



Heads Up

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To: ANAB-Accredited and Applicant CBs and Accreditation Assessors

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Re: ANAB Plan and Process for Migration to ISO 9001:2008

- Migration of a CB's clients
- Migration of CBs accredited to option 1 of ISO/IEC 17021:2006

In Heads Up 129, ANAB communicated to our CBs the joint IAF-ISO communiqué on the migration to ISO 9001:2008. In Heads Up 135, ANAB announced that the standard had been published. Although the published document was available 2008/11/13, the actual publication date is 2008/11/15, and the 12-month and 24-month deadlines key from the publication date.

The IAF MLA Committee, through the regional cooperations (EA, IAAC, and PAC) requires each IAF member accreditation body to report on how it is planning and monitoring the migration to ensure conformance with the deadlines agreed by IAF and ISO as communicated in the joint communiqué.

Because there are no new requirements in ISO 9001:2008, ANAB does not expect a CB to provide specific training to its clients or auditors. However, each ANAB accredited CB is to do the following:

1. Appropriately inform its clients, as applicable, about how it plans to assess and certify them to ISO 9001:2008; and
2. Ensure that its QMS auditors are using the new standard.

The CB shall have evidence demonstrating it fulfills these two expectations. This will be assessed by ANAB during office assessments and witnessed audits during the migration period, and the progress made by the CB to migrate its clients to ISO 9001:2008 reported on in the ANAB assessment report. ANAB's assessors shall also confirm that the CB:

- a. Did not issue any certificate to ISO 9001:2008 prior to 2008/11/15;
- b. Does not issue any certificate to ISO 9001:2008 until after conducting a surveillance or re-certification audit with an independent decision for certification;
- c. Does not issue any certificate (any new certification or re-certification) to ISO 9001:2000 after 2009/11/15; and
- d. Ensures that there are no certificates to ISO 9001:2000 after 2010/11/15.

ANAB has also been asked about multisite certification with sampling. To be in conformance with the wording in the IAF-ISO communiqué, a CB cannot issue a certificate to ISO 9001:2008 until after it has conducted all of the routine surveillance or re-certification audits for the multisite

organization, in accordance with IAF MD1:2007, and with the independent decision for certification. Routine surveillance or re-certification audits would include any sites, including the head office, scheduled to be audited in the given year.

For each CB that is accredited by ANAB for ISO/IEC 17021:2006 with option 1 for its management system, after assessment by ANAB during an office assessment using ISO 9001:2008, ANAB will issue a new accreditation certificate referencing conformance to ISO 9001:2008.