

## **Frequently Asked Questions for termination of BCA's ISO/OHSAS Certification Services**

### **1. Why BCA wants to terminate the ISO/OHSAS certification services?**

In 1994, BCA started to provide ISO certification services to build up the professionalism of firms in the construction industry. Over the last 25 years, construction firms have made vast improvement supported by effective implementation of their quality, environmental, occupational health and safety management systems.

In addition, management system certification bodies, apart from BCA, have developed expertise to certify firms in the construction industry. With the matured state of the construction industry, it is timely for BCA to cease providing ISO/OHSAS certification service.

### **2. What the exit plan timeline? When is the last renewal date?**

Phase 1 - BCA will stop accepting new firms' applications for all ISO certification schemes with immediate effect. This includes the ISO 9000, ISO 14000 and OHSAS 18000 standards.

Phase 2 - BCA will stop accepting certified firms' renewal applications for all ISO/OHSAS certification scheme starting from 1st July 2019.

### **3. Will my ISO/OHSAS certificates be affected?**

Firm will need to engage another certification body to continue with their ISO certification. To ease the transition for BCA certified firms, BCA will continue to service firms that wish to stay with BCA's ISO/OHSAS certification scheme till their existing certification expire.

### **4. Will it affect my Contractor Registration System (CRS) or Public Sector Panels of Consultants (PSPC) registration?**

It will not affect your firm's CRS/ PSPC registration as long as your firm continue to meet the CRS or PSPC registration requirements.

### **5. My OHSAS certificate is expiring soon and my company is ready for transition audit to ISO 45001:2015. Will BCA provide the transition audit?**

BCA does not provide ISO 45000 standard certification service. For firms with OHSAS, we will continue to service their OHSAS 18000 certification until its expiry on 11 March 2021 or the certificate expiry date, whichever is earlier. BCA certified firms are advised to switch to another certification body early in order to maintain their OHSAS certification including transition to ISO 45000 standard.

The listing of accredited certification bodies is available at the Singapore Accreditation Council website. [[www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg](http://www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg)].

### **6. Who should I seek to continue with my ISO certification? Will BCA recommend other certification bodies?**

BCA will not recommend any certification body. Firms can refer to the list of accredited certification bodies available at the Singapore Accreditation Council website. [[www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg](http://www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg)].

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**7. My company is under integrated audit with GGBS. With termination of ISO certification, will it affect my GGBS certificate?**

Your GGBS certification will not be affected. BCA will continue to provide GGBS audit. BCA auditor will contact you for arrangement of GGBS audit. Firms can refer to the BCA website for the GGBS's audit details and fee schedule.

**8. What is the new Integrated Construction Quality Assurance (ICQA) scheme? Can I just go for ICQA?**

BCA has introduced a new Integrated Construction Quality Assurance (ICQA) scheme as an alternative registration requirement in CRS. ICQA is an industry specific and outcome based scheme which emphasizes a firm's actual performance. You can contact the ICQA team for more information.

**9. If I decide to withdraw from BCA before the ISO certificate expiry date, do I have to pay for annual fee?**

Firms need to inform us through email at least 3 months before their surveillance audit due month. Once received, BCA will not invoice firms for the annual fee and the ISO certificates will be withdrawn.

*E.g.: Firm X's ISO 9001 certificate expiry date is on 15 July 2021. Firm X's surveillance audit due month is July 2019. Firms need to inform us by end April 2019 (3 months' advance notice) if they wish to withdraw.*

**10. Can I terminate my ISO certifications before expiry date?**

BCA certified firms can choose to terminate their ISO certification from 01 March 2019 onwards. Please inform us through email if you wish to terminate your certification. You can contact Mr Erh Seah at Email: [ERH\\_Seah@bca.gov.sg](mailto:ERH_Seah@bca.gov.sg) or Ms Kong Chok Yew at Email: [KONG\\_Chok\\_Yew@bca.gov.sg](mailto:KONG_Chok_Yew@bca.gov.sg).

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