

# Cedrus Product Requirements - MVP & Phase 1

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## Executive Summary

This document defines the **Minimum Viable Product (MVP)** scope and **Phase 1 Epics** for the Cedrus platform's External Audit module. The MVP focuses on delivering core audit lifecycle management capabilities that align with ISO/IEC 17021 requirements and mirror workflows found in commercial certification body portals (DNV, TÜV, LRQA, Bureau Veritas).

## Target Users

- **Certification Body Administrators (CB Admins):** Manage client portfolios, create audits, make certification decisions
  - **Lead Auditors:** Manage assigned audits, document findings, coordinate teams
  - **Auditors:** Document findings, collaborate on audits
  - **Client Organization Admins:** Respond to findings, track audit status
  - **Client Users:** View audits, respond to nonconformities
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## MVP Scope Definition

### MVP Goal

Enable a Certification Body to conduct a complete external audit lifecycle from creation through certification decision, with client collaboration on nonconformity responses.

### MVP In-Scope

#### Core Entities (Foundation)

- Organizations (client companies)
- Sites (physical locations)
- Standards (ISO 9001, ISO 14001, etc.)
- Certifications (active certifications per organization/standard)

### Audit Management

- Audit creation (CB Admin only)
- Audit types: Stage 1, Stage 2, Surveillance, Recertification, Transfer, Special
- Audit status workflow: Draft → Client Review → Submitted to CB → Decided
- Audit team assignment (lead auditor, auditors, technical experts, trainees, observers)

- Multi-site and multi-certification audit support

## Findings Management

- Nonconformities (Major/Minor) with client response workflow
- Observations (informational)
- Opportunities for Improvement (OFI)
- Finding-to-standard clause mapping
- Client response to nonconformities (root cause, correction, corrective action)

## Audit Documentation

- Audit metadata sections:
  - Organization changes tracking
  - Audit plan review and deviations
  - Audit summary and evaluation
- Evidence file attachments (audit-level and finding-level)

## Certification Decision

- Audit recommendations (CB Admin editable)
- Certification decision workflow (approve, suspend, revoke, require special audit)

## Access Control

- Role-based permissions (CB Admin, Lead Auditor, Auditor, Client Admin, Client User)
- Organization-scoped access for client users
- Audit-scoped access for auditors

## MVP Out-of-Scope

- Internal audits (separate module for Phase 2)
- Risk management module
- Compliance tracking beyond certifications
- Document management system (basic file upload only)
- Email notifications (manual communication)
- Reporting and analytics dashboards
- API for external integrations
- Mobile applications
- Multi-language support
- Accreditation body oversight features
- Audit scheduling and calendar management
- Invoice/billing management
- Client self-registration
- Advanced search and filtering
- Audit templates and checklists

# Phase 1: External Audit Module - Epics

## Epic 1: Foundation & Core Entities Management

**Epic ID:** EPIC-001

**Priority:** Critical (P0)

**Status:**  Implemented (Partially)

### Description

Establish the foundational data model and CRUD operations for organizations, sites, standards, and certifications. These entities form the basis for all audit activities.

### User Stories

#### US-001: Manage Organizations

**As a CB Admin**

**I want to** create, view, edit, and list client organizations

**So that** I can maintain my client portfolio and link audits to organizations

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am logged in as a CB Admin
- **When** I navigate to </core/organizations/>
- **Then** I see a list of all organizations
- **And** I can create a new organization with:
  - Name (required)
  - Registered ID (optional)
  - Registered address (required)
  - Customer ID (required, unique)
  - Total employee count (required, > 0)
  - Contact information (telephone, fax, email, website)
  - Signatory name and title
  - MS Representative name and title
- **And** I can edit existing organizations
- **And** I can view organization details

#### Edge Cases:

- Customer ID must be unique across all organizations
- Employee count must be positive integer
- Email addresses must be valid format
- Website URLs must be valid format

**Dependencies:** None (Foundation)

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#### US-002: Manage Sites

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**As a** CB Admin

**I want to** create and manage sites for organizations

**So that** I can track multiple locations per organization and assign sites to audits

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am logged in as a CB Admin
- **When** I navigate to </core/sites/>
- **Then** I see a list of all sites
- **And** I can create a new site with:
  - Organization (required, dropdown of existing organizations)
  - Site name (required)
  - Site address (required)
  - Site employee count (optional, > 0 if provided)
  - Site scope override (optional)
  - Active status (default: true)
- **And** I can edit existing sites
- **And** I can filter sites by organization
- **And** I can deactivate sites (set active = false)

