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Question: 2021-001

What is the impact of the transfer of Certifications from the Institute of Energy Management Professionals (IEnMP) to the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)?

Answer:

The ISO/IEC 17024 personnel certification currently offered by IEnMP will now be offered by AEE.

GTESS recognizes that the titles *Energy Professional International (EPI) ISO 50001 Lead Auditor and Superior Energy Performance Performance Verifier (SEP PV) and 50001 Certified Practitioner in Energy Management Systems (50001 CP EnMS)* were the titles for the certifications while administered by IEnMP. The certificate titles may change with the transfer from IEnMP to AEE.

NOTE: Questions 2021-001, 2021-002, 2021-003, and 2021-004 are related and should be reviewed together.

Question: 2021-002 (Competence Clause 5 ANSI/MSE 50028-2)

What is the impact of the transfer of Certifications from the Institute of Energy Management Professionals (IEnMP) to the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)?

Answer:

ANSI/MSE 50028-2:2019 clause 5 Competence of Personnel states:

SEP Stage 1 audits and SEP surveillance audits shall be conducted by an audit team (one or more persons) led by a Lead Auditor for SEP. A Lead Auditor for SEP shall have the Energy Professional International (EPI) ISO 50001 Lead Auditor credential and a certificate of completion for the SEP PA's designated SEP Specialist training.

SEP Stage 2 audits and SEP recertification audits shall be conducted by a Lead Auditor for SEP, along with a certified SEP PV. The Lead Auditor for SEP and the SEP PV may be a single individual who has met the qualification requirements for both Lead Auditor for SEP and SEP PV.

The competencies identified in the certifications are not impacted and the credentials remain ISO/IEC 17024 accredited. Therefore, GTESS considers any change in the credential name to be editorial in nature and these changes do not impact the requirements of ANSI/MSE 50028-2:2019. Likewise, the transfer to AEE is considered an editorial change.

Question: 2021-003 (Competence Clause 5 ANSI/MSE 50028-2)

What is the impact of the transfer of Certifications from the Institute of Energy Management Professionals (IEnMP) to the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) on records that are required to demonstrate competence according to ANSI/MSE 50028-2:2019?

Answer:

ANSI/MSE 50028-2:2019 clause 5 Competence of Personnel states:

The VB shall maintain records of competency for personnel conducting SEP audits. Records shall include, for each member of the audit team, the audits performed, including their role in the activity.

GTESS recognizes that there will be certificates with the IEnMP name and the AEE name in the market due to the transfer. Given that fact GTESS will recognize:

- the IEnMP certificates as issued if the certificate is valid according to the issue and renewal dates.

If there is an update required due to a change in the underlying documents or program associated with the SEP PV credential or EPI Lead Auditor credential prior to expiration of the certificate:

- AEE will define the means needed to obtain the identified competency needed for the update.
 - GTESS will recognize the candidate's use of the IEnMP certificate along with additional evidence as identified by AEE.
 - If AEE determines a new ISO/IEC 17024 certificate is needed, the AEE certificate will supersede the IEnMP certificate. Note this also applies to the pre-requisite 50001 CP EnMS.

It remains the candidate's responsibility to provide objective evidence of competence by maintaining a valid Credential.

Question: 2021-004 (Competence Clause 5 ANSI/MSE 50028-2)

What is the transfer period of existing Certifications issued by the Institute of Energy Management Professionals (IEnMP) to the Certifications being issued by the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)?

Answer:

The agreement between IEnMP and AEE was signed in February 2021. IEnMP personnel will assist AEE through August 2021 to ensure a smooth transfer.

During this transfer period (February 2021 to July 2021) the certificate may indicate AEE or IEnMP. Certificates issued by IEnMP through July 2021 are to be replaced by AEE certificates by the expiration date on the certificate held by the candidate.

- There is no grace period recognized for the transfer, the certificate must be replaced by an AEE certificate by the expiration date on the IEnMP issued certificate.
- This means that certificates from IEnMP may be in the marketplace for up to five years.

If there are changes to underlying requirements (e.g. ISO 50001, SEP Program) that require updates prior to the expiration of the certificate, the certificate will follow the rules as established by AEE (See 2021-003).

NOTE: GTESS recognizes that the certificate update can be provided as a separate record until the expiration date of the Certificate. However, no IEnMP certificate can be recognized as of the expiration date on the certificate.