



TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS FOR ISO 37001:2025

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0. PREAMBLE

0.1 Purpose

0.1.1 This document sets out the mandatory transition requirements for ISO 37001:2025.

0.1.2 This document is based upon the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) document IAF MD 30:2025 *Transition requirements for ISO 37001:2025*. On the transfer of the role of IAF to the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI), the text has been reformatted to be a Global ACI document without any substantive change to the text.

0.2 Scope

0.2.1 This document is mandatory for all Global ACI Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MRA) Accreditation Body (AB) signatories and accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs).

0.2.2 The term “should” is used in this document to indicate recognised means of meeting the requirements of the standard. An AB can meet these in an equivalent way. The term “shall” is used in this document to indicate those provisions which, reflecting the requirements of the relevant standard, are mandatory.

1. INTRODUCTION

All documents that provide information on transitions of normative documents will be mandatory documents to be followed by Global ACI MRA AB signatories and accredited CABs, with the scope as detailed in this document. This document was developed in accordance with Global ACI-TECH-3-018 *Requirements for Producing Global ACI Mandatory Documents on Transitions*.

2. TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS

Normative Document:	ISO 37001:2025
Replacing:	ISO 37001:2016
Current Status (at time of publication):	Published in February 2025
Transition Period:	28 February 2027

3. SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

- Subclauses were added on climate change and stressing the importance of the compliance culture.
- Conflicts of interest were addressed.
- The concept of the anti-bribery function was clarified.
- The wording was harmonised with other standards where appropriate and reasonable.
- The latest harmonised structure was introduced.

4. KEY TIMESCALE

Activity	Due Date
AB to be ready to assess to support the new version of ISO 37001 and announce transition process	As soon as possible, no later than 30 November 2025 <i>Nine months from publication of standard.</i>
CABs to submit self-declaration to AB for transition for ISO 37001:2025 before	30 November 2025 <i>Nine months from publication of standard.</i>
AB transitions of CABs completed	28 February 2026 <i>One year from publication of standard, three months from when CABs are to submit self-declaration to ABs.</i>
Initial certification and recertification by CAB to ISO 37001:2025 only, to begin no later than	31 August 2026 <i>18 months from publication date of standard.</i>
CAB transitions of certified clients completed either during a scheduled audit (e.g., surveillance) prior to this date or during a special transition audit prior to this date	28 February 2027 <i>Two years from publication date of standard.</i>
Data required to be submitted to Global ACI (if considered relevant)	Upon Request

5. TRANSITION PROCESS

5.1 Accreditation Body Actions and Process

AB Activity	Yes / No	Notes
AB Actions / Arrangements	Yes	a. AB shall establish its transition arrangement for ISO 37001:2025 considering the requirements of this document. b. Plan and prepare to be ready to assess to the new version at the earliest opportunity and at latest November 2025. c. Identify the changes between new and old version. d. Ensure timely communication to CABs on required transition arrangements. e. In keeping with this document, utilise a CAB self-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. AB follow-up will take place during normal scheduled peer evaluation activity. j. 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 Document Review	No	Not required for this transition.
CAB's Technical Document Review	No	Not required for this transition.
CAB's Head Office Assessment	No	Not required for this transition. The CB's head office assessment following the transition decision shall focus on the verification of the implementation of the transition arrangement and self-declaration, including progress of the transition for certified clients.
CAB's Witnessed Assessment(s)	No	Not required for this transition. All witness assessments selected following the transition decision shall be audits to ISO 37001:2025.
AB Transition Decision	Yes	ABs are required to make a transition decision, in accordance with the declaration (Annex A). Follow-up will take place during normal scheduled assessment activity. 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	NA
Is extra time likely to be needed for the transition?	No	Not required for this transition

Impact to Accreditations	Yes	Accreditations for the previous version of the document are no longer valid after the transition end date. All new accreditation activity shall be to the revised standard per the timeline above.
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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 37001:2025 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 self-declaration (Annex A) by 30 November 2025, within nine months of the publication of the standard. d. Develop transition plan to address the following: – Identify the changes between new and old version. Typical processes considered for changes can include sales/quoting, auditing process, competence management and communication with existing certified clients. – Analyse impact of changes on relevant activities / processes and identify required actions to ensure conformance (e.g., management system/documents, IT tools). – Implement required actions. – Ensure that relevant personnel affected by the changes are trained and competent for the revised version and transition process. Relevant personnel may include sales personnel, auditors, technical reviewers, decision makers, application reviewers, etc. e. It is the CAB's responsibility to demonstrate it is adequately addressing requirements and competence needs for the revised document.

		f. CABs shall provide to their ABs, upon request, the transition plan and supporting documentation.
Transition audit	Yes	a. CAB shall conduct the transition audit in conjunction with the surveillance audit, recertification audit or through a separate audit. b. The transition audit shall include, but not be limited to an audit of all the changes to ISO 37001:2025 from the prior version, as well as the need for changes to the client's management systems. c. CAB may conduct the transition audit remotely if they ensure the transition audit objectives are met.
Is extra time likely to be needed for the transition?	Possibly	a. While time may be needed, how much will be based on the changes to the client's management system and if the transition audit is conducted during a surveillance, recertification or as a separate audit. b. The CB shall determine the time needed including justification for the calculation; in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021-1.
Accredited Certification Impact	Yes	a. The CB shall make the transition decision based on the results of the transition audit. b. Accredited certifications for the previous version of the document are no longer valid after 28 February 2027, the transition end date. c. All new accredited certification activity shall be to the revised standard per the timeline above.

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 clients about this decision within nine 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 (e.g. certified) client chooses to not transition, the CAB may conduct the audit to the previous version. In this case, the CAB shall inform its client on the certification validity ending at the end of the transition period.

7. AMENDMENT TABLE

Section	Previous Version	Summary Of Changes
All	-	New issue of the establishment of Global ACI

ANNEX A: DECLARATION BY ACCREDITED CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODY FOR ISO 37001:2025

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 auditors and other personnel (e.g. application reviewer, certification decision maker) deemed competent to support the revised certification program.
 - CAB has a process to determine audit 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:	