#### Edge Cases:

- Site must belong to an organization
- Employee count must be positive if provided
- Deactivated sites should still be visible in historical audits

**Dependencies:** US-001 (Organizations must exist)

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### US-003: Manage Standards Library

**As a** CB Admin

**I want to** maintain a library of management system standards

**So that** I can create certifications based on these standards

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am logged in as a CB Admin
- **When** I navigate to </core/standards/>
- **Then** I see a list of all standards
- **And** I can create a new standard with:
  - Code (required, unique, e.g., "ISO 9001:2015")
  - Title (required, e.g., "Quality management systems — Requirements")
  - NACE code (optional)
  - EA code (optional)
- **And** I can edit existing standards
- **And** Standards are sorted alphabetically by code

#### Edge Cases:

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- Standard code must be unique
- Standard code should follow ISO naming conventions (e.g., "ISO 9001:2015")

**Dependencies:** None (Reference data)

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#### **US-004: Manage Certifications**

**As a CB Admin**

**I want to** create and manage certifications for organizations

**So that** I can track which organizations hold which certifications and link them to audits

**Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I am logged in as a CB Admin
- **When** I navigate to </core/certifications/>
- **Then** I see a list of all certifications
- **And** I can create a new certification with:
  - Organization (required, dropdown)
  - Standard (required, dropdown)
  - Certification scope (required)
  - Certificate ID (optional)
  - Certificate status (draft, active, suspended, withdrawn, expired)
  - Issue date (optional)
  - Expiry date (optional)
- **And** I can edit existing certifications
- **And** I can filter certifications by organization
- **And** I can update certification status
- **And** The system enforces unique organization+standard combination

**Edge Cases:**

- Organization+Standard combination must be unique
- If expiry date is provided, it should be after issue date
- Status transitions should be logical (e.g., cannot go from "withdrawn" to "active" without proper workflow)
- Expired certifications should be automatically marked as expired if `expiry_date < today`

**Dependencies:** US-001 (Organizations), US-003 (Standards)

**Blockers:**

- Date validation (`issue_date < expiry_date`) - NOT IMPLEMENTED
  - Automatic expiry status update - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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Epic 2: Audit Creation & Lifecycle Management

**Epic ID:** EPIC-002

**Priority:** Critical (PO)

**Status:**  Partially Implemented

## Description

Enable CB Admins to create audits and manage them through the complete lifecycle from draft to certification decision. Support multiple audit types and status transitions.

## User Stories

### US-005: Create Audit

**As a** CB Admin

**I want to** create a new audit

**So that** I can initiate the audit process for a client organization

### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am logged in as a CB Admin
- **When** I navigate to </audits/create/>
- **Then** I see an audit creation form
- **And** I can create an audit with:
  - Organization (required, dropdown)
  - Certifications (required, multi-select, filtered to selected organization)
  - Sites (required, multi-select, filtered to selected organization)
  - Audit type (required: Stage 1, Stage 2, Surveillance, Recertification, Transfer, Special)
  - Total audit date from (required, date picker)
  - Total audit date to (required, date picker)
  - Audit duration hours (required,  $\geq 0$ )
  - Lead auditor (required, dropdown filtered to lead\_auditor group)
  - Status (default: "draft")
- **And** Upon submission, the audit is created and I am redirected to the audit detail page
- **And** The audit is assigned to the selected lead auditor

### Edge Cases:

- End date must be  $\geq$  start date
- Certifications must belong to the selected organization
- Sites must belong to the selected organization
- Lead auditor must be in the "lead\_auditor" group
- Duration hours must be  $\geq 0$
- At least one certification must be selected
- At least one site must be selected

**Dependencies:** US-001 (Organizations), US-002 (Sites), US-004 (Certifications), User roles (lead\_auditor group)

## **Blockers:**

- Date validation (end\_date >= start\_date) - NOT IMPLEMENTED
  - Certification organization validation - NOT IMPLEMENTED
  - Site organization validation - NOT IMPLEMENTED
  - Lead auditor role validation - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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## **US-006: View Audit List (Role-Based Filtering)**

