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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document complements ISO/IEC 17021-1. In particular, it clarifies the requirements for the competence of personnel involved in the certification process set out in ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, Annex A. The guiding principles in ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, Clause 4, are the basis for the requirements in this document.

Certification bodies have a responsibility to interested parties, including their clients and the customers of the organizations whose management systems are certified, to ensure that only those auditors who demonstrate relevant competence are allowed to conduct anti-bribery management system (ABMS) audits. It is intended that all ABMS auditors possess the generic competencies described in ISO/IEC 17021-1, as well as the specific ABMS competencies described in this document. Certification bodies will need to identify the specific audit team competence needed for the scope of each ABMS audit.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or a capability.

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# Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems —

## Part 9:

# Competence requirements for auditing and certification of anti-bribery management systems

## 1 Scope

This document complements the existing requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1. It includes specific competence requirements for personnel involved in the certification process for anti-bribery management systems (ABMS).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 1: Requirements*

ISO 37001:2016, *Anti-bribery management systems — Requirements with guidance for use*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 37001 and ISO/IEC 17021-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Generic competence requirements

The certification body shall define the competence requirements for each certification function as referenced in ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, Table A.1. When defining these competence requirements, the certification body shall take into account all the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 17021-1, as well as those specified in [Clauses 5](#) and [6](#).

NOTE 1 [Annex A](#) provides an overview of the competence requirements for personnel involved in specific certification functions.

NOTE 2 Information on the principles of auditing is provided in ISO 19011.