

General requirements for bodies operating assessment and certification/registration of quality systems

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National foreword

This British Standard is identical with EN 45012, *General requirements for bodies operating assessment and certification/registration of quality systems*. It is a revision of BS 7512:1989, which is withdrawn.

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