**As a** user (CB Admin, Lead Auditor, Auditor, Client Admin, Client User)

**I want to** view a list of audits relevant to my role

**So that** I can see audits I need to work on

### **Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I am logged in
- **When** I navigate to [/audits/](#)
- **Then** I see audits filtered by my role:
  - **CB Admin:** All audits
  - **Lead Auditor:** Audits where I am the lead auditor or team member
  - **Auditor:** Audits where I am a team member
  - **Client Admin/User:** Audits for my organization
- **And** Each audit shows:
  - Organization name
  - Audit type
  - Status
  - Date range
  - Lead auditor name
- **And** I can click on an audit to view details

### **Edge Cases:**

- Users with multiple roles see union of all relevant audits
- Client users see only audits for their organization (from profile.organization)
- Auditors see audits where they are assigned as team members

**Dependencies:** US-005 (Audits must exist), User roles, Profile.organization

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## **US-007: View Audit Details**

**As a** user

**I want to** view complete audit details

**So that** I can see all information about an audit

### **Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I have permission to view an audit

- **When** I navigate to [/audits/<id>/](#)
- **Then** I see:
  - Audit header (organization, type, status, dates, duration, lead auditor)
  - Certifications covered
  - Sites covered
  - Team members
  - Audit metadata sections (if created):
    - Organization changes
    - Audit plan review
    - Audit summary
  - Findings (Nonconformities, Observations, OFIs)
  - Evidence files
  - Recommendations (if status >= "submitted\_to\_cb")
- **And** I see action buttons based on my role and permissions:
  - Edit (CB Admin or Lead Auditor if status = "draft")
  - Add Finding (CB Admin or team member if status = "draft")
  - Submit to Client (Lead Auditor if status = "draft")
  - Respond to NCs (Client Admin/User if status = "client\_review")
  - Make Decision (CB Admin if status = "submitted\_to\_cb")
  - Print (all authorized users)

### **Edge Cases:**

- Users without permission see 403 Forbidden
- Edit button only visible if user has edit permission and status allows editing
- Recommendations only visible to CB Admins until status = "submitted\_to\_cb"

**Dependencies:** US-005, US-006, US-008 (Edit), US-010 (Findings), US-012 (Recommendations)

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### **US-008: Edit Audit (Lead Auditor)**

**As a Lead Auditor**

**I want to** edit audit details for audits I am assigned to

**So that** I can update audit information during the draft phase

### **Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I am a Lead Auditor assigned to an audit
- **And** The audit status is "draft"
- **When** I navigate to [/audits/<id>/edit/](#)
- **Then** I can edit:
  - Certifications (multi-select)
  - Sites (multi-select)
  - Audit type
  - Date range
  - Duration hours
  - Lead auditor (dropdown)

- **And** I cannot edit:
  - Organization (locked)
  - Created by (locked)
  - Status (changed via workflow actions)
- **And** Upon saving, changes are persisted
- **And** I am redirected to the audit detail page

#### Edge Cases:

- If audit status is not "draft", editing is blocked (403 or redirect)
- If I am not the lead auditor, editing is blocked (403)
- CB Admin can always edit regardless of status (separate permission)

**Dependencies:** US-005, US-007

#### Blockers:

- Status-based edit restrictions - NOT IMPLEMENTED
  - Lead auditor permission check - PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED
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### US-009: Audit Status Workflow Transitions

**As a** Lead Auditor or CB Admin

**I want to** transition audits through status workflow

**So that** I can move audits through the approval process

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am a Lead Auditor with an audit in "draft" status
- **When** I complete the audit documentation
- **And** I click "Submit to Client"
- **Then** The audit status changes to "client\_review"
- **And** Client users can now view and respond to nonconformities
- **Given** I am a CB Admin with an audit in "submitted\_to\_cb" status
- **When** I review the audit and recommendations
- **And** I make a certification decision
- **Then** The audit status changes to "decided"
- **And** The audit is locked from further editing (except by CB Admin override)

#### Status Transition Rules:

- **draft → client\_review:** Lead Auditor only, requires minimum documentation

- **client\_review** → **submitted\_to\_cb**: Automatic after client responds to all major NCs (or manual trigger by CB Admin)
- **submitted\_to\_cb** → **decided**: CB Admin only, requires recommendations to be completed
- **decided**: Final state, no further transitions

#### Edge Cases:

- Cannot skip status transitions (e.g., draft → decided)
- Cannot go backwards (e.g., client\_review → draft) without CB Admin override
- Status transitions should be logged/audited
- Major nonconformities must have client responses before moving to "submitted\_to\_cb"

**Dependencies:** US-005, US-008, US-010 (Findings), US-012 (Recommendations)

#### Blockers:

- Status transition validation - NOT IMPLEMENTED
  - Workflow enforcement - NOT IMPLEMENTED
  - Transition logging - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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## Epic 3: Audit Team Management

**Epic ID:** EPIC-003

**Priority:** High (P1)

**Status:** 🟡 Partially Implemented

#### Description

Enable assignment and management of audit team members, including internal auditors (users) and external experts (name/title only).

