

## ACERTA Certification Fee Policy

This policy describes the methods for ISO certification policy adopted by ACI for conduction of certification activities based on the requirements of following standards/guidelines:

- ISO/IEC 17065-2-2012, Conformity assessment- Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services
- ISO/IEC 17021-1-2015, Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems
- ISO/IEC 17021-2-2016, Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems- Competence requirement for auditing & certification of Environmental Management Systems.
- ISO/IEC 17021-3-2017, Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems- Competence requirement for auditing & certification of Quality Management Systems.
- ISO/IEC 17021-10-2018, Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems- Competence requirement for auditing & certification of Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems.
- ISO 22003-1:2022, Food Safety – Part 1 Requirements for bodies providing audit & certification of Food Safety Management System.

At ACERTA Certification & Inspection Private Limited, we are dedicated to offering trustworthy and reputable ISO certification services to organizations pursuing ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001 & ISO 22000 certification. Our fee structure is customized to reflect the size of the organization, type of product and various other factors that impact the certification process.

### **Fee (Tentative):**

- Application Cost: 10,000 PKR/-
- Stages 1 & 2 Cost 50,000 PKR/- within a city and 50,000/- out of the city per man-day.
- Client Application evaluation.
- Admin/Legal cost includes in Application Cost.
- Travelling / Accommodation Provided by Applicant

### **1. Application and Initial Assessment Fee**

This fee includes all initial costs, such as processing the application, reviewing documentation, assessing materials, and conducting preliminary site audits. Fees are calculated based on the complexity of the organization's operations. Travel and accommodation expenses (to visit sites) client needs to arrange or pay on actual.

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### **2. Annual Surveillance Audit Fee.**

Annual surveillance audits are required to maintain compliance with relevant ISO certification standards. Fees are determined by factors like the size of the organization, the applied scheme, the audit scope, and any additional requirements, including audits for multiple locations or additional auditors.

### **3. Recertification Audit Fee.**

At the end of each certification cycle, a recertification audit is required to renew certification. This fee covers the complete reassessment necessary to validate ongoing compliance, including an annual licensing fee to keep certification active.

### **4. Fee Determination Factors**

Fees are customized for each organization based on factors including:

- Scope of certification, covering the products, services, or processes involved.
- The complexity of operations is determined by the size and detail of the processes involved.
- Additional facilities, with extra audit fees for multiple locations.

### **5. Transparent Cost Estimate Process**

Following a preliminary evaluation, ACI ensures all financial commitments are clear before proceeding. This transparency promotes clarity and mutual agreement on fees.

### **6. Payment Terms and Additional Charges**

Fees are payable before each stage of the certification process. Application fees are non-refundable. Additional charges will be applicable on scope extension and product addition.

### **7. Policy Updates**

ACI occasionally examines and updates its fee policy according to economic, governmental and operational circumstances. Clients are promptly informed of any modifications to the fee policy, ensuring transparency and maintaining our commitment to effective communication.