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**The Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (The ACB Scheme)**  
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**TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS FOR ISO 14001:2026 - ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS — REQUIREMENTS WITH GUIDANCE FOR USE  
FROM ISO 14001:2015**

## 1 INTRODUCTION

This document provides transition requirements for the following:

<b>Normative Document:</b>	ISO 14001:2026
<b>Replacing:</b>	ISO 14001:2015
<b>Date of Publication:</b>	April 2026
<b>Transition Period</b>	3 years

## 2 OBJECTIVE

This circular aims to inform the Department of Standards Malaysia (JSM) applicant and accredited Certification Bodies (CBs) on the transition process to the revised ISO 14001:2026.

### 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSITION TO ISO 14001:2026

#### 3.1 Accredited CBs

3.1.1 The following are the requirements that the CBs shall follow:

Activity	Due Date
<b>Transition of CBs</b>	
A. CBs to submit transition declaration (Annex A) and supporting documents to JSM for transition to ISO 14001:2026 by:	31 January 2027
B. CBs to complete transition by	30 April 2027
<b>Transition of Clients of CBs</b>	
C. New/Initial certifications by CB to the revised version of ISO 14001:2026, following this date:	31 October 2027
D. CBs to complete transition of all clients by	30 April 2029

3.1.2 Following the successful transition of the CB to ISO 14001:2026, the CB may issue accredited certificates to the new standard.

3.1.3 The progress of transition shall be monitored during the CB's schedule assessment.

3.1.4 The process for transition shall be made through e-Accreditation 2.0 as follows:

- (a) Log in to e-Accreditation - <https://accreditation.jsm.gov.my/>;
- (b) Proceed to Change Application (Accreditation/GLP CP > Scope & Certificate > Change Application);
- (c) Upload Annex A and supporting documents;
- (d) Proceed to submit;
- (e) Email [pegawaiacb@jsm.gov.my](mailto:pegawaiacb@jsm.gov.my) for JSM to review and proceed for approval; and
- (f) After approval of Director General, the CB may proceed to issue accredited certificates based on ISO 14001:2026.

### 3.2 Applicant CBs

3.2.1 The following are the requirements that the CBs shall follow:

Activity	Due Date
A. Applicants that have begun the accreditation process to complete the transition no later than:	30 April 2027
B. New applicants received after the following date to be based on the revised standard	30 April 2027

## 4 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Failure of the CB to satisfactorily transition within the transition period may result in a finding raised during the assessment.
- 4.2 Failure of the CB to satisfactorily transition after the transition has ended may result in accreditation being suspended or withdrawn.

## 5 IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 After 30 April 2029, accredited certification to ISO 14001:2015 shall no longer be accepted.

Approved by:

**Director of Accreditation**

## ANNEX A

### Declaration by Accredited Certification Body for ISO 14001:2026

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

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

I further acknowledge that:

- (a) Department of Standards Malaysia (JSM), which CB is accredited by, will review the implementation of transition against this declaration at the next assessment(s).
- (b) 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.
- (c) The following activity has been completed:
  - (i) Transition plan,
  - (ii) Documentation revised to support transition and/or revised requirements,
  - (iii) Necessary competence has been determined for the revised document and CB has sufficient number of auditors and other personnel (e.g. application reviewer, certification decision maker) deemed competent to support the revised certification program,
  - (iv) CB has a process to determine audit team duration that supports the revised certification program (if applicable), and
  - (v) CB has a process to manage control of certifications to the revised document that includes
    - (a) issuing accredited certificates only after JSM's transition decision, and
    - (b) managing appropriate expiration dates for previously issued certificates.

Signature :	
Name :	
Title :	
CB Name :	
Date :	