TIMELINE FOR ASSESSMENT OF CERTIFICATION BODIES

PLANNING OF ASSESSMENT/WITNESSING (***Refer to Section 5***)

- **Dates of annual assessment visits are calculated from the date of granting of accreditation**
- **A resource review plan is prepared** (***Within 2 weeks of date of assessment***)
- **Assessment/witnessing are planned** (***Within 2 months prior to the visit***)

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EXECUTION OF ASSESSMENT/WITNESSING (***Refer to Section 5***)

- **Assessment/witnessing is carried out**
- **Assessment team makes recommendation on accreditation**

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REPORTING OF ASSESSMENT (***Refer to Section 5***)

- **A report which includes a description of non-conformities raised is submitted to the accredited CB** (***Within one month from assessment date***)

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Recommendation for maintenance of accreditation?

NO → **MAURITAS handles the recommendation for partial/full suspension of accreditation as per MAURITAS Procedure**

YES ↓

CLOSING OF NON-CONFORMITIES (***Refer to Section 8***)

- **Non-conformities raised are addressed by the CB** (***Within 2 weeks from assessment date for proposed CAs and 2 months from assessment date for implemented CAs***)
- **New deadline for unsatisfactory corrective actions is given** (***A maximum of 1 more month***)
- **Recommendation from assessment team about closing of each non-conformity** (***Within 2 weeks from date of receipt of implemented corrective actions by assessment team from MAURITAS***)

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DECISION ON ACCREDITATION (***Refer to Section 9***)

- **The AC reviews the recommendation of the assessment team presented by the Director and makes decision on accreditation**
- **The Director takes the decision when the maintenance of accreditation is not related to a re-assessment and there is no modification to the scope.**

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Decision of Accreditation Committee?

Negative →

- **MAURITAS handles the negative conclusions as per MAURITAS Procedures and reminds the applicant about the right to appeal**
- **Any appeals by the CB are handled as per MAURITAS Procedure**

Positive ↓

- **The CB is informed in writing about the decision of Accreditation Committee and is forwarded any relevant documents**
- **MS updates the respective client files**