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## **Introduction**

This document is for use by certification bodies for auditing and certifying a service management system (SMS) in accordance with ISO/IEC 20000-1. It can also be used by accreditation bodies when assessing certification bodies. It is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO/IEC 17021-1, which sets out criteria for certification bodies providing audit and certification of management systems. This document provides requirements additional to those in ISO/IEC 17021-1.

Correct application of this document will enable certification bodies to harmonize their application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for assessments against ISO/IEC 20000-1. It will also enable accreditation bodies to harmonize their application of the standards they use to assess certification bodies.

This document follows the structure of ISO/IEC 17021-1, as far as possible. The requirements additional to those in ISO/IEC 17021-1 are shown as subclauses numbered "SMxxx".

ISO/IEC 17021-1 and this document use the term "client" for the organization seeking certification.