

# MEMO



**TO:** IAS Testing Laboratories and Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** Version/Year Designations on IAS Scopes of Accreditation

International Accreditation Service (IAS) is issuing this memorandum to clarify how standard test methods are presented on IAS Scopes of Accreditation for Testing Laboratories. To provide flexibility while maintaining technical integrity and conformance to International Standards, IAS utilizes two methods for listing standards:

**1. Undated References (Standard without year/version).** This is the most common format.

**Accreditation Status:** The laboratory is accredited for the most current, valid version of the standard.

**Updates:** There is no need for an IAS Accredited Testing laboratory to apply for a scope extension when a standard is revised. IAS verifies competence to perform the latest version during the next scheduled assessment.

**Exception:** If a revision introduces significant technical changes requiring immediate reverification, IAS will contact the laboratory to schedule a special assessment.

**2. Dated References (Standard with specific year/version).** Used only when undated references are not appropriate or possible with appropriate justification from the laboratory.

**Accreditation Status:** The laboratory is accredited only for the specific version listed.

**Updates:** If the standard is updated and the laboratory wishes to be accredited for the new version, a formal application for a scope update is required. IAS will need to confirm competence before amending the scope.

In both instances, the presence of a method on an official IAS Scope of Accreditation—bearing IAS stamp and seal—serves as confirmation of the laboratory's competence to perform these activities consistently and impartially.

If you have any questions regarding your specific Scope of Accreditation, please contact Alex Uraine ([AlexU@iasonline.org](mailto:AlexU@iasonline.org)) and/or Aalia Mohammed ([aaliham@iasonline.org](mailto:aaliham@iasonline.org)).

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