

## Transfer of Certification - *When and Why It Makes Sense*

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### 1. What Is Certification Transfer?

Certification transfer refers to moving an existing ISO certification from one certification body (CB) to another while maintaining certification status. A correct transfer ensures that the organisation's certification history, audit cycle, and international recognition are preserved where possible.

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### 2. Why Certification Body Selection Matters

Certification bodies are part of an international trust framework. Their accreditation, audit approach, and governance discipline directly affect the credibility of your certificate, how your risks are assessed, and how useful audits are to leadership.

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### 3. Transfer Scenarios Explained

#### **Accredited Certification Body -> Another Accredited Certification Body (I.e. Wynleigh)**

When transferring from another SANAS- or IAF-accredited certification body:

- International recognition of your certificate is maintained.
- Your existing 3-year certification cycle continues without being reset.
- No Stage 1 or Stage 2 Initial audit is required if IAF MD 2 requirements are met.
- Previous audit reports and nonconformities are reviewed and inherited.

This pathway is considered a continuity exercise and is designed to minimise disruption while improving audit quality.

#### **Unaccredited Certification Body -> Another Accredited Certification Body (I.e. Wynleigh)**

When transferring from a non-accredited certification body:

- The existing certificate is not internationally recognised.

- A full Stage 1 and Stage 2 Initial certification audit is required.
- Certification is re-established under SANAS accreditation.

This is not a transfer of status, but a restoration of credibility within the global accreditation framework.

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#### 4. Common Reasons Organisations Transfer

- Inconsistent interpretation of ISO standard requirements.
  - Audit findings vary significantly between auditors.
  - Low-value audits focused on checklists rather than business risk.
  - A certification body that no longer aligns with organisational maturity.
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#### 5. Wynleigh's Transfer Approach

- A guided onboarding session to confirm mandatory evidence.
- Formal review of historical audit data and issuing CB accreditation status.
- Governance-driven planning using a 3-year audit programme linked to business processes.
- Full documentation continuity to preserve audit integrity.

ISO 9001 ISO 14001 ISO 27001 ISO 45001

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#### 6. Leadership Takeaway

Certification should support governance, risk management, and organisational resilience. Proactively reassessing and transferring certification bodies is a leadership responsibility that protects credibility and ensures certification adds real value.

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#### 7. Next Step

Complete the Transfer Enquiry Form to obtain a free, accurate transfer quotation and confirm the most appropriate transfer pathway for your organisation.

Transfer Enquiry Form: [Transfer Your ISO Certification - Limited Time Opportunity](#)

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