#### User Stories

##### US-010: Assign Team Members to Audit

**As a** Lead Auditor or CB Admin

**I want to** assign team members to an audit

**So that** I can build the audit team and track who is involved

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am a Lead Auditor or CB Admin
- **And** I am viewing/editing an audit
- **When** I add a team member
- **Then** I can specify:
  - User (optional, dropdown of users if internal auditor)
  - Name (required if user is null, otherwise auto-filled)
  - Title (optional)

- Role (required: Lead Auditor, Auditor, Technical Expert, Trainee, Observer)
- Date from (required, within audit date range)
- Date to (required, within audit date range, >= date from)
- **And** The team member is added to the audit
- **And** If user is specified, they can now see the audit in their list
- **And** If user is null, it's an external expert (name/title only)

#### Edge Cases:

- Team member dates must be within audit date range
- Date to >= date from
- If user is provided, name should auto-fill from user profile
- If user is null, name is required
- Lead auditor role should match the audit's lead\_auditor field (or allow multiple lead auditors for large audits)
- External experts (user=null) cannot log in but are tracked for documentation

**Dependencies:** US-005 (Audits), User management

#### Blockers:

- Date range validation (team member dates within audit dates) - NOT IMPLEMENTED
  - Auto-fill name from user - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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### US-011: View Audit Team

**As a** user

**I want to** view the audit team for an audit

**So that** I can see who is involved in the audit

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I have permission to view an audit
- **When** I view the audit details
- **Then** I see a "Team Members" section listing:
  - Name
  - Title
  - Role
  - Date range
  - Internal/External indicator
- **And** Team members are sorted by role, then name

#### Edge Cases:

- External experts show "External" indicator
- Internal auditors show their user account link (if permission allows)

**Dependencies:** US-010, US-007

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## Epic 4: Findings Management

**Epic ID:** EPIC-004

**Priority:** Critical (P0)

**Status:**  Not Implemented (BLOCKING)

### Description

Enable auditors to document findings (nonconformities, observations, opportunities for improvement) and enable clients to respond to nonconformities with corrective actions.

### User Stories

#### US-012: Create Nonconformity

**As an** Auditor or Lead Auditor

**I want to** document a nonconformity finding

**So that** I can record issues found during the audit

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am an Auditor or Lead Auditor assigned to an audit
- **And** The audit status is "draft" or "client\_review"
- **When** I add a nonconformity
- **Then** I can specify:
  - Standard (required, dropdown of standards covered by audit)
  - Clause (required, e.g., "4.1", "7.5.1")
  - Category (required: Major or Minor)
  - Objective evidence (required, text)
  - Statement of NC (required, text)
  - Auditor explanation (required, text)
  - Due date (optional, for corrective action)
- **And** The nonconformity is created with status "open"
- **And** It appears in the audit's findings list
- **And** If audit status is "client\_review", client users can see and respond to it

#### Edge Cases:

- Standard must be one of the certifications' standards for this audit
- Clause should follow standard clause numbering (e.g., "4.1", "7.5.1", "8.2.1")
- Major NCs typically have shorter due dates than minor NCs
- Due date should be in the future
- Cannot create NCs if audit status is "decided"

**Dependencies:** US-005 (Audits), US-003 (Standards), US-010 (Team assignment)

#### Blockers:

- Finding creation UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED

- Finding models exist but views/forms missing
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#### **US-013: Create Observation**

**As an** Auditor or Lead Auditor

**I want to** document an observation finding

**So that** I can record informational findings that don't require corrective action

#### **Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I am an Auditor or Lead Auditor assigned to an audit
- **And** The audit status is "draft" or "client\_review"
- **When** I add an observation
- **Then** I can specify:
  - Standard (required, dropdown)
  - Clause (required)
  - Statement (required, text)
  - Explanation (optional, text)
- **And** The observation is created
- **And** It appears in the audit's findings list
- **And** No client response is required (observations are informational only)

#### **Edge Cases:**

- Standard must be one of the audit's certifications' standards
- Observations are read-only for clients (no response workflow)

