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# Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI).

The present document is part 2 of a multi-part deliverable covering Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment, as identified below:

- Part 1: "Requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing Trust Service Providers" (now existing as ETSI EN 319 403 to be issued as Part 1 when revised);
- Part 2: "Additional requirements for Conformity Assessment Bodies auditing Trust Service Providers that issue Publicly-Trusted Certificates";**
- Part 3: "Additional requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing EU qualified trust service providers".

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# Introduction

ISO/IEC 17065 [i.6] is an international standard which specifies general requirements for conformity assessment bodies (CABs) performing certification of products, processes, or services. These requirements are not focussed on any specific application domain where CABs work.

In ETSI EN 319 403 [1] the general requirements of ISO/IEC 17065 [i.6] are supplemented to provide additional dedicated requirements for CABs performing certification of trust service providers (TSPs) and the trust services they provide towards defined criteria against which they claim conformance.

ETSI EN 319 403 [1] aims to meet the general needs of the international community to provide trust and confidence in electronic transactions including, amongst others, applicable requirements from Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.1], and from CA/Browser Forum [i.7] and [i.8]. Its aims include support of national accreditation bodies (NABs) as specified in Regulation (EC) No. 765/2008 [i.2] in applying ISO/IEC 17065 [i.6] for the accreditation of CABs that certify TSPs and the trust services they provide so that this is carried out in a consistent manner. In accordance with EC Regulation No 765/2008 [i.2], attestations issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by a NAB can be formally recognized across Europe. ETSI EN 319 403 [1] supplements ISO/IEC 17065 [i.6] by specifying additional requirements, e.g. on resources, on the assessment process and on the audit of a TSP's management system, as defined in ISO/IEC 17021 [i.4] and in ISO/IEC 27006 [i.5].

The present document specifies supplementary requirements to those defined in ETSI EN 319 403 [1] in order to provide additional dedicated requirements for CABs performing audits based on ETSI EN 319 411-1 [i.9] and those from CA/Browser Forum, [i.7] and [i.8].

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# 1 Scope

The present document defines specific supplementary requirements to those defined in ETSI EN 319 403 [1] for CABs performing audits based on ETSI EN 319 411-1 [i.9] and those from CA/Browser Forum, [i.7] and [i.8].

In particular, the present document defines the requirements for audit attestations, including their content.

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## 2 References

### 2.1 Normative references

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- [1] ETSI EN 319 403: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment - Requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing Trust Service Providers".

### 2.2 Informative references

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The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

- [i.1] Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.

NOTE: Available at [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L\\_.2014.257.01.0073.01.ENG](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.257.01.0073.01.ENG).

- [i.2] EC Regulation No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 339/93.

- [i.3] ETSI TR 119 001: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); The framework for standardization of signatures; Definitions and abbreviations".

- [i.4] ISO/IEC 17021: "Conformity assessment -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems".

- [i.5] ISO/IEC 27006: "Information technology -- Security techniques -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems".

- [i.6] ISO/IEC 17065: "Conformity assessment -- Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services".
- [i.7] CA/Browser Forum (V1.6.8): "Guidelines for The Issuance and Management of Extended Validation Certificates".
- [i.8] CA/Browser Forum (V1.5.9): "Baseline Requirements Certificate Policy for the Issuance and Management of Publicly-Trusted Certificates".
- [i.9] ETSI EN 319 411-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security requirements for trust service providers issuing certificates; Part 1: General requirements".

## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in ETSI TR 119 001 [i.3] and the following apply:

**Publicly-Trusted Certificate (PTC):** certificate trusted by virtue of the fact that its corresponding Root Certificate is distributed as a trust anchor in widely-available application software

NOTE 1: See ETSI EN 319 411-1 [i.9].

NOTE 2: Within the context of the present document, PTC is used synonymously with EVC, DVC, IVC and OVC as per CA/B Forum documents [i.7] and [i.8]. The purpose of PTC is described in BRG [i.8], clause 1.4.1.

### 3.2 Symbols

Void.

### 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI TR 119 001 [i.3] and the following apply:

CA/B Forum	Certification Authority and Browser Forum
CAB	Conformity Assessment Body
PTC	Publicly-Trusted Certificate

## 4 Requirements for CABs auditing TSPs that issue PTCs

### 4.1 General

PTA-4.1-01: The requirements defined in ETSI EN 319 403 [1] shall apply.

The following clauses define additional requirements.

### 4.2 Audit Frequency (see ETSI EN 319 403, clause 7.4.6)

PTA-4.2-01: A full-surveillance audit shall be conducted no less frequently than annually.

PTA-4.2-02: Updated audit information shall be provided no less frequently than annually.

PTA-4.2-03: Successive audits shall include an evaluation of evidence produced since the last audit.

## 4.3 Audit Attestation

PTA-4.3-01: The Audit Attestation for TSPs issuing publicly-trusted certificates shall provide sufficient details to demonstrate that the audited TSP fulfilled the requirements from ETSI EN 319 411-1 [i.9] and those from CA/Browser Forum, [i.7] and [i.8].

In particular:

PTA-4.3-02: The Audit Attestation shall be written in English.

PTA-4.3-03: The Audit Attestation shall be in a "text searchable" PDF format.

PTA-4.3-04: The Audit Attestation shall be uploaded to their auditor's website.

PTA-4.3-05: The Audit Attestation shall list the date on which the audit letter was written.

PTA-4.3-06: The Audit Attestation shall have the CAB's name in the audit letter as well as the CAB's address, the CAB's contact information and information about the CAB's accreditation.

PTA-4.3-07: The Audit Attestation shall be issued annually.

PTA-4.3-08: The Audit Attestation shall be issued only if no critical non-conformities are identified and shall include a statement on each sub-clause of the referenced requirements where there is a finding of nonconformity noted during the audit which had been corrected prior issuing the Audit Attestation.

PTA-4.3-09: The Audit Attestation shall include a clear identification of the audited TSP.

PTA-4.3-10: The Audit Attestation shall list the full name, SHA256 thumbprints of the CA certificates of the TSP services that have been audited, and the applied policies of the audited TSP.

PTA-4.3-11: The Audit Attestation shall state the start and end dates of the period that was audited.

PTA-4.3-12: The Audit Attestation shall list the audit standards that were used during the audit and list the full name and version of the audit standards referenced.

PTA-4.3-13: The Audit Attestation shall list the policy and practice statement documents of the TSP that the audit was based on.

PTA-4.3-14: The Audit Attestation shall list the city, state/province (if applicable), and country of all relevant physical locations used in Certification Authority operations.

NOTE: Root programs relying on audits based on ETSI EN 319 403 [1] may place additional requirements on the audit attestations for TSPs issuing publicly-trusted certificates.



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## Annex A (informative): Bibliography

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NOTE: Available at <https://www.enisa.europa.eu/publications/tsp-initiation>.

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