

Transition Plan for trustea Standard Version 3

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Introduction:

Trustea standard V3 is issued on 11.07.2023. The effective date of the certification in this standard will be as per the transition plan mentioned below.

trustea certification cycle is for 2 years. After the adoption of the new standard, the following process will be considered based on the certification type:

1. New Entity -

- a. If NOC has not been issued based on the previous standard they will be taken to the new standard
- b. If NOC has been issued on the old standard, then the entity will be certified on the old standard and the new standard will be applicable at the time of the renewal.

2. For decertified/Non-Renewal Entities:

certified units that do not renew within 90 days of the expiry of the certificate, the renewal will be done on the old standard if done within six months of decertification or expiry, as the case may be.

3. Renewal:

If any entity's renewal is one year or more after launching the new standard, the renewal will be done in the new standard. If it is less than one year then the renewal will be done to the old standard.

Certificate holders shall be given a period of a maximum of two years to come into compliance with any revised Standards.

The exact timeline is mentioned below for further understanding –

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Type	Situation
<p>New Entity</p>	<p>If the gap identification is not started by the implementation partner based on the trustea standard V2.1.5, on or before 31 Dec 2023, then the entity must be taken through trustea standard V3.</p> <p>If the gap closure & training completion declaration from the implementation partner is issued on the trustea standard V2.1.5, then the entity will be certified in trustea standard V2.1.5 and the new standard V3 will be applicable at the time of the renewal or transition on or before December 31, 2025.</p>
	<p>> If the gap closure & training completion declaration from the implementation partner is issued on or before 30th Jun 2024 then the entity can go for verification audit in the standard V2.1.5 and the verification certificate must be issued by 31st Dec 2024.</p> <p>> If the gap closure & training completion declaration from the implementation partner is issued within the 30th of Jun 2024, but the entity is unable to complete the certification process by the 31st Dec 2024, then the entity must need another declaration from the IP on the new standard V3 and perform the audit on the new standard V3.</p> <p>> The entities whose certificate validity starts on or before 31st Dec 2024 on trustea Standard V2.1.5, must carry transition audit on or before 31st Dec 2025.</p> <p>No gap closure & training completion declaration from the implementation partner can be issued after 30th Jun 2024 in the trustea standard V2.1.5</p>
<p>For decertified/ Non-Renewal Entities</p>	<p>For certified units that do not renew within 90 days of the expiry of the certificate on V2.1.5, the renewal will be done on that version if completed within six months of their decertification or expiry, as the case may be.</p> <p>Otherwise, the above timeline as per the new entity must be followed</p>

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Renewal

If any entity's renewal is due, one year post launching of the new standard V3, the renewal must be done in the new standard V3. If it is due within a year of launching of the standard then the renewal can be done to the trustea standard V2.1.5. However, the renewal certificate in standard V2.1.5. will be valid till 10th July 2025. Within that period the entity must perform the transition audit to get complete two years validity from the issuance date of the renewal certificate.

Note to the validity:

Scenario 1 – For the renewal entities, if the transition audit is completed before July 10, 2025, the certificate will remain valid for two years from its original issuance date.

Scenario 2 - If the full Version 3 audit is conducted before July 10, 2025, the certificate will be valid for two years under the new standard, starting from the new version 3 VC generation date

No renewal can be done in the standard V2.1.5 after 31st Dec 2024

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