

**Frequently Asked Questions –  
For the conversion from PCCS-TA: 2010 to PCCS-TA: 2017**

**Q. What is the publication date of PCCS-TA: 2017?**

A. The publication date of PCCS-TA: 2017 is 1 December 2017.

**Q. What will happen to PCCS-TA: 2010 after the release of PCCS-TA: 2017?**

A. PCCS-TA: 2010 will be considered as invalid beginning 1 January 2020.

**Q. Is there any transition period for converting to PCCS-TA: 2017?**

A. There is a two-year period for the organisations certified to PCCS-TA: 2010 to convert to PCCS-TA: 2017 with the deadline being no later than 31 December 2019. During the conversion period, organisations can select to have the conversion audits in conjunction with scheduled PCCS-TA: 2010 audits (SV or REA) or a special audit. Initial certification audit with respect to PCCS-TA: 2017 will be required after the expiry of PCCS-TA: 2010 certificate.

**Q. At what time will the conversion audit be scheduled?**

A. The conversion audit will be arranged during your routine PCCS-TA: 2010 surveillance or renewal audits starting from 1 July 2019.

**Q. What preparation is needed of the organisations for the conversion audit?**

A. The organisations shall update their relevant system documents, inform the relevant employees of the update and implement the changes.

**Q. Will nonconformity(ies) be raised against the requirements in PCCS-TA: 2010 or PCCS-TA: 2017 during the conversion audit?**

A. During the conversion audit, auditors will raise nonconformities if it is found that either the requirements of PCCS-TA: 2010 or requirements of PCCS-TA: 2017 are not fulfilled. And our normal nonconformities and corrective action plans handling processes will be followed.

**Q. What are the criteria for granting PCCS-TA: 2017 certificate?**

A. The decision to issue certification to PCCS-TA: 2017 will be made once actions in respect of all outstanding non-conformities have been reviewed, accepted and verified.