
**Energy management systems —
Requirements for bodies providing
audit and certification of energy
management systems**

*Systèmes de management de l'énergie — Exigences pour les
organismes procédant à l'audit et à la certification de systèmes de
management de l'énergie*



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 50003:2014), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

- the definitions have been updated to include the audit time, the duration of the audit and terms related to multi-site audits;
- the phrase “maintained documented information” has been used to represent procedures, work instructions or other forms of documents that provide the who, what, when, how or why information;
- the phrase “retained documented information” or “record of audit evidence” has been used to represent records that demonstrate or provide evidence of the execution of a requirement;
- the structure has been updated to align with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015;
- the phrase “man-days” has been changed to “audit days”;
- for audit day calculations, the number of energy types have been changed to those that comprise at least 80 % of total consumption;
- the weighted values for complexity have been modified;
- the sampling requirements for multi-site EnMS have been updated;
- the use of IAF MD documents as they relate to [Annexes A](#) and [B](#) has been clarified;
- the information on EnMS effective personnel has been clarified in [A.2](#);
- [Tables A.3](#) and [A.4](#) have been modified to refer to audit time rather than the duration of the audit;
- the technical areas have been removed and requirements for technical competency added.

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Introduction

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.

In addition to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, this document specifies requirements for the specific technical area of energy management systems (EnMS) that are needed to ensure the effectiveness of the audit and certification, while supporting the efforts of the organization to continually improve energy performance including energy efficiency, energy use and energy consumption, and the EnMS. In particular, this document addresses the additional requirements necessary for the audit process. It covers the planning process, the initial certification audit, conducting the on-site audit, auditor competence, audit time and multi-site sampling. The structure of this document follows that of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015. [Annexes A](#) and [B](#) are normative while [Annexes C](#) and [D](#) provide additional information to complement ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.

This document deals with EnMS audits for certification purposes, but it does not deal with energy audits where the purpose is to establish a systematic analysis of energy consumption and energy use, and which are defined in ISO 50002.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or a capability.

In this document, references to the word “site” can be taken as either singular, meaning one permanent site (physical or virtual) or temporary site (physical or virtual), or can be plural, meaning more than one permanent site or temporary site, unless otherwise specified.

Energy management systems — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for competence, consistency and impartiality in the auditing and certification of ISO 50001 energy management systems (EnMS) for bodies providing these services. In order to ensure the effectiveness of EnMS auditing, this document addresses the auditing process, the competence requirements for the personnel involved in the certification process for EnMS, the audit time and multi-site sampling.

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 17021-1:2015, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 1: Requirements*

ISO 50001, *Energy management systems — Requirements with guidance for use*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, ISO 50001 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

audit evidence

documented information, statements of fact or other information, which are relevant to the audit criteria and verifiable

Note 1 to entry: Audit evidence can be qualitative or quantitative.

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2015, 3.13.8, modified — The word “records” has been replaced by “documented information” and Note 1 to entry has been added.]

3.2

duration of the audit

part of *audit time* (3.3) spent conducting audit activities from the opening meeting to the closing meeting, inclusive

Note 1 to entry: Audit activities normally include:

- conducting the opening meeting;
- performing document review while conducting the audit;