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1 Purpose

Details of steps to be followed when processing applications and application reviews.

2 Scope

Covers all applications received for certification including recertifications and transfers.

3 Responsibility

The Certification manager together with the MD.

4 Abbreviations

IC – Impartiality Committee

MS – Management System

CA – Corrective actions

IAF – International Accreditation Forum

AB – Accreditation body.

CM – certification manager

5 Process

Function	Process	Measurement
Initial Application and application review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquiries may be received telephonically, via the website, or by email. • The application form and certification process get issued to the client via email. • The administrator will review the application to ensure that it is fully completed and requested information is submitted by the client. • During the application review process, the Certification manager will confirm the capability (resources (including competent auditors, technical reviewers, and certification decision makers), scope, and suggested audit date) to ensure 	Frm- QP 08.1 Certification Application Frm- QP 08.2 Certification Application review Frm-QP 08.3/08.3a Audit time determination Frm- QP 08.4 Quotation, offer & acceptance letter




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	<p>the management system of the client is sufficient to develop the audit program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NST will either accept or decline the application based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the information provided by the client. - Consideration on whether the scope is accredited. - Capability and competency of NST on the applicable scope. - Whether NST offers the scope. - The social, economic and legal status of the applicant. - The information provided by other certification bodies in case of transferring applicants. • If the application is declined, the reasons will be communicated to the client by email, and the emails are to be saved in each client's folder. • Audit time audit will be calculated and documented on the audit time template quote and a certification agreement will be generated. • The quote and certification agreement shall be emailed to the client for signature/acceptance. • Accepted quote and signed certification agreement by the client shall be filed in an electronic database. • Once the quotation and agreement are accepted by the applicant, NST shall generate the audit program and plan for stage 1 audit. 	

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Recertification Application and application review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification manager/Administrator will notify the client of the certificate expiry date and if the client would like to continue with certification an application form will be issued. • Upon receipt of the application the following will be compiled; audit time, quotation, new agreement and will be issued to the client for signature. 	Frm- QP 08.1 Certification Application Frm- QP 08.2 Certification Application review Frm- QP 08.3 Audit time determination Frm- QP 08.4 Quotation, offer & acceptance letter Frm-QP 08.5 Certification agreement
Administrative process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open new Client electronic folders and save all signed records (In case of a re-certification the previous scanned 3-year cycle documents are transferred to an Archive folder) • Update CLIENT LIST database 	Updated electronic client list. Frm-QP 08.4 Certification agreement. Terms and conditions of certification

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