**Dependencies:** US-005, US-003, US-010

#### **Blockers:**

- Finding creation UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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#### **US-014: Create Opportunity for Improvement**

**As an** Auditor or Lead Auditor

**I want to** document an opportunity for improvement

**So that** I can suggest enhancements to the client's management system

#### **Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I am an Auditor or Lead Auditor assigned to an audit
- **And** The audit status is "draft" or "client\_review"
- **When** I add an OFI
- **Then** I can specify:
  - Standard (required, dropdown)
  - Clause (required)
  - Description (required, text)

- **And** The OFI is created
- **And** It appears in the audit's findings list
- **And** No client response is required (OFIs are optional suggestions)

#### Edge Cases:

- Standard must be one of the audit's certifications' standards
- OFIs are read-only for clients (no response workflow)

**Dependencies:** US-005, US-003, US-010

#### Blockers:

- Finding creation UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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### **US-015: Respond to Nonconformity (Client)**

**As a** Client Admin or Client User

**I want to** respond to nonconformities with root cause analysis and corrective actions

**So that** I can address audit findings and move the audit forward

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am a Client Admin or Client User
- **And** I am viewing an audit for my organization
- **And** The audit status is "client\_review"
- **And** There are nonconformities with status "open" or "client\_responded"
- **When** I respond to a nonconformity
- **Then** I can edit:
  - Root cause analysis (required, text)
  - Correction (required, text - immediate action taken)
  - Corrective action (required, text - plan to prevent recurrence)
  - Due date (optional, can update)
- **And** Upon saving, the NC status changes to "client\_responded"
- **And** The auditor can review my response

#### Edge Cases:

- Cannot respond if audit status is not "client\_review"
- Cannot respond if NC status is "closed"
- All three fields (root cause, correction, corrective action) must be provided
- Response should be substantial (minimum character count? - business rule)
- Can update response if status is "client\_responded" (before auditor verification)

**Dependencies:** US-012 (Nonconformities), US-006 (Audit list), US-007 (Audit details)

#### Blockers:

- Client response UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED

- Status update on response - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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#### US-016: Verify Nonconformity Response (Auditor)

**As a** Lead Auditor or Auditor

**I want to** verify client responses to nonconformities

**So that** I can accept or request changes to corrective actions

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am a Lead Auditor or Auditor assigned to the audit
- **And** There are nonconformities with status "client\_responded"
- **When** I review a client response
- **Then** I can:
  - Accept the response (status → "accepted")
  - Request changes (status → "client\_responded", notify client)
  - Close the NC (status → "closed", only if accepted)
- **And** When I accept/close, I can add verification notes
- **And** My verification is recorded (verified\_by, verified\_at)

#### Edge Cases:

- Cannot close NC without accepting first
- Cannot accept if response is incomplete (business rule)
- Verification should be logged for audit trail
- Major NCs typically require more thorough verification than minor NCs

**Dependencies:** US-015 (Client response), US-012

#### Blockers:

- Verification UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED
  - Status workflow - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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#### US-017: View Findings List

**As a** user

**I want to** view all findings for an audit

**So that** I can see a comprehensive list of all issues and observations

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I have permission to view an audit
- **When** I view the audit details
- **Then** I see findings organized by type:
  - Nonconformities (grouped by Major/Minor, sorted by clause)
  - Observations (sorted by clause)
  - Opportunities for Improvement (sorted by clause)

- **And** Each finding shows:
  - Clause reference
  - Standard
  - Summary/statement
  - Status (for NCs: open, client\_responded, accepted, closed)
  - Created by and date
- **And** I can click on a finding to view details
- **And** For NCs, I can see response status and due dates

#### Edge Cases:

- Findings should be sorted logically (by clause, then by creation date)
- Major NCs should be visually distinct from minor NCs
- Closed NCs might be shown in a collapsed section

**Dependencies:** US-012, US-013, US-014, US-007

#### Blockers:

- Findings display in audit detail view - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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### Epic 5: Audit Documentation & Metadata

**Epic ID:** EPIC-005

**Priority:** High (P1)

**Status:** 🟡 Partially Implemented (Models exist, UI missing)

#### Description

Enable completion of audit documentation sections required for ISO/IEC 17021 compliance: organization changes, audit plan review, and audit summary.

