IASCB-POL-004

Accreditation Certificate & Scope Policy

This policy governs the issue, display, maintenance, suspension and withdrawal of IASCB accreditation certificates and scopes.

Owner	Status	Review
IASCB Governance	Public policy	Annual or as required

Issue

An accreditation certificate is issued only after the required assessment activities, technical review and independent decision have been completed.

Scope

The formal scope identifies the accredited conformity-assessment activities, standards, schemes and locations covered by the decision.

Use

An accredited body may refer to its accreditation only in connection with activities within its approved scope and while its status is current.

Changes

Changes that may affect competence, impartiality, ownership, legal status, key personnel, locations or scope must be notified to IASCB.

Status

IASCB may reduce, suspend or withdraw accreditation where requirements are not maintained or where a body misrepresents its accredited status.

6. Scope and certificate control

Scope wording shall be technically accurate, unambiguous and traceable to the standards, schemes, sectors and locations assessed. Certificates shall have a unique identifier, issue date, effective status and authorised approval; superseded versions shall be controlled.

7. Amendments and transitions

Scope extensions may require document review, assessment, witnessing or technical evaluation. Every amendment shall show its reason, effective date, affected activities and approval. When requirements change, IASCB shall communicate transition expectations and assess additional evidence where needed.

8. Status actions and public register

IASCB shall reconcile published status with decision records and distinguish current, suspended, expired and withdrawn accreditation. Restoration after suspension requires objective evidence that the cause has been addressed and requirements are again met.

This public document is provided for information. Applicants and accredited bodies should use the applicable IASCB requirements and written decision documents for the controlling terms.