

## SLAB POLICY ON TRANSITION TO ISO/IEC 17043:2023

SLAB accredited and applicant proficiency Testing Providers are required to comply with the requirements of this policy.

The new ISO/IEC 17043:2023 -General Requirements for the competence of Proficiency Testing Providers standard was published on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 and this document cancelled and replaced ISO/IEC 17043:2010. The agreed transition period is 3 years from the date of publication, that is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026. ILAC Resolution GA 26.09.

As per the SLAB policy on transition, accreditation granted as per ISO/IEC 17043: 2010 would not be valid after 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

In addition, the following are also applicable for this transition.

Proficiency Testing Providers accredited as per ISO/IEC 17043:2010 shall undergo re-assessment to demonstrate their compliance to ISO/IEC 17043:2023 and complete the process of re-assessment and demonstrate full implementation on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

SLAB is ready to accept applications as per ISO/IEC 17043:2023 from 01<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

SLAB does not accept new applications for ISO/IEC 17043:2010 from 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

SLAB will conduct assessments as per ISO/IEC 17043:2023 from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

All PTPs shall submit application at least before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, that is four months before the end of transition.

The accreditation of any Proficiency Testing Provider which fails to submit application to transition to ISO/IEC 17043:2023 before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 shall be placed under temporally suspension for a maximum of 04 months. Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 17043: 2023 by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 would result in withdrawal of accreditation.

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