#### User Stories

##### US-018: Track Organization Changes

**As a Lead Auditor**

**I want to** document changes to the organization during the audit

**So that** I can track modifications that affect the certification

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I am a Lead Auditor assigned to an audit
- **And** I am editing the audit
- **When** I complete the "Organization Changes" section
- **Then** I can indicate changes in:
  - Name
  - Scope

- Sites
- Management System Representative
- Signatory
- Employee count
- Contact information
- Other (with description field)
- **And** Each change is a boolean checkbox
- **And** If "Other" is checked, description is required
- **And** Changes are saved and displayed in audit details

#### **Edge Cases:**

- Changes section is optional (can be left blank if no changes)
- "Other" description is required if "other\_has\_change" is true
- Changes should be compared to organization data at audit creation time (future enhancement)

#### **Dependencies:** US-005, US-008

#### **Blockers:**

- Organization Changes UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED (model exists)
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### **US-019: Review Audit Plan and Deviations**

**As a Lead Auditor**

**I want to** document audit plan review and any deviations

**So that** I can record if the audit was conducted as planned

#### **Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I am a Lead Auditor assigned to an audit
- **And** I am editing the audit
- **When** I complete the "Audit Plan Review" section
- **Then** I can specify:
  - Were there deviations from the audit plan? (Yes/No)
  - If yes, details of deviations (required if yes)
  - Were there issues affecting the audit? (Yes/No)
  - If yes, details of issues (required if yes)
  - Proposed next audit date from (optional)
  - Proposed next audit date to (optional)
- **And** Details fields are required if corresponding yes/no is true
- **And** Next audit dates are optional but if provided, end >= start

#### **Edge Cases:**

- Deviations section is optional
- If "deviations\_yes\_no" is true, "deviations\_details" is required
- If "issues\_affecting\_yes\_no" is true, "issues\_affecting\_details" is required

- Next audit dates should be in the future

**Dependencies:** US-005, US-008

**Blockers:**

- Audit Plan Review UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED (model exists)
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#### **US-020: Complete Audit Summary**

**As a Lead Auditor**

**I want to** complete the audit summary evaluation

**So that** I can document the overall assessment of the management system

**Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I am a Lead Auditor assigned to an audit
- **And** I am editing the audit
- **When** I complete the "Audit Summary" section
- **Then** I can answer evaluation questions (Yes/No with comments):
  - Were audit objectives met?
  - Was the scope appropriate?
  - Does the management system meet requirements?
  - Was management review effective?
  - Was internal audit effective?
  - Is the management system effective?
  - Was there correct use of certification logos?
  - Should this be promoted to certification committee?
- **And** Each question has an optional comments field
- **And** There is a general commentary field (A.4)
- **And** All fields are optional but recommended for completeness

**Edge Cases:**

- Summary section is optional but should be completed before submission
- Comments can be lengthy (text fields)
- General commentary is free-form text

**Dependencies:** US-005, US-008

**Blockers:**

- Audit Summary UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED (model exists)
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#### Epic 6: Evidence File Management

**Epic ID:** EPIC-006

**Priority:** Medium (P2)

**Status:** 🟡 Partially Implemented

## Description

Enable upload and management of evidence files attached to audits and findings.

## User Stories

### US-021: Upload Evidence Files

**As a** user (Auditor, Client Admin, Client User)

**I want to** upload evidence files to audits or findings

**So that** I can attach supporting documentation

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I have permission to upload files (based on my role and audit status)
- **When** I am viewing an audit or nonconformity
- **Then** I can upload a file with:
  - File (required, various formats: PDF, DOC, DOCX, XLS, XLSX, images)
  - Optional link to a specific nonconformity (if uploading at audit level)
- **And** The file is stored securely
- **And** The file metadata is recorded (uploaded\_by, uploaded\_at)
- **And** The file appears in the evidence list
- **And** File size is limited (e.g., 10MB max)

#### Edge Cases:

- File size validation (reject if > 10MB)
- File type validation (allow common document and image formats)
- Virus scanning (future enhancement)
- Storage quota per organization (future enhancement)
- Files linked to NCs should be clearly associated

**Dependencies:** US-005, US-012 (for NC-linked files)

#### Blockers:

- File upload UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED
- File storage configuration - NOT IMPLEMENTED

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### US-022: View and Download Evidence Files

**As a** user

**I want to** view and download evidence files

**So that** I can access supporting documentation

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I have permission to view an audit
- **When** I view the audit details
- **Then** I see a list of evidence files showing:
  - File name
  - Uploaded by
  - Upload date
  - Linked finding (if applicable)
- **And** I can click to download/view the file
- **And** Files are organized by:
  - Audit-level files
  - Finding-specific files (grouped by finding)

#### **Edge Cases:**

- Download permission should match audit view permission
- Large files should stream/download efficiently
- File preview for images/PDFs (future enhancement)

#### **Dependencies:** US-021

#### **Blockers:**

- File download/view UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED
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### Epic 7: Certification Decision & Recommendations

**Epic ID:** EPIC-007

**Priority:** Critical (P0)

**Status:** 🟡 Partially Implemented (Model exists, UI/Workflow missing)

#### **Description**

Enable CB Admins to review audit recommendations and make certification decisions (approve, suspend, revoke, require special audit).

