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**Information technology — Security techniques — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems**

*Technologies de l'information — Techniques de sécurité — Exigences pour les organismes procédant à l'audit et à la certification des systèmes de management de la sécurité de l'information*

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## Foreword

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The main task of the joint technical committee is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the joint technical committee are circulated to national bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the national bodies casting a vote.

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 27006:2007), which has been technically revised.

## Introduction

ISO/IEC 17021 sets out criteria for bodies operating audit and certification of organizations' management systems. If such bodies are to be accredited as complying with ISO/IEC 17021 with the objective of auditing and certifying information security management systems (ISMS) in accordance with ISO/IEC 27001:2005, some additional requirements and guidance to ISO/IEC 17021 are necessary. These are provided by this International Standard.

The text in this International Standard follows the structure of ISO/IEC 17021, and the additional ISMS-specific requirements and guidance on the application of ISO/IEC 17021 for ISMS certification are identified by the letters "IS".

The term "shall" is used throughout this International Standard to indicate those provisions which, reflecting the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021 and ISO/IEC 27001, are mandatory. The term "should" is used to indicate recommendation.

One aim of this International Standard is to enable accreditation bodies to more effectively harmonize their application of the standards against which they are bound to assess certification bodies.

NOTE Throughout this International Standard, the terms "management system" and "system" are used interchangeably. The definition of a management system can be found in ISO 9000:2005. The management system as used in this International Standard is not to be confused with other types of system, such as IT systems.

# Information technology — Security techniques — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and provides guidance for bodies providing audit and certification of an information security management system (ISMS), in addition to the requirements contained within ISO/IEC 17021 and ISO/IEC 27001. It is primarily intended to support the accreditation of certification bodies providing ISMS certification.

The requirements contained in this International Standard need to be demonstrated in terms of competence and reliability by any body providing ISMS certification, and the guidance contained in this International Standard provides additional interpretation of these requirements for any body providing ISMS certification.

NOTE This International Standard can be used as a criteria document for accreditation, peer assessment or other audit processes.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 17021:2011, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems*

ISO/IEC 27001:2005, *Information technology — Security techniques — Information security management systems — Requirements*

ISO 19011, *Guidelines for auditing management systems*