



Joint IAF-ILAC Communiqué

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Introduction

This document defines the areas of accreditation to enable the conformity assessment community to clearly distinguish between activities to be carried out by accreditation bodies – and therefore not be carried out by conformity assessment bodies – and other bodies.

For this document the definitions of ISO/IEC 17000 are valid:

ISO/IEC 17000

5.6 accreditation

*third-party **attestation** (5.2) related to a **conformity assessment body** (2.5) conveying formal demonstration of its competence to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks*

2.5 conformity assessment body

body that performs conformity assessment services

*NOTE An **accreditation body** (2.6) is not a conformity assessment body.*

2.1 conformity assessment

*demonstration that **specified requirements** (3.1) relating to a **product** (3.3), process, system, person or body are fulfilled.*



*NOTE 1 The subject field of conformity assessment includes activities defined elsewhere in this International Standard, such as **testing** (4.2), **inspection** (4.3) and **certification** (5.5), as well as the **accreditation** (5.6) of **conformity assessment bodies** (2.5).*

NOTE 2 The expression “object of conformity assessment” or “object” is used in this International Standard to encompass any particular material, product, installation, process, system, person or body to which conformity assessment is applied. A service is covered by the definition of a product (see Note 1 to 3.3).

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The following are the standards/normative documents that are currently used within accreditation by members of ILAC and IAF under the respective international Arrangements or planned to be in the immediate future and may be subject to revision by IAF/ILAC from time to time:

- 1.1 ISO/IEC Guide 65 - General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems (ISO/IEC 17065 in future).
- 1.2 ISO/IEC 17020 - General criteria for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection.
- 1.3 ISO/IEC 17021 - Conformity assessment - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems.
- 1.4 ISO/IEC 17024 - Conformity assessment - General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons.
- 1.5 ISO/IEC 17025 – General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.
- 1.6 ISO 15189 – Medical laboratories- particular requirements for quality and competence.
- 1.7 ISO/IEC17043 – Conformity assessment — General requirements for proficiency testing (in combination with ISO/IEC 17025).
- 1.8 ISO Guide 34 – General requirements for competence of reference materials producers, (in combination with ISO/IEC 17025).
- 1.9 ISO 15195 - Laboratory medicine – Requirements for reference measurement laboratories (in combination with ISO/IEC 17025).