#### **User Stories**

##### **US-023: Create/Edit Audit Recommendations**

**As a Lead Auditor**

**I want to** create audit recommendations

**So that** I can provide guidance to the CB Admin for the certification decision

#### **Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I am a Lead Auditor assigned to an audit
- **And** The audit is ready for CB review
- **When** I complete the recommendations section

- **Then** I can specify:
  - Special audit required? (Yes/No)
  - If yes, special audit details (required if yes)
  - Suspension recommended? (Yes/No)
  - If yes, certificates to suspend (text list)
  - Revocation recommended? (Yes/No)
  - If yes, certificates to revoke (text list)
  - Stage 2 required? (Yes/No, for Stage 1 audits)
  - Decision notes (optional, free-form text)
- **And** Recommendations are saved
- **And** CB Admin can view and edit recommendations

#### **Edge Cases:**

- Recommendations are optional but should be completed before submission
- If special audit/suspension/revocation is recommended, details are required
- Recommendations can be edited by CB Admin before decision

**Dependencies:** US-005, US-009 (Status workflow)

#### **Blockers:**

- Recommendations UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED (model exists)
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### **US-024: Make Certification Decision**

**As a** CB Admin

**I want to** make the final certification decision based on audit recommendations

**So that** I can approve, suspend, or revoke certifications

#### **Acceptance Criteria:**

- **Given** I am a CB Admin
- **And** I am viewing an audit with status "submitted\_to\_cb"
- **And** Recommendations have been completed
- **When** I make a certification decision
- **Then** I can:
  - Review all audit information
  - Review recommendations
  - Edit recommendations if needed
  - Make decision:
    - Approve certification (issue/renew certificate)
    - Suspend certification(s)
    - Revoke certification(s)
    - Require special audit
    - Require Stage 2 (if Stage 1)
- **And** Upon decision, the audit status changes to "decided"

- **And** Certification statuses are updated accordingly:
  - If approved: certification status → "active", issue\_date set, expiry\_date set
  - If suspended: certification status → "suspended"
  - If revoked: certification status → "withdrawn"
- **And** The audit is locked from further editing (except CB Admin override)

#### Edge Cases:

- Cannot make decision if audit status is not "submitted\_to\_cb"
- Cannot make decision if recommendations are incomplete
- Decision should be logged/audited
- Multiple certifications can be affected by one decision
- Decision notes should be comprehensive for audit trail

**Dependencies:** US-023 (Recommendations), US-009 (Status workflow), US-004 (Certifications)

#### Blockers:

- Decision UI - NOT IMPLEMENTED
- Certification status update automation - NOT IMPLEMENTED
- Decision logging - NOT IMPLEMENTED

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## Epic 8: Print & Reporting

**Epic ID:** EPIC-008

**Priority:** Medium (P2)

**Status:**  Partially Implemented

#### Description

Enable generation of print-friendly audit reports for official documentation and client delivery.

#### User Stories

##### US-025: Print Audit Report

**As a** user

**I want to** generate a print-friendly audit report

**So that** I can create official documentation

#### Acceptance Criteria:

- **Given** I have permission to view an audit
- **When** I navigate to [/audits/<id>/print/](#)
- **Then** I see a print-optimized layout with:
  - Audit header (organization, type, dates, team)
  - Certifications and sites covered
  - Organization changes (if any)

- Audit plan review (if completed)
- Audit summary (if completed)
- All findings (organized by type)
- Recommendations (if status >= "submitted\_to\_cb")
- Evidence file list
- **And** The layout is optimized for A4 printing
- **And** Page breaks are logical
- **And** Headers/footers include audit ID and date

#### **Edge Cases:**

- Long findings should not break awkwardly across pages
- Tables should fit on pages
- Print CSS should hide navigation/buttons
- Should work in all major browsers

