



KENYA ACCREDITATION SERVICE

Transition of ISO/IEC TS 17021-3:2013 to ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017

1. Introduction

- 1.2 ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017 Conformity assessment- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems-Part -3: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of quality management systems' was published in March 2017 to replace ISO/IEC 17021-3: 2017 which was subject to systematic review and revision by ISO/TC 176 and CASCO.
ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017 replaces ISO/IEC TS 17021-3: 2013 after being technically revised and complements the existing requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1.
- 1.2 Resolution 2014-12 was passed by the IAF General Assembly in Vancouver on 15 October 2014 endorsing a 2 year transition period for the implementation of ISO/IEC CASCO standards. This means that all Management Systems Certification Bodies will need to have successfully transferred to the new standard within 2 years from the publication date, i.e. March 2019.
- 1.3 This document describes the transitional requirements concerning the assessments against the ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017. It details how accreditation will be done in line with the new standard and the transition of the already accredited Management Systems Certification Bodies to this new standard. These will result in the need for Certification Bodies (CBs) to implement changes within their management systems and processes in order to maintain KENAS accreditation in the future.
- 1.4 KENAS will be ready to carry out assessments as per ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017 by **31st December 2017**.

2. Transition of KENAS QMS Accredited Certification Bodies

KENAS assessments against the new standard will be performed as much from **1st January 2018** within the planned Surveillance Assessment. KENAS has provided the transitional provisions for the implementation of ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017 as follows:

2.1 New applications for accreditation:

2.1.1 All new QMS applications received from **1st January 2018** shall be against ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017.

2.2 Existing accreditations:

For the existing accreditation KENAS shall apply the following transitional provision for the effective implementation of ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017:

2.2.1 Transitional assessments shall consist of at least an evaluation of the Certification Body's (CB) documented system in line with the new ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017

