IAS TRANSITION POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ISO/IEC 17025:2017

This policy applies to all IAS-accredited Testing and Calibration Laboratories (TLs and CLs) and covers the following aspects in the transition process to **ISO/IEC 17025:2017, *Conformity assessment – General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories,*** published in November 2017.

IAS-accredited TLs and CLs are required to comply with the requirements of this policy to maintain accreditation with IAS. This policy is based on the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Resolution GA 20.15. The IAS timeline for transition is provided below.

February 1st, 2018
IAS starts accepting applications for assessments to ISO/IEC 17025:17

November 30, 2018
End of assessments to ISO/IEC 17025:05

August 31st, 2020
Last date for assessment visit to conform to ISO/IEC 17025:17

TOTAL TRANSITION PERIOD: 3 YEARS

Publication date:
November 2017

December 1st, 2020
All labs conforming to ISO/IEC 17025:17

Availability of Accreditation Documents

All IAS-accredited TLs and CLs are required to purchase a copy of the new international Standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 from relevant standard bodies, including the International Code Council Standards Bookstore, http://shop.iccsafe.org/standards.html

To assist in the transition of accredited and applicant organizations to the new version of the standard, IAS has also included an information paper to highlight the changes, please refer to https://www.iasonline.org/resources/ for details.

Assessment and Documentation
- From February 1, 2018, IAS will accept requests for accreditation to the new 2017 version of the international standard.
- All applicant and accredited organizations may select the 2005 version or the 2017 version for assessments conducted prior to November 30, 2018.
- All applicant and existing accredited organizations will not be permitted to be assessed to the 2005 version of the international standard after December 1, 2018.
- Any noncompliance(s) raised during assessments conducted during the transition period against requirements of the new 2017 international standard will require corrective actions within 30 days of the assessment.
- Laboratories that have not demonstrated full compliance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017 international standard by December 1, 2020, are subject to suspension and their accreditation certificate will be removed from the IAS website until further compliance is demonstrated.

Stakeholder Training and Client Engagement
- All on-going communication and updates critical to the successful conclusion of the transition to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 will be posted on the following IAS website links:
    - https://www.iasonline.org/services/testing-laboratories/
    - https://www.iasonline.org/services/calibration-laboratories/
- IAS will be scheduling regular training events and online webinars to the new standard.
- Please consult the IAS website (https://www.iasonline.org/training) for training dates and venues. If interested in obtaining training to the new version of ISO/IEC 17025, please contact IAS at training@iasonline.org

Guidance on transition process for laboratories:
- Plan your transition process to the new version of the standard based on the IAS transition policy as outlined above.
- Personnel responsible for transition and implementation of their laboratory management system to the new version of the standard will need to be trained.
- All relevant personnel need to understand, interpret and implement the requirements of the new version of the standard.
- Perform a gap analysis between the existing laboratory management system and the requirements to the new version of the standard.
- Update laboratory management system documentation including existing policies and procedures as required.
- Establish an internal training plan and schedule awareness trainings for relevant laboratory personnel.
- Contact IAS to arrange for a transition assessment visit.
  Note: Assessment visits relating to transitioning can be combined with the laboratory scheduled reassessments if they are within accepted time frames as stated in this policy.

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