



# ISO 27001 & ISMS OVERVIEW & CASE STUDY

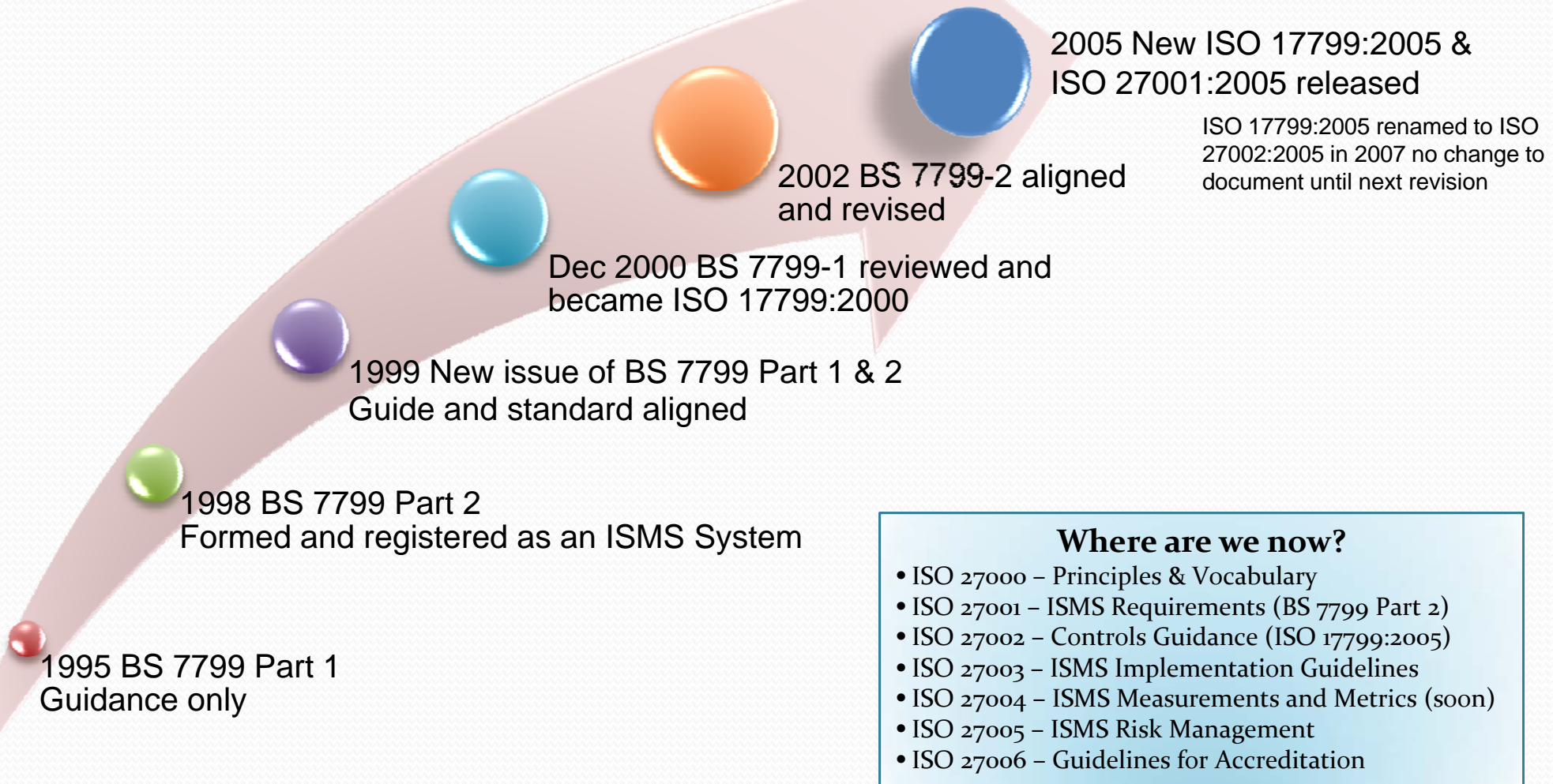
