

Understanding ISO 17025:2017

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Testing laboratories have an obligation to demonstrate their competence in the tests offered as a service to their clients. Formal recognition of that competence is gained through accreditation to the ISO 17025:2017 standard which is administered through National Accreditation Bodies

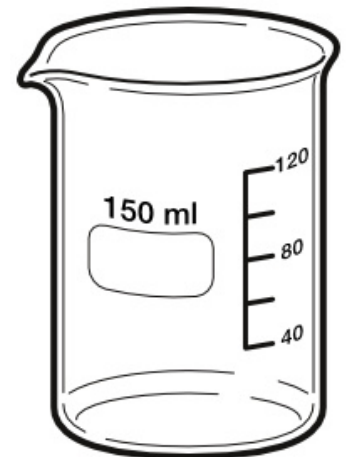
This workshop is designed to give laboratory management and staff a good understanding of the ISO 17025:2017 standard. It begins by explaining its aims, status and relationship with other standards and how, through international agreements, accreditation to this standard provides world-wide recognition.

The emphasis on continuous risk assessment is explained, together with the strengthened requirements on impartiality. The options for integrating with existing ISO 9000 certifications are also considered. The structure of the standard into headings for General, Structural, Resource, Process and Management requirements is explained. The requirements under each of these headings is discussed, and any changes in emphasis with the previous version highlighted.

Where appropriate, an explanation of the accreditation process can be given, covering assessment and surveillance visits by the accreditation body and dealing with non-compliances.

The workshop comprises a series of presentations, with opportunities for group discussion and short exercises, depending on the requirements of the delegates. It is flexible in approach and can be presented as a one-day seminar for technical staff, or in more compressed forms for management briefings.

Where relevant the accreditation process followed by national accreditation bodies can be explained.



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