**Dependencies:** US-007 (Audit details), US-017 (Findings), US-023 (Recommendations)

**Status:**  Basic print view exists, may need enhancement

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## Dependencies & Blockers Summary

### Critical Blockers (Must Fix for MVP)

#### **1. Findings Management (EPIC-004) - NOT IMPLEMENTED**

- No UI for creating findings (NCs, Observations, OFIs)
- No UI for client responses
- No UI for auditor verification
- **Impact:** Cannot complete audit workflow

#### **2. Status Workflow Validation (US-009) - NOT IMPLEMENTED**

- No validation of status transitions
- No enforcement of workflow rules
- **Impact:** Audits can skip required steps

#### **3. Data Validation (Multiple US) - NOT IMPLEMENTED**

- Date validation (end >= start)
- Organization-scoped validation (certifications, sites)
- Lead auditor role validation
- **Impact:** Data integrity issues

#### **4. Audit Documentation UI (EPIC-005) - NOT IMPLEMENTED**

- Models exist but no UI for:
  - Organization changes
  - Audit plan review

- Audit summary
- **Impact:** Cannot complete audit documentation

## 5. Recommendations & Decision (EPIC-007) - NOT IMPLEMENTED

- No UI for recommendations
- No decision workflow
- No certification status updates
- **Impact:** Cannot complete certification decision

High Priority (Should Fix for MVP)

## 6. Evidence File Management (EPIC-006) - NOT IMPLEMENTED

- No file upload UI
- No file storage configuration
- **Impact:** Cannot attach evidence

## 7. Team Member Date Validation (US-010) - NOT IMPLEMENTED

- Team member dates not validated against audit dates
- **Impact:** Data integrity

Medium Priority (Nice to Have for MVP)

## 8. Print Report Enhancements (US-025) - PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED

- Basic print view exists but may need styling improvements
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# Edge Cases & Business Rules

## Audit Creation

- Organization must exist and be active
- Certifications must belong to selected organization
- Sites must belong to selected organization
- Lead auditor must be in "lead\_auditor" group
- At least one certification and one site required
- End date  $\geq$  start date
- Duration hours  $\geq 0$

## Status Workflow

- Cannot skip status transitions
- Cannot go backwards without CB Admin override
- Major NCs must have client responses before "submitted\_to\_cb"
- Recommendations must be completed before "decided"
- "Decided" status locks audit (except CB Admin override)

## Findings

- Standard must be one of audit's certifications' standards
- Clause should follow standard numbering (e.g., "4.1", "7.5.1")
- Major NCs typically have shorter due dates
- Cannot create findings if audit is "decided"
- Client can only respond if audit status is "client\_review"

## Certifications

- Organization+Standard combination must be unique
- Expiry date > issue date (if both provided)
- Status transitions should be logical
- Expired certifications should auto-update status

## Permissions

- CB Admin: Full access to all audits
  - Lead Auditor: Edit own audits, view assigned audits
  - Auditor: View assigned audits, add findings
  - Client Admin/User: View own organization's audits, respond to NCs
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## Acceptance Criteria Template

All user stories follow this structure:

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**Given** [initial context/state]
**When** [action taken]
**Then** [expected outcome]
**And** [additional outcomes/validations]
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## ISO/IEC 17021 Alignment

### Key Requirements Addressed

#### 1. Audit Planning (Clause 9.2)

- Audit creation with type, dates, scope
- Team assignment
- Site and certification coverage

#### 2. Audit Conduct (Clause 9.3)

- Findings documentation (NCs, Observations, OFIs)
- Evidence collection
- Audit plan review and deviations

#### 3. Audit Reporting (Clause 9.4)

- Audit summary and evaluation
- Findings reporting
- Recommendations

#### **4. Certification Decision (Clause 9.5)**

- Recommendation review
- Decision making (approve, suspend, revoke)
- Certification status management

#### **5. Nonconformity Management (Clause 9.6)**

- Client response workflow
  - Verification of corrective actions
  - Closure of nonconformities
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### **Next Steps**

- 1. Prioritize Blockers:** Address EPIC-004 (Findings) first as it's blocking the core workflow
  - 2. Implement Status Workflow:** Add validation and enforcement for status transitions
  - 3. Complete Documentation UI:** Build forms for audit metadata sections
  - 4. Build Decision Workflow:** Implement recommendations and certification decision
  - 5. Add Data Validation:** Implement all validation rules identified
  - 6. Testing:** Comprehensive testing of all user stories and edge cases
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### **Document End**