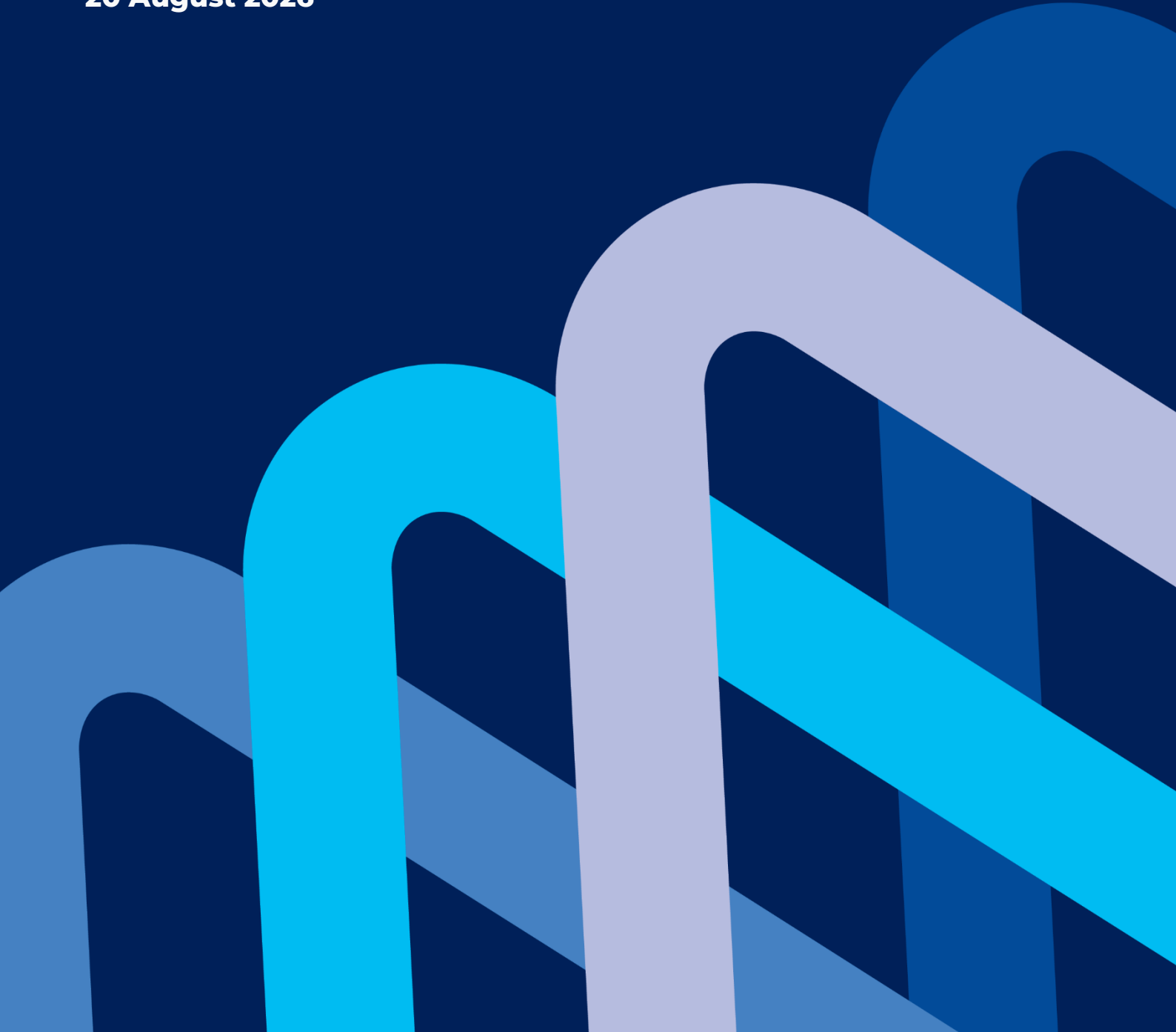


BS 10119:2026

Technical Note

20 August 2026



Publication of BS 10119:2026

Transition from COP 119 to BS 10119:2026

Following the publication of BS 10119:2026, British Assessment Bureau will introduce a transition programme for organisations currently certificated to COP 119.

1. Existing Certificated Organisations

Organisations currently holding COP 119 certification will be required to transition to BS 10119:2026 to maintain certification for the provision of labour to the security and events sectors.

Organisations that do not wish to transition should notify British Assessment Bureau. COP 119 certification may continue until **30th September 2027**, subject to the successful completion of required audits and continued conformity. Certification to COP 119 will be withdrawn no later than **30th September 2027**.

Note: BS 10119:2026 certification provided by British Assessment Bureau under this programme is available in the United Kingdom only and is unaccredited. Certificates will not display an accreditation mark and must not be represented as accredited certification.

2. Notification of Intent to Transition

Organisations wishing to transition must notify British Assessment Bureau in writing. Notification should be provided as early as possible and sufficiently in advance of the scheduled audit to allow the transition activity, audit duration and auditor competence to be reviewed and confirmed.

3. Transition Audits

From **1st September 2026**, British Assessment Bureau will conduct transition audits alongside existing surveillance, recertification other scheduled audits where possible. This approach is intended to minimise additional audit activity while assessing compliance with the requirements of BS 10119:2026.

4. New Business Applications

From **1st September 2026**, all new applications within the applicable scope will be quoted and assessed against BS 10119:2026. COP 119 will no longer be offered to new applicants. Successful applicants will receive unaccredited BS 10119:2026 certification following completion of the required assessment and a positive certification decision.

5. Certification Update

Following satisfactory completion of the transition audit, appropriate resolution of any findings and a positive certification decision, British Assessment Bureau will issue an unaccredited BS 10119:2026 certificate to replace the existing COP 119 certificate.

6. Withdrawal of COP 119

COP 119 will be withdrawn on **30th September 2027**. Following this date, organisations wishing to retain certification for the provision of labour to the security and events sectors will be required to hold certification to BS 10119:2026.

7. Further Guidance

British Assessment Bureau will provide additional information and guidance to support organisations in understanding the key differences between COP 119 and BS 10119:2026 and to assist with the transition process.