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National Information Assurance (NIA) Audit Accreditation Workshop

Key updates



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Workshop Introduction

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

**Overview of
the Updates**

**Related
Benefits**



**Explain the
Rationale**

**Glimpse at the
Future**





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Accreditation Overview

WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?



Assurance that an entity has the capability and capacity to deliver cyber security related services in a specified subject or areas of expertise.



ACCREDITATION SERVICES



NIA • **AUDIT** •
ACCREDITED - معتمد
الإطار الوطني للائتمان
لأمن المعلومات
National Information Security
Compliance Framework

• **ADVISORY** •
ACCREDITED - معتمد
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لأمن المعلومات
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• **PEN TEST** •
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ACCREDITATION APPLICATION PROCESS



ACCREDITATION STATUS



ACCREDITATION INVESTMENT



ACCREDITATION BENEFITS



**Enhanced
Credibility
with
Customers**



**Competitive
Advantage
with a
Marketing
Edge**



**Greater
Customer
Trust**



**Access to
Larger
Market and
Exposure**



**Improved
Supplier
Relations**





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Updates Rationale and Opportunities

UPDATES OBJECTIVES

Standardized Processes



Reduce Audit Efforts

Efficiency
Accessibility
Clarity

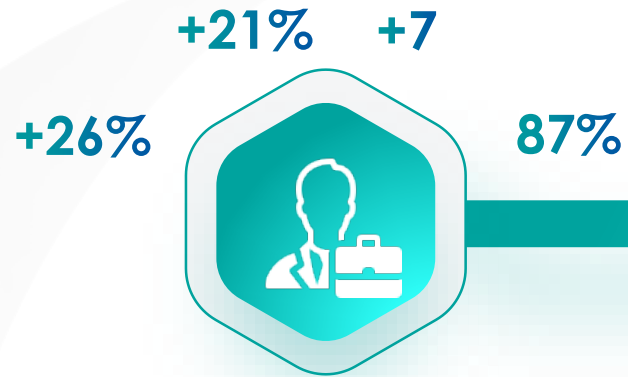
Clearer Directives & Procedures



Lower Barriers to Entry



ADDITIONAL GAINS



Business Growth



Improved Internal Controls



+27%



INTRODUCTION OF CHANGES

1

**Audit Standard
updates effective from
January 1, 2025**

2

**New NIA Audit
Accreditation
Application shall
conform to the new
standard**

3

**Tailored transition for
existing NIA Audit
Accredited Service
Providers**



COMPLIANCE STRATEGY



Secure critical sectors and supply chain



Establish compliance regulations



Address compliance by assurance

