TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS FOR ISO/IEC 17024:2026

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose: Documents providing transition requirements for normative documents shall be considered mandatory documents for Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MRA) Accreditation Body (AB) signatories and accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs), with the scope as detailed in this document. This document is developed by an appointed task force of Global ACI, in accordance with Global ACI-TECH-3-018 *Requirements for Producing Mandatory Documents on Transitions*.

1.2 Scope: This document provides information on the transition from ISO/IEC 17024:2012 to ISO/IEC 17024:2026. The document is mandatory for all Global ACI MRA AB signatories and accredited CABs.

2. TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS FOR:

Normative Document:	ISO/IEC 17024:2026
Replacing:	ISO/IEC 17024:2012
Current Status (at time of document publication):	International Standard published 31 March 2026
Transition Period:	Three Years (31 March 2029)

3. SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

- New Clause added: 6.5 Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the certification process.
- Management Review – conducted annually (vs. every 12 months).
- Internal audit – conducted annually (vs. every 12 months).
- Consistent use of documented procedures and processes.
- Prerequisites to application and Prerequisites to certification.
- New Annex that explains relationship among certification activities, certification process, assessment, examination, and scheme added.
- Added the definition of invigilation.
- Additional requirements related to translation accuracy and consistency were introduced.
- Changes to 9.3.1 Equity added.
- 9.6.5 Changes to recertification – Self-declaration not accepted.
- Management Systems updated.
- Preventive actions changed to risks and opportunities.
- Reinstate decision has been added.

4. KEY TIMESCALE

Activity	Due Date
AB to be ready to assess the new version of ISO/IEC 17024 and announce transition process	As soon as possible, no later than 01 October 2027 *Eighteen months from publication of standard.*
CABs to submit declaration to AB for transition for ISO/IEC 17024:2026	As soon as possible, no later than 31 March 2028 *Twenty-four months from publication of standard.*
AB transitions of CABs completed	31 March 2029 *36 months from publication of standard*
Initial certification and recertification by CAB to ISO/IEC 17024:2026 only, to begin no later than	31 March 2029 *36 months from publication date of standard.*
CAB transitions of certified persons completed either during a scheduled assessment (e.g., surveillance activities) prior to this date or during a special transition audit prior to this date	Date to be determined by each CAB based on the certification validity date. This can be done as part of the normal recertification cycle.
Data required to be submitted to Global ACI (if considered relevant)	Upon request

5. TRANSITION PROCESS

5.1 Accreditation Body Process and Actions

The use of Annex A is recommended but optional. AB can use Annex A or establish its own declaration template in lieu of Annex A. It is important to ensure all elements in Annex A are captured in a form that AB develops.

AB Activity	Yes / No	Notes
AB Actions / Arrangements	Yes	a. AB shall establish its transition arrangement for ISO/IEC 17024:2026 considering the requirements of this document. b. To be ready to assess CABs against the new version of the standard at the earliest opportunity and at latest 01 October 2027. c. Identify the changes between new and old version. d. Ensure timely communication to CABs on required transition arrangements. e. In keeping with this Global ACI mandatory document, utilise a CAB declaration for transition, see Annex A.

		f. Execute needed training and verification of competence of assessors and other staff. g. It is the AB's responsibility to demonstrate it has an adequate process and competence for the revised standard. h. AB shall make available to Global ACI, upon request, data and detail related to the transition. i. If an AB is not ready as required in this document, a complaint should be filed with Global ACI. Global ACI should be prepared for immediate resolution in order to not delay the transition process.
CAB's Document Review	Yes	Assess CAB's transition/implementation plan, relevant documentation for the changes including the necessary evidence of implementation and other relevant information deemed necessary by the AB. This can also be part of the regular assessment conducted by the AB.
CAB's Technical Document Review	Yes	Review relevant documentation and the necessary evidence of implementation and other relevant information deemed necessary by the AB.
CAB's Head Office Assessment	No	Not required for this transition.
CAB's Witnessed Assessment(s)	No	Not required for this transition. AB may require witnessing of AI invigilation or other elements of certification process.
AB Transition Decision	Yes	a. ABs are required to make a transition decision, in accordance with the declaration (Annex A) and supporting documents. b. Follow-up will take place during normal scheduled assessment activity. c. In cases of extenuating circumstances, at the discretion of the AB, the AB may require additional transition activity prior to the transition decision. For example, if a CAB's accreditation is suspended, the decision may not be able to be made through a declaration, and further follow-up (e.g. assessment) may be required.
Others	No	N/A