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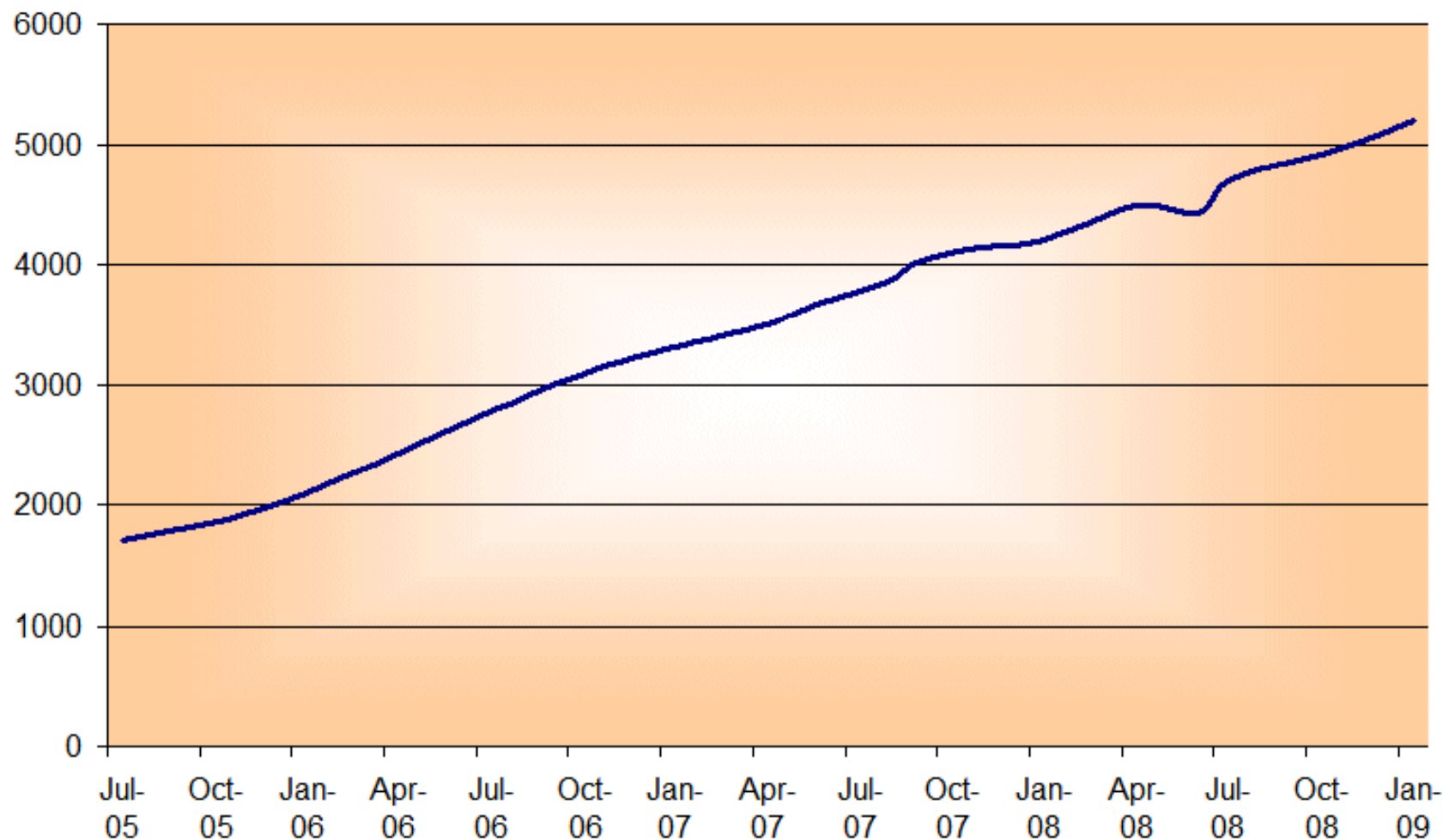
# ISO 27001:2005 HISTORY



