

**NABCB - NCCF Transition Policy for Certification Bodies seeking
Provisional Recognition / Approval in NCCF FM Scheme**

01 July 2021

Based on the decision by the Governing Board of the “National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)” and as conveyed to the “Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF)”, the Provisional Recognition / Approval under the NCCF FM Certification Scheme shall henceforth be accorded by the Scheme Owner NCCF. The Transition Policy for Provisional Approval in NCCF FM Certification Scheme shall be as follows:

1. The Provisional Recognition / Approval in the NCCF FM Certification Scheme shall be accorded by the scheme owner NCCF w.e.f. 01 August 2021.
2. All new applications and/or applications for extension of Provisional Recognition / Approval from Certification Bodies shall be submitted to NCCF.
3. The Provisional Recognition / Approval as has been granted by NABCB to Certification Bodies on or before 31 July 2021 shall remain valid until the validity of the approval as granted. However, the NCCF and the approved Certification Body, if mutually agree, may transfer the NABCB approval to NCCF approval w.e.f. 01 August 2021 for the remaining validity period of NABCB approval with the consent of NABCB.
4. The validity of Provisional Recognition / Approval as granted by NABCB to any Certification Body on or before 31 July 2021 shall, in all cases, expire or stand terminated, as the case may be, on or before 31 Dec 2021.
5. The NCCF FM Certification Scheme documents / information for Provisional Recognition / Approval as available on the NABCB website shall be publicly available only until 31 July 2021. Thereafter such documents shall be available only on NCCF website.
6. The NCCF or its documents for FM Certification Scheme shall not use NABCB and/or QCI Logos.
7. This policy shall remain valid only until 31 Dec 2021.
