

Public Notice
Transition of IFWCS – PRAMAAN to IIFM

QCI/PADD/IFWCS/2026-27/90

Date: 14 October 2026

The Quality Council of India (QCI) has been associated with the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS) – PRAMAAN as knowledge partner to the Scheme Operating Agency, the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM). This was under a Memorandum of Understanding dated 5 August 2024 (the "MoU").

QCI has given IIFM written notice dated **12 October 2026**, as provided in the MoU, to conclude its role. The MoU will end on **12 November 2026 (Effective Date)**. From that date, the Project Analysis and Documentation Division (PADD), QCI will no longer administer or manage PRAMAAN. IIFM, as Scheme Operating Agency, will take the Scheme forward.

From the Effective Date PADD, QCI will not:

1. PADD shall not accept any new applications for Provisional Approval under IFWCS-PASCB-2024 with effect from 12 October 2026, being the date of QCI's written notice to IIFM. Applications already under process shall be concluded by QCI before the Effective Date or handed over to IIFM. Applicants shall be informed directly.
2. Approvals granted by QCI are not withdrawn because of this transition. They remain valid for the periods stated in the approval letters, subject to the requirements of the Scheme and any further decisions taken by IIFM, being the Scheme Owning Authority (SOA). From the Effective Date, further action on these approvals, including monitoring, extension, suspension or withdrawal, will rest with IIFM.
3. From the Effective Date, QCI will not carry out any approval, renewal, extension, assessment, witness or surveillance activity under PRAMAAN.
4. This notice does not affect accreditations granted by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB). NABCB shall continue to function independently as the Accreditation Body, in accordance with its established procedures. The termination of this arrangement shall not affect NABCB's accreditation-related functions, and all future accreditation activities, including processing of applications, grant of accreditation, surveillance, renewal, suspension or withdrawal of accreditation, shall continue to be carried out by NABCB independently under its applicable procedures.
5. From the Effective Date, QCI's name and logo shall not be used in connection with PRAMAAN in any way that suggests QCI continues to operate or support the Scheme. Please send queries on PRAMAAN received after the Effective Date to IIFM at pramaan@iifmbhopal.edu.in.

The documents on this page are made available for reference. Stakeholders are requested to refer to IIFM for the current version of any Scheme document after the Effective Date.

QCI thanks IIFM, the certification bodies and all stakeholders for their cooperation and goodwill. We wish PRAMAAN continued success under IIFM's leadership.

Yours sincerely,



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