Standard started in 1992 when BSI had been approached by certain industry sectors with concerns over potential problems and security issues with 'electronic systems'. Sept 1993 'Code of Practice' published

- Improved effectiveness of Information Security
- Demonstrates Integrity and Trustworthiness
- Ownership by Senior Management
- Corporate Governance & Compliance
- Structured approach
- Global acceptance – International Standard
- Increased Risk Awareness and better Risk Treatment
- Gives an independent review of ISMS
- Improved marketing image and customer expectation

# ISO 27001 Today (number of certificates)

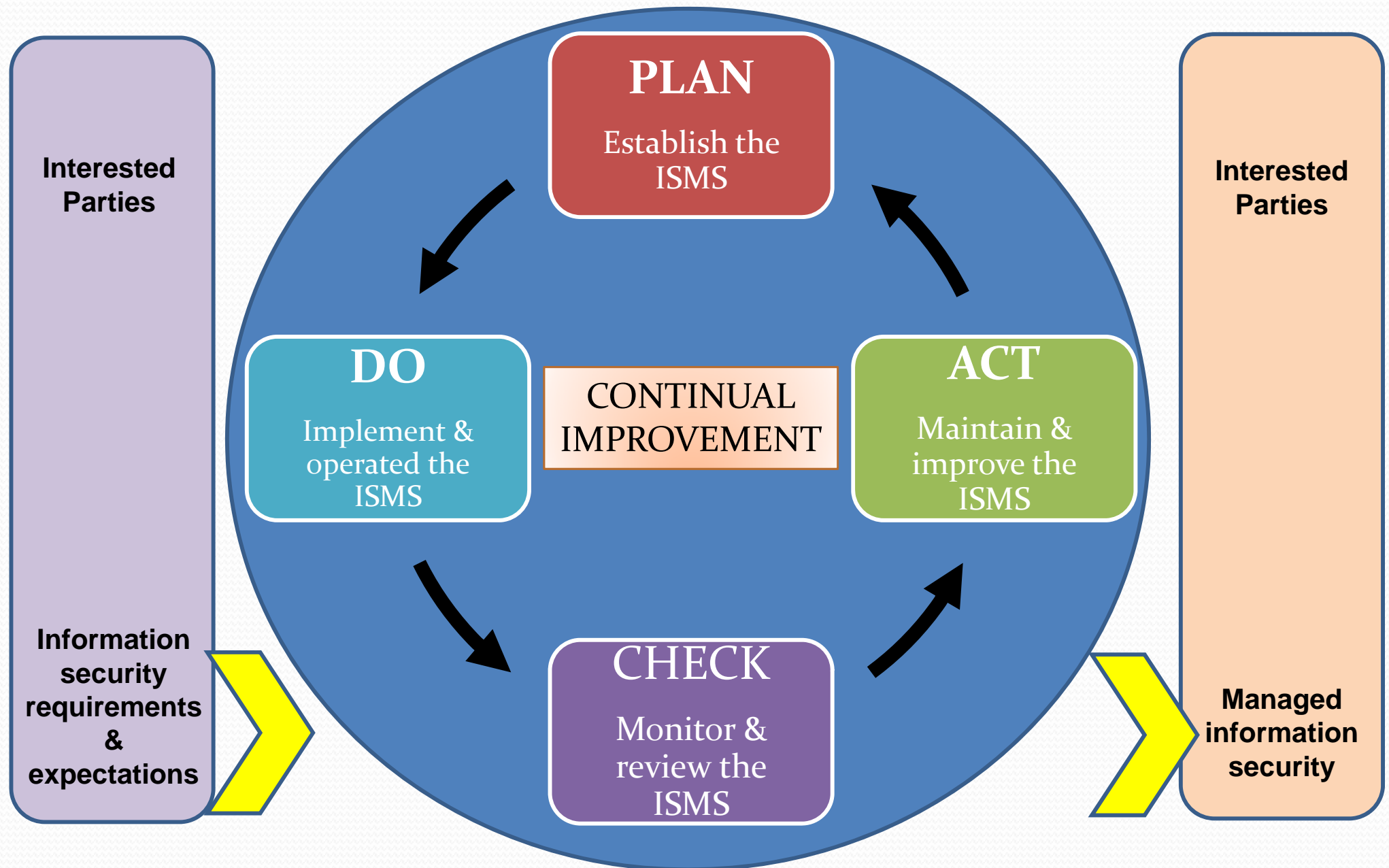


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- Manage risk down
- Provide tangible evidence to auditors
- Streamlined process of monitoring ISMS effectiveness
- Provides proactive toolset
- Reduction of security incidents over time
- Better root cause analysis of incidents / events
- Users see management support and buy-in
- Increased awareness of information security throughout the organisation
- Improvement in accountability

- Based on an ISMS that establishes adequate and correct controls are put place to protect information assets so the business has confidence in its operations
- Utilises the PLAN, DO, CHECK, ACT cycle of:
  - Establishing
  - Implementing
  - Operating
  - Monitoring
  - Maintaining
  - Improving
- Uses a comprehensive set of controls applicable to all industry sectors
- The emphasis is on prevention

# PDCA model applied to the ISMS process



- **Plan (establish the ISMS)**

- Establish ISMS policy, objectives, processes and procedures relevant to managing risk and improving information security to deliver results in accordance with an organization's overall policies and objectives.

- **Do (implement and operate the ISMS)**

- Implement and operate the ISMS policy, controls, processes and procedures.

- **Check (monitor and review the ISMS)**

- Assess and, where applicable, measure process performance against ISMS policy, objectives and practical experience and report the results to management for review.

- **Act (maintain and improve the ISMS)**

- Take corrective and preventive actions, based on the results of the internal ISMS audit and management review or other relevant information, to achieve continual improvement of the ISMS.



