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Introduction

ISO 56001 sets out the innovation management requirements for management systems applicable to any organization, regardless of type or size, products and services provided, or the types of innovations and innovation approaches used. Innovation management is particularly complex in that the intended results are often within an emerging context.

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with 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.

Certification bodies have a responsibility to interested parties, including their clients and the customers of the organizations whose management systems are certified, to ensure only those auditors who demonstrate the relevant competence are allowed to conduct innovation management system (IMS) audits.

Certification bodies identify the specific audit team competence needed for the scope of IMS audit. The selection of the IMS audit team will depend upon various factors, including the context of the organization, its innovation intent and the sector in which it operates.

This document also describes the competence requirements for other personnel involved in certification activities.

In this document, the initialism of “IMS” is specifically used to indicate an innovation management system. In different context, IMS can have other meanings, e.g. IMS is referred to as integrated management system in conformity assessment.

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