



DEPARTMENT OF ACCREDITATION



**ACCREDITATION: THE TOOL TO ENHANCE TRUST IN CONFORMITY ASSESSMENTS,
SUPPORTING THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE,
A GLOBAL TOOL TO SUPPORT PUBLIC POLICY**

What does the accreditation mean?

Accreditation means the recognition of the competence of Conformity Assessment Bodies such as Laboratories, Inspection and Certification Bodies, by an independent Third party, based on a rigorous assessment against criteria laid down in international Standards. said assessments cover the technical competence, compliance of the Management systems and its effectiveness as well as requirements on impartiality.

Accreditation ensures that Conformity Assessment Bodies CABs are working in reliable Way. accredited CABs are trustworthy.

Accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies is an international system. It contributes To the reduction of technical barriers to trade and therefore it facilitates the free movement of goods and services across the borders. This means, producers can have access to foreign markets without the need of re-testing, re-certification or re-inspection of their products and services.

As far as national trade is concerned, accreditation reduces the transaction costs as accredited conformity assessment is the tool to enhance trust and confidence in products delivered.

This is the reason why Governments are using accreditation in order to source out their increasing conformity assessment activities. So far, Accreditation contributes substantially to safety, health and consumer protection in a country.

Why do we need Accreditation? What is the Benefit of Accreditation?

- ☞ Accreditation is the tool to establish a reliable conformity assessment infrastructure in a country;
- ☞ Using reliable conformity assessment bodies means reduced risks for industries and governments;
- ☞ Accreditation facilitates the development of the market at the national level;
- ☞ Accreditation facilitates international trade and access to foreign markets;
- ☞ Accreditation contributes substantially to national safety, health and consumer protection;
- ☞ Accreditation is an important tool for the industry, as well as for the government;
- ☞ Accreditation is a global tool to support the public policy;
- ☞ Accreditation is a supporting the delivery of health and social care;
- ☞ Accreditation ensures the continuous protection of the people.

THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION CHAIN IN THE FIELD OF ACCREDITATION



- ☞ The International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation ILAC evaluates and recognises APLAC and the International Accreditation Forum IAF evaluates and recognises PAC.
- ☞ APLAC the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation and PAC the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation recognise the National Accreditation Body As e.g. our Partner Accreditation Bodies in Thailand.
- ☞ The Partner Accreditation Bodies are cooperating closely with Department of Accreditation DA in Cambodia as DA is the associate members of APLAC/PAC.
- ☞ As a result, Conformity Assessment Bodies in Cambodia will profit from internationally recognised Accreditation Certificates issued by the partners in cooperation with DA.

ACCREDITATION IN CAMBODIA

DA is presently established according to the Cambodia law and regulation. DA is the National Accreditation Body in Cambodia. It is part of the General Department of Industry GDI, which itself is part of the Ministry of Industry and Handicraft MIH. DA leads by Cambodian Accreditation National Council CANC, DA is the secretariat of CANC.

DA of CANC has put its efforts in actively performing works through implementation of ASEAN- PTB project and the ACCSQ-Working Group on Conformity Assessment Required the DA to create the National Accreditation Focal Point NAFP. The goal of this cooperation is to achieve international recognition as soon as possible. However This may take some few years. This is the reason why DA has to establish a close Cooperation with the four Accreditation Bodies of Thailand and Bureau of Accreditation Vietnam BoA, which all of them are internationally recognised.

Assessments will be done jointly. If international recognition is important for a Conformity Assessment Body, that Body has the possibility to receive an Accreditation Certificate by the respective Accreditation Body of Thailand or BoA.

Important Functions of the Department of Accreditation DA:

1. To be the partner of Conformity Assessment bodies in Cambodia in the field of Accreditation;
2. To provide the link between applicant clients and the Partner Accreditation Bodies in Thailand and BoA;

3. To provide information about accredited conformity assessments to the industry In Cambodia and to promote recognition of accredited conformity assessments;
4. To link with the governmental authorities needing conformity assessment services And to support them in establishing rules and criteria for the use of conformity Assessments in their respective fields;
5. To monitor the activities of the Local Conformity Assessment Bodies in Cambodia in cooperation with cross frontier Accreditation Bodies concerned;
6. To cooperate with the Partner Accreditation Bodies PABs in Thailand or other Foreign Accreditation Bodies FABs.

The International Cooperation of DA:

1. Member of the ACCSQ Working Group
2. Member of the Working Group on Accreditation and Conformity Assessment ACCSQ Working Group2 WG2 of the ASEAN Cooperation;
3. Associate Member of the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation PAC;
4. Associate Member of the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation APLAC.

The most important international standards defining the Competence of Conformity Assessment Bodies:

1. ISO/IEC 17025: General requirements for the competence of testing and Calibration Laboratories.
2. ISO 15189: Medical Laboratory – Particular requirements for quality and competence.
3. ISO/IEC 17021: General requirements for bodies operating management Certification systems.
4. ISO/IEC 17065: General requirements for bodies operating product certification
5. ISO/IEC 17020: Conformity assessment -- Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection.
6. ISO/IEC 17024: Conformity assessment – General Requirements for bodies operating certification of persons.

How can I find accreditation services?

The Department of Accreditation DA will help you to find the right services through its international network.

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