11 endorsed a 2-year transition period for the implementation of all relevant newly published ISO/CASCO conformity assessment standards from the date of publication. The IAF TC meeting held in April 2017 has agreed that quality management system certification bodies are required to conform to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-3 by 31 March 2019.

For details, please refer to the 'Schedule for Implementation of ISO/IEC 17021-3: 2017 for Accreditation of Management System Certification Bodies' with link:

http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/doc/Schedule-ISOIEC_17021_3_2017_Implementation.pdf

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03.2017 Publication and Transition Arrangement for Accreditation of Reference Material Producer to ISO 17034:2016

ISO 17034:2016 was published on 1 November 2016 to replace ISO Guide 34:2009 as the accreditation standard for reference material producer (RMP). According to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), the transition period for the implementation of ISO 17034:2016 ends on 31 October 2019. All accreditations to ISO Guide 34:2009 will become invalid after that date.

HOKLAS 022: 2017 has been published. Requirements and notes of ISO 17034:2016 are reproduced verbatim as the main text and relevant HOKLAS polices are given in the document. HKAS Executive will accept initial applications for accreditation based on ISO 17034:2016 starting from 3 April 2017. Applications for initial accreditation based on ISO Guide 34:2009 will not be accepted after 1 May 2017.

The transition arrangement of ISO 17034:2016 can be found in the "Schedule for Implementation of ISO 17034:2016 for Accreditation of Reference Material Producer" with link:

http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/doc/Schedule_for_Implementation_of_ISO_17034.pdf

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03.2017 HKAS Arrangement for implementation of ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016

International Standard ISO/IEC 17021-2 was published on 1 December 2016. This standard cancels and replaces Technical Specification ISO/IEC TS 17021-2: 2012.

IAF Resolution 2016-14 endorsed a 2-year transition period for the implementation of ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016. Environmental management system certification bodies are required to conform to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-2 by 1 December 2018.

For details, please refer to the 'Schedule for Implementation of ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016 for Accreditation of Management System Certification Bodies'.

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