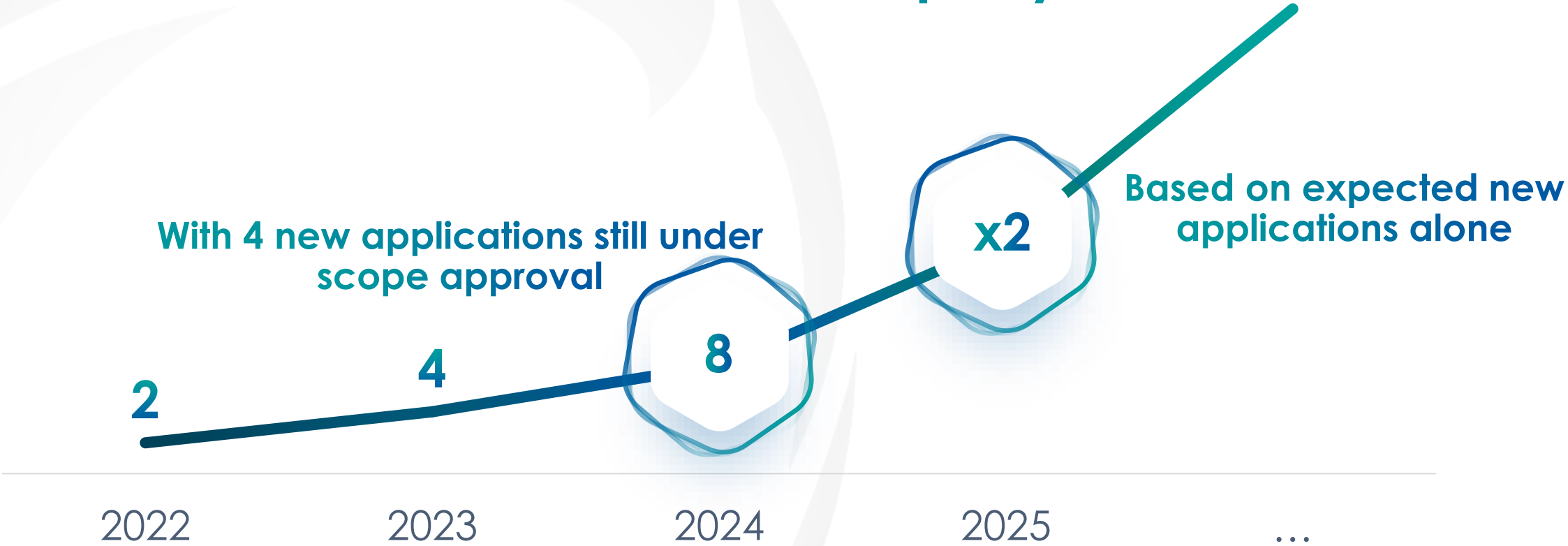


Consolidate existing programs



NIA AUDIT ACCREDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Number of NIA Audits per year





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Changes' Implementation

UPDATES' IMPACT ON AUDIT STANDARD



Improve auditee / auditor expectation and readiness before the audit

Reduced scope of work and sampling

Shorter audit / certification calendar and timelines

Minimize budget and efforts for both auditees and auditors

Answers concerns and challenges identified in previous audits



AUDIT STANDARD STRUCTURE



Audit control environment

- Principles
- Resources
- Technology



Audit process

- Acceptance
- Planning
- Execution
- Reporting

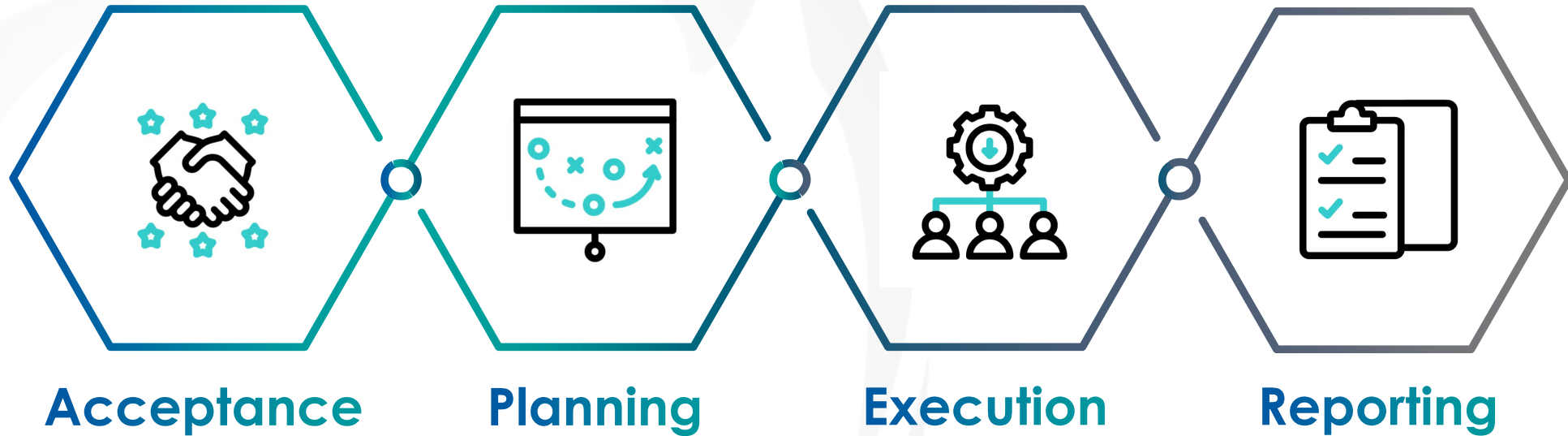


Subsequent audits

- Maintenance
- Suspension
- Scope Expansion
- Special audit
- Re-Certification



AUDIT PROCESS



MAIN SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



Audit Risk Standard Operating Procedure



Audit Work Program Standard Operating Procedure



Sampling Standard Operating Procedure



Audit Calendar Technical Directive



Corrective Actions Plan Technical Directive



UPDATES' IMPACT ON AUDIT ACCREDITATION



Align with updated Accreditation standard structure

Clearer requirements based on the audit standard

Practical and service oriented requirements

Clearer performance requirements through Technical Directives and Standard Operating Procedures

Better preparation and readiness materials and reduced assessment time to obtain Accreditation



AUDIT ACCREDITATION STANDARD STRUCTURE



Governance

- Organization
- Policies
- Resources management
- Competencies
- Ethics



Management

- Security
- Risk and project management
- Audit tools



Service

- Acceptance
- Planning
- Execution
- Reporting
- Change of auditor



AREA OF ATTENTION TO OBTAIN ACCREDITATION



Develop missing policies and processes



Evaluate and document competencies



Gather and compile compliance evidence



Develop audit templates and work papers





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Thank You