

Announcement of Bureau of Laboratory Accreditation,

Department of Science Service

Subject: Laboratory accreditation according to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017

The third edition of the ISO/IEC 17025: General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories was published in November 2017. International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) have agreed on a three-year transition period from the date of publication of the ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 for laboratories to bring their operations in line with the requirements of the new standard.

The period of laboratory accreditation is corresponding to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 as below:

1. Applicant Laboratory

- 1.1 From 1 May 2018 to 28 November 2018, applying for both of ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 and ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 to BLA-DSS.
- 1.2 From 29 November 2018 onwards, applying for ISO/IEC 17025: 2017.

2. Accredited laboratory

- 2.1 Since 1 May 2018 onwards, BLA-DSS will conduct assessment in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017.
- 2.2 Since 29 November 2020 onwards, the quality system of accredited laboratory shall be implemented and granted in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017. The BLA-DSS will issue a certificate according to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017, otherwise, the accredited testing laboratory shall be suspended certification.

BLA-DSS Transition timeline for ISO/IEC 17025: 2017	
Offering assessments against ISO/IEC 17025: 2017	01 May 2018
Laboratories have the option of assessment against either ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 or ISO/IEC 17025: 2017	01 May 2018 to 28 November 2018
All assessments to be conducted against ISO/IEC 17025: 2