

## ISO 9001 TRANSITION POLICY

The International Organisation for Standardisation published the ISO 9001:2015 standard in September 2015. A three-year moratorium has been given to all systems previously certified to ISO 9001:2008 to transit to the new standard.

The Publication of the new standard does not automatically mean cessation of the 2008 edition, SON-MSC is allowing applications to be processed against NIS ISO 9001:2008 up until August, 2017. This is because we acknowledge the fact that some organizations have gone well into the implementation of the earlier version and would like to use the transition period to upgrade.

However the point to note is that any organisation that is issued a certificate now for NIS ISO 9001:2008 will expire on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 and so will mandatorily conclude its transition audit to the 2015 version not later than 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

In line with the accreditation requirement we are mandated to communicate the official SON-MSC transition policy to our clients and interested parties.

There are three transition program options for our clients as follows:

**Stand-alone transition audit:** Client may choose to apply for transition audit regardless of its status in a valid certification audit program. Certificate after successful completion of audit will be issued reflecting the standing certification program of the client.

Validity of the certificate will last till the end of the certification program and the charge for the transition audit will be one-third of the initial certification man-day

**Surveillance/Transition audit:** A client may choose to have the transition audit combined with its surveillance audit within a valid certification audit program.

Validity of the certificate issued upon successful audit completion will be for the duration of the existing 3 year program of the client and will attract a charge of two-third of initial certification Man-day.

**Recertification/Transition audit:** A client may choose to have the transition audit combined with its recertification audit before the end of the moratorium.

On successful completion of the transition audit, a certificate will be issued reflecting the duration of a new 3 year certification program. The duration in man-day of the audit shall be equivalent to a full certification audit.

When ready for the transition, the client is required to contact the SON-MSC for the relevant application form. Information received from the form will be reviewed. If adequate, the application will be accepted and an invoice will be issued. The client will be scheduled for audit within a month to the payment after receiving a payment advice. On completion of the audit, a certificate will be issued expiry of which will be aligned to the existing three (3) years certification program of the client. First date of certifications will be maintained for all clients irrespective of the Transition plan.