

IAS TRANSITION POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ISO/IEC 17025:2017 **Updated June 11, 2020**

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 *updated* policy is based on the *June 2020 revision of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Resolution GA 20.15, which extends the official transition period from ISO/IEC 17025:2005 to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 by 6 months to June 1, 2021. IAS has therefore revised its transition timeline as follows:*

- 1. All initial assessments for new applicants must be conducted to the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 version of the standard.*
- 2. All laboratories currently accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 must be assessed to the new standard by February 28, 2021.*

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

- All applicant and existing accredited organizations will not be permitted to be assessed to the 2005 version of the international standard.
- Any *non-conformance(s)* raised during assessments conducted during the transition period against requirements of the new *ISO/IEC 17025:2017* international standard will require corrective actions.
- Laboratories that have not demonstrated full compliance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017 international standard by *June 1, 2021*, 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 is offering 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.

Contact Information

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