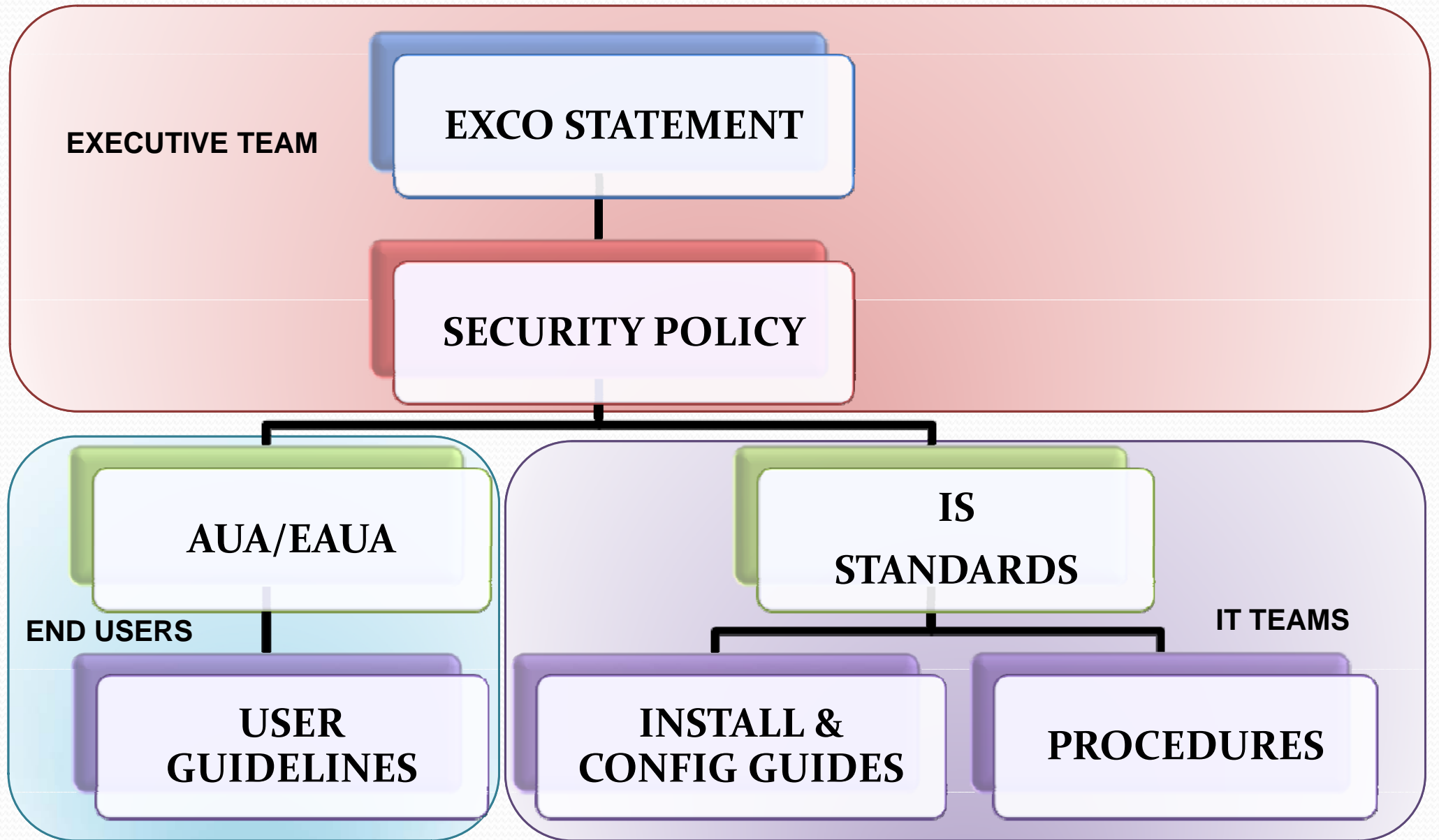
- The PDCA cycle is an **ongoing process**, management must **continue to support** the ISMS through the following key areas of the cycle:
  - Monitor
  - Review
  - Improve
- To achieve compliance on a yearly basis **evidence** of the above process must be shown

# What does the ISMS include?



- Policies and Standards
- Organisation Structure
- Planning Activities
- Responsibilities
- Practices
- Procedures
- Process
- Resources
- Guidelines