Is extra time likely to be needed for the transition?	No	Not required for this transition. In cases of extenuating circumstances, at the discretion of the AB, the AB may require additional transition activity prior to the transition decision. For example, if a CAB's accreditation is suspended, the decision may not be able to be made through a declaration, and further follow-up (e.g. assessment) may be required.
Impact to Accreditations	Yes	a. Accreditations for the previous version of the document are no longer valid after the transition end date. b. All new accreditation activity shall be to the revised standard per the timeline above.

5.2. Conformity Assessment Body Actions and Process

CAB Activity	Yes/No	Notes
CAB's Actions / Arrangements	Yes	a. CAB shall establish its transition arrangement for ISO/IEC 17024:2026 considering the requirements of this document and the transition arrangement of the related AB. b. CABs are to declare, to their ABs, their readiness for the transition, using the attached declaration template (Annex A). c. Plan and prepare to apply to AB for transition via declaration (Annex A) by 31 March 2028, within twenty-four months from publication of standard. d. Develop transition plan to address the following: o Identify the changes between new and old version. Typical processes considered for changes can include competence management and communication. Analyse impact of changes on relevant activities / processes and identify required actions to ensure conformance (e.g., management system/documents, IT tools). o Implement required actions. o Ensure that relevant personnel affected by the changes are trained and competent for the revised version and transition process. e. It is the CAB's responsibility to demonstrate it is adequately addressing requirements and competence needs for the revised ISO/IEC 17024:2026 standard. f. CABs shall provide to their ABs, upon request, the transition plan and supporting documentation.

6. OTHER

6.1. If an accredited CAB does not intend to transition to the new revision, the CAB shall inform the AB as early as possible, and the CAB shall have its accreditation withdrawn at the end of the transition for the given document.

6.1.1. If the accredited CAB decides not to transition, the CAB shall inform the affected certified persons about this decision within 24 months from the publication date of the standard.

6.1.2. The AB and CAB shall follow the accreditation and certification withdrawal processes, respectively, to be effective at the end of the transition period.

6.1.3. Accreditations for the previous version of the document are no longer valid after the transition end date.

6.2. If an affected certified person chooses to not transition, the CAB may conduct the assessment to the previous version. In this case, the CAB shall inform its certified persons on the certification validity ending at the end of the transition period.

6.3. CABs cannot offer any new certifications under ISO/IEC 17024:2012 after the completion of the transition. The CABs may complete the transition of the certified persons as part of the normal recertification cycle.

7. AMENDMENT TABLE

Section	Previous Version	Summary Of Changes
All	-	Initial issue of Global ACI document
2.	1.0	The specific date for the end of the transition period was added for clarification and harmonisation with other Transition Documents: *Three years (31 March 2029)*

ANNEX A

Declaration by Accredited Conformity Assessment Body for ISO/IEC 17024:2026

I (name below) declare that from the date of this declaration, CAB (CAB name below):

- Has implemented changes required under this transition,
- Conforms with the requirements necessary for transition, and
- Can demonstrate evidence of implementation.

I further acknowledge that:

- AB, which CAB is accredited by, will review the implementation of transition against this declaration at the next assessment(s).
- A declaration that is false or cannot be substantiated is a breach of the Conditions of Accreditation and is grounds for required corrections and corrective actions. If not properly resolved within set timelines this will be grounds for suspension or withdrawal.
- The following activity has been completed:
  - Transition Plan
  - Documentation revised to support transition and/or revised requirements
  - Necessary competence has been determined for the revised document and CAB has sufficient number of personnel involved in assessment activities deemed competent to support the revised certification program.
  - CAB has a process to determine assessment duration that supports the revised certification program (if applicable).
  - CAB has a process to manage control of certifications to the revised document that includes (a) issuing accredited certificates only after the AB transition decision and (b) managing appropriate expiration dates for previously issued certificates.

Signature:	
Name:	
Title:	
CAB Name:	
Date:	