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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 17067:2013), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— the scope has been expanded to apply to conformity assessment schemes in general;

— the title has been updated to reflect the extended scope;

— individual clauses have been rephrased to apply to conformity assessment schemes in general;

— clauses have been added to provide specifics (e.g. on product certification schemes) where necessary;

— guidelines for product certification schemes are maintained and moved to Annex A;

— annexes have been added to provide guidelines for other schemes (e.g. schemes including inspection, management system certification, peer assessment, accreditation).

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# Introduction

This document provides fundamental concepts, principles and guidelines for conformity assessment schemes (which are sometimes referred to as “conformity assessment programmes”).

Conformity assessment performed in accordance with a conformity assessment scheme can provide assurance to interested parties via demonstration that specified requirements are fulfilled. Conformity assessment can thus provide assurance to interested parties in various areas, including, but not limited to, legal compliance, health and safety, suitability for intended use, performance, durability, compatibility, environmental impacts, governance and social impacts, resource use efficiency and resource circularity, management and use of information technology, climate change and sustainability matters.

This document is intended for those who have an interest in conformity assessment schemes, particularly those who own or operate schemes, or are considering development of a scheme. These people and their organizations can include:

a) governments and regulatory authorities;

b) industry, trade associations and organizations (e.g. retailers) within value chains;

c) procurement and purchasing agencies;

d) non-governmental organizations (NGOs);

e) consumer organizations;

f) bodies undertaking conformity assessment activities.

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— describes objects of conformity assessment;

— identifies the specified requirements; and

— provides the methodology for performing conformity assessment.

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Where the context is unambiguous, "scheme" is used in short for the full terms "conformity assessment scheme" and “conformity assessment programme”. For ease of comprehension of this document, the terms "conformity assessment scheme" and “conformity assessment programme” are considered synonyms, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

Where the context is unambiguous, "system" is used in short for the full term "conformity assessment system".

Where the context is unambiguous, "object" is used in short for the full term "object of conformity assessment".

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# Conformity assessment — Fundamentals of and guidelines for conformity assessment schemes

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the fundamental principles and concepts of conformity assessment schemes (programmes) and provides guidelines for understanding, developing, operating or maintaining them.

## 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 17000, *Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles*

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**3.1**
**conformity assessment**
demonstration that *specified requirements* (3.3) are fulfilled

Note 1 to entry: The process of conformity assessment as described in the functional approach in ISO/IEC 17000:2020, Annex A can have a negative outcome, i.e. demonstrating that the specified requirements are not fulfilled.

Note 2 to entry: Conformity assessment includes activities defined elsewhere in this document, such as but not limited to *testing* (3.25), *inspection* (3.26), *validation* (3.27), *verification* (3.28), *certification* (3.17), and *accreditation* (3.18).

Note 3 to entry: Conformity assessment is explained in ISO/IEC 17000:2020, Annex A as a series of functions. Activities contributing to any of these functions can be described as conformity assessment activities.

Note 4 to entry: This document does not include a definition of “conformity”. “Conformity” does not feature in the definition of “conformity assessment”. Nor does this document address the concept of compliance.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.1]

**3.2**
**object of conformity assessment**
**object**
entity to which *specified requirements* (3.3) apply

EXAMPLE Product, process, service, system, installation, project, data, design, material, claim, person, body or organization, or any combination thereof.

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Note 1 to entry: The term "body" is used in this document to refer to the *conformity assessment body* (3.19) and *accreditation body* (3.20). The term "organization" is used in its general meaning and may include bodies according to the context. The more specific ISO/IEC Guide 2 definition of an organization as a body based on membership is not applicable to the field of *conformity assessment* (3.1).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.2]

**3.3**
**specified requirement**
need or expectation that is stated

Note 1 to entry: Specified requirements can be stated in normative documents such as regulations, standards and technical specifications.

Note 2 to entry: Specified requirements can be detailed or general.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 5.1]

**3.4**
**conformity assessment scheme**
conformity assessment programme
set of rules and *procedures* (3.21) that describes the *objects of conformity assessment* (3.2), identifies the *specified requirements* (3.3) and provides the *methodology* (3.22) for performing *conformity assessment* (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: A conformity assessment scheme can be managed within a *conformity assessment system* (3.5).

Note 2 to entry: A conformity assessment scheme can be operated at an international, regional, national, sub-national, or industry sector level.

Note 3 to entry: A scheme can cover all or part of the conformity assessment functions explained in ISO/IEC 17000:2020, Annex A.

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[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.9]

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**3.5**
**conformity assessment system**
set of rules and *procedures* (3.21) for the management of similar or related *conformity assessment schemes* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: A conformity assessment system can be operated at an international, regional, national, sub-national, or industry sector level.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.8]

**3.6**
**owner**
owner of a system
owner of a scheme
system owner
scheme owner
person or organization responsible for the development and maintenance of a *conformity assessment system* (3.5) or *conformity assessment scheme* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: A scheme owner does not necessarily operate the *scheme* (3.4).

Note 2 to entry: A system owner or a scheme owner can be a *conformity assessment body* (3.19) itself, a governmental authority, a trade association, a group of conformity assessment bodies or others.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.13]

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**3.7**
**participant**
participant in a system
participant in a scheme
person or organization that implements or operates under the rules and *procedures* (3.21) of a *conformity assessment system* (3.5) or *scheme* (3.4) without being involved in their development, revision or approval

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.11]

**3.8**
**member**
member of a system
member of a scheme
person or organization that is involved in the development, revision or approval of the rules and *procedures* (3.21) of a *conformity assessment system* (3.5) or *scheme* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.12]

**3.9**
**first-party conformity assessment activity**
*conformity assessment* (3.1) activity that is performed by the person or organization that provides or that is the *object of conformity assessment* (3.2)

Note 1 to entry: The first-, second- and third-party descriptors used to characterize conformity assessment activities in relation to a given object are not to be confused with the legal identification of the relevant parties to a contract.

EXAMPLE Activities performed by providers, designers or owners of the object, investors in the object, and advertisers or promoters of the object.

Note 2 to entry: If an activity is performed by an external body acting on behalf of and controlled by a person or organization that provides or is the object, the activity is still called a first-party conformity assessment activity (e.g. internal audits performed by a consultant who is not part of the organization).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.3]

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**3.10**
**second-party conformity assessment activity**
*conformity assessment* (3.1) activity that is performed by a person or organization that has a user interest in the *object of conformity assessment* (3.2)

Note 1 to entry: The first-, second- and third-party descriptors used to characterize conformity assessment activities in relation to a given object are not to be confused with the legal identification of the relevant parties to a contract.

EXAMPLE Persons or organizations performing second-party conformity assessment activities include, for example, purchasers or users of products, or potential customers seeking to rely on a supplier's management system, or organizations representing those interests. Examples of organizations representing user interest include consumer advocacy organizations, regulators implementing legislation governing products and services for the protection of consumer and public interests, centralized government procurement organizations and private sector purchasing agents.

Note 2 to entry: If an activity is performed by an external body acting on behalf of and controlled by a person or organization with a user interest, the activity is still called a second-party conformity assessment activity (e.g. supply chain audits conducted by an external body on behalf of the purchaser).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.4]

**3.11**
**third-party conformity assessment activity**
*conformity assessment* (3.1) activity that is performed by a person or organization that is independent of the provider of the *object of conformity assessment* (3.2) and has no user interest in the object

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