# ISMS OVERVIEW



# ISMS DETAILED VIEW / IMPLEMENTATION

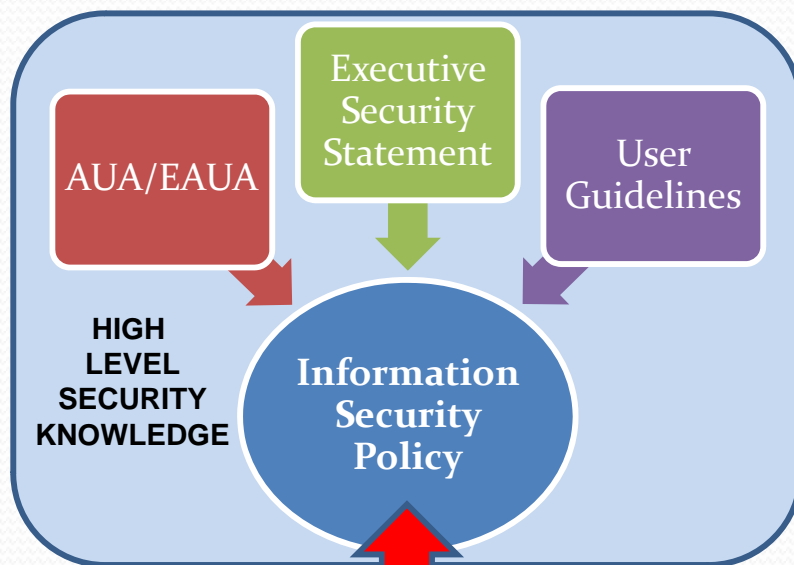


## AUA / EAUA 3-5 Pages

Sign-off statements for users to ensure they comply to specific company security requirements

## IS Policy 3-5 Pages

Summary of the security standards. This is the main document staff will read and sign



## Exec Statement – 1 Pager

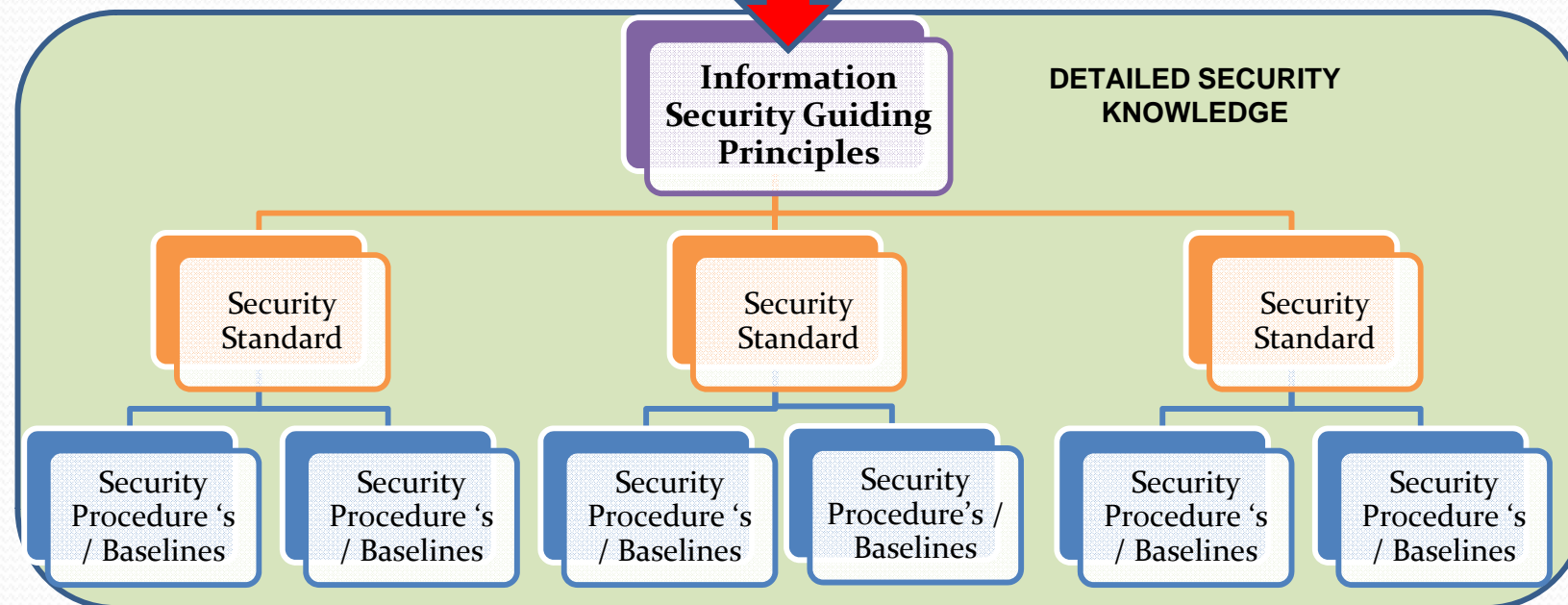
High level security statement defining the Company's security ethic and posture, will include a statement of support from the CEO

## Guidelines 3-5 Pages

Descriptive advisories to improve end user behaviour, e.g. password guides

## Guiding Principles 50-100+ Pages

This is the core and comprehensive security document based on ISO27001. The document will follow the ISO standard to define all key security requirements



## Standards 7-15 Pages

Expand specific security requirements and controls to what is expected in a specific area

## Procedures / Baselines 5-10 Pages

Define specific steps that must be taken to implement a control. Baselines define the minimum Requirement for a system or component

# ISO 27001 STANDARD OVERVIEW



The ISO Standard has:

- 11 Sections (A5 – A15)
- 39 Control Objectives
- 133 Controls



- **Clauses 4 – 8**  
**These are the most important as they are mandatory**

- The five mandatory requirements of the Standard
  - **Information Security Management System (ISMS)**
    - General requirements
    - Establishing and maintaining the ISMS (e.g. Risk Assessment)
    - Documentation requirements (e.g. Policy, Records, Statements, Plans, Controls)
  - **Management Responsibility**
    - Management Commitment (e.g. Chairman's Statement)
    - Resource Management (e.g. Training, Awareness)
  - **Internal ISMS Audits**
  - **Management Review of the ISMS**
    - Review Input (.e.g. Audits, Measurement, Meetings, Recommendations)
    - Review Output (e.g. Update Risk, Treatment Plan, Action Plan)
  - **ISMS Improvement**
    - Continual Improvement
    - Corrective Action
    - Preventive Action



**This is the most important clause**

- Annex A of the Standard lists the Control Objectives and Controls
  - 11 Sections – A5 – A15
  - 29 Control Objectives – Each has a detailed summary of the objective of the control
  - 133 Controls – Each control has a summary of implementation advice
    - ISO 27002:2007 give guidance notes for each control
- The list is not exhaustive and additional controls can be added
- The ISMS process allows you to define which controls are applicable – Controls that are not applicable have to be justified.

# A PERSPECTIVE ON CONTROLS



## Management Controls

Security Policy, IT Policies, Security Procedures, Business Continuity Plans, Security Improvement Plans, Business Objectives, Management Reviews

## Business Processes

Risk Assessment & Risk Treatment Management Process, Human Resource Process, SOA, Selection Process, Media Handling Process

## Operational Controls

Operational Procedures, Change Control, Problem Management, Capacity Management, Release Management, Back-up, Secure Disposal, Equipment off site

## Technical Controls

Patch Management, Malware Control, IDS / IPS Monitoring & Handling, Firewalls, Content Filtering



# ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE (OVERVIEW)



Define the Scope of the Audit (Scoping Study)

Carryout GAP analysis of current controls against the ISO Standard control set

Identify information assets & identify vulnerabilities & threats

Determine risk and establish risk treatment plan (Risk Management)

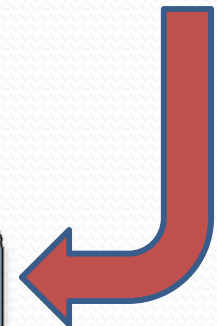
Prepare Statement of Applicability and define security improvement program

Start to implement the ISMS – Test and Review

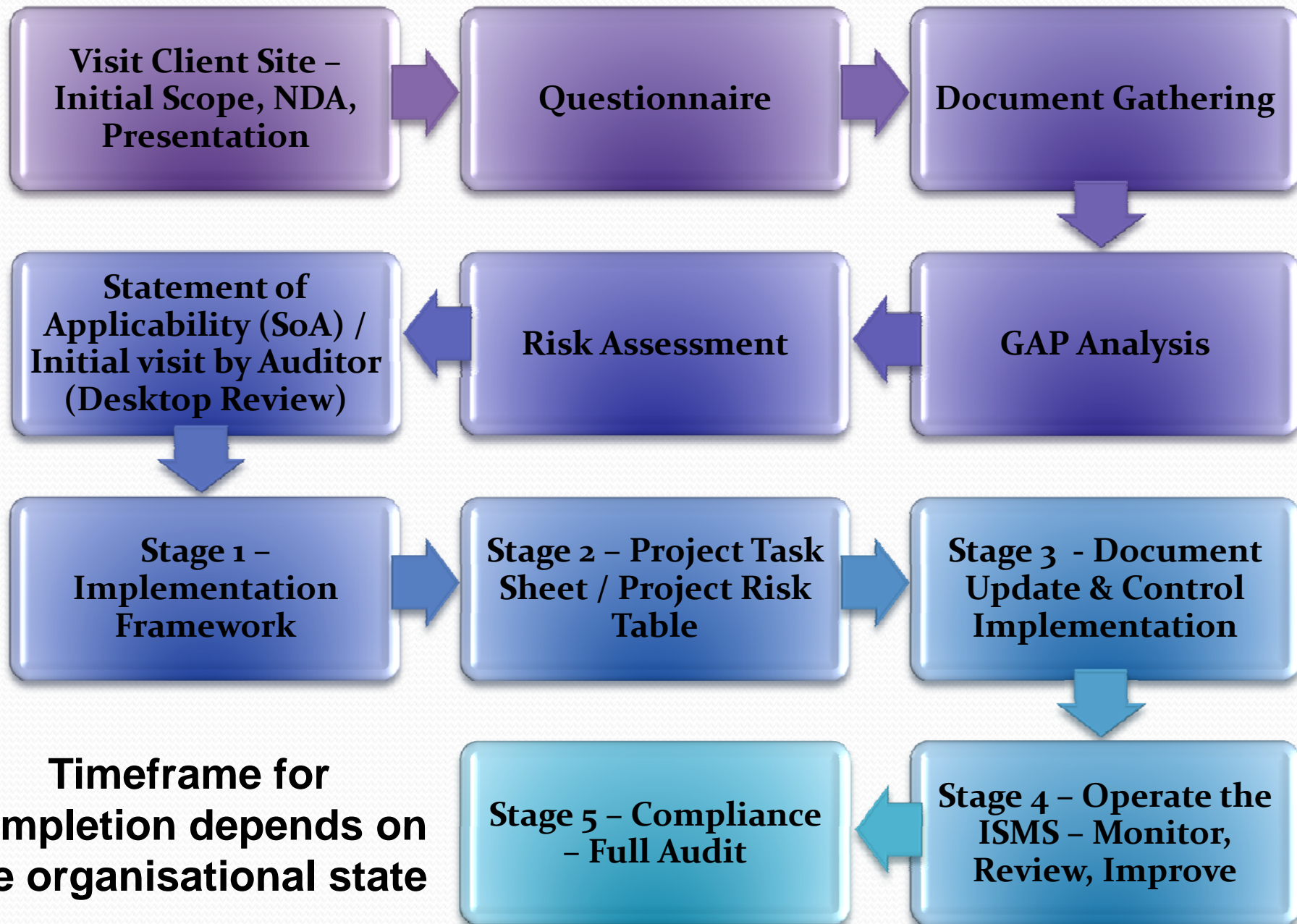
Full Implementation & Rollout – Operate the ISMS

Audit & Compliance

During the process an initial interview will take place with the BSI auditor – by this stage you should have a good plan and identified and completed the SoA

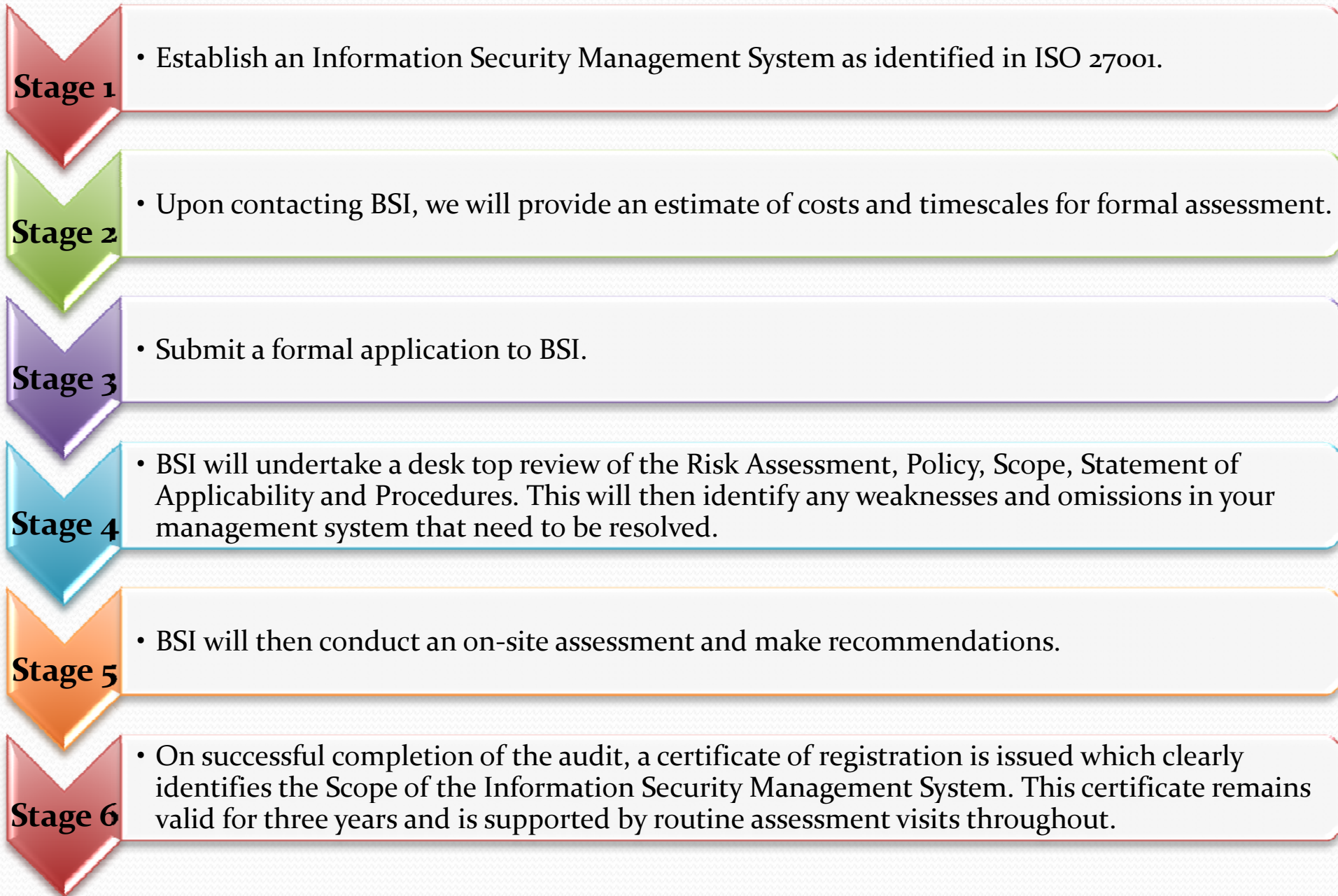


# QCC PROCESS TO COMPLIANCE



- Documentation development
  - Approval
  - Dissemination
  - Hosting
- On-going Risk Management Plan
  - Identification of critical assets / network diagrams
  - Risk Assessment / Risk Treatment
- On-going Training, Awareness and Development
- Policy enforcement
  - Internal / External assessments
- Continual management support and commitment
- Resources

# BSI COMPLIANCE ROUTE



- Leading UK Law Firm
  - Wanted ISO 27001 to:
    - More easily respond to client questionnaires on InfoSec/PII
    - Distinguish themselves from the competition
- 30-day QCC Resource to support initiative
  - Project Management
  - Applying Perspective and some Coal-Face work
- Client Resource: IT Manager and 2 IT Security staff
- Scope: IT Function
  - Two UK locations
  - Statement of Applicability to reflect appropriately

- Resources
  - Missing an Information Security Officer
  - Found it hard to dedicate some time to the project
- Documentation development
  - Very few IT processes (related to security) documented.
  - Too much in the heads of key staff rather than on paper
- Gap vs Risk Analysis
  - Need to be two distinct sets: no prob with Gap but why then Risk???
  - Identification of critical assets
- Policies
  - Very basic Policies in-place, no structure, no awareness no enforcement

- Resources
  - QCC provided virtual Information Security Officer
  - Project Management booked solid days out
- Documentation development
  - We assisted with considerable library BUT still had to integrate properly.
  - Facilitated meetings to get knowledge written down
- Gap vs Risk Analysis
  - QCC undertook Gap Analysis
  - Facilitated a Workshop for Risk Analysis (used OCTAVE)
- Policies
  - Arranged meetings with HR to get the Policies on track and officially adopted, disseminated and enforced

# OVERVIEW OF EACH CONTROL



## **Control A5 – Security Policy**

To provide management direction and support for information security in accordance with business requirements and relevant laws and regulations.

## **Control A6 – Internal Organisation**

To manage and plan information security within the organisation, taking into account the needs of both internal and external parties.

## **Control A7 – Asset Management**

To deliver appropriate levels of protection and ensure that information receives a level of protection that is appropriate to its needs.

## **Control A8 – Human Resource Security**

To ensure that staff, during employment, after termination and during change of employment, are part of the information security process.



# OVERVIEW OF EACH CONTROL



## **Control A9 – Physical & Environmental Security**

To secure buildings, locations and equipment in such a way as to prevent unauthorised physical access, damage and interference to the organisation's assets, premises and information.

## **Control A10 – Communications & Operations Management**

To ensure that information is treated properly, backed up correctly and handled securely to the highest standards available..

## **Control A11 – Asset Control**

To control access to information, networks, and applications. Preventing unauthorised access, interference, damage and theft.

## **Control A12 – Information Systems Acquisition & Development**

To ensure that security is an integral part of the information system. Securing applications, files and reducing vulnerabilities.

# OVERVIEW OF EACH CONTROL



## **Control A13 – Information Security Incident Management**

To ensure information security events and weaknesses are communicated consistently in a manner allowing timely corrective action to be taken.

## **Control A14 – Business Continuity Management**

To counteract interruptions to business activities and to protect critical business processes from the effects of major failures of information systems or disasters and to ensure their timely resumption.

## **Control A15 - Compliance**

To avoid breaches of any law, regulation or contractual obligations. To ensure compliance without adverse affects on Information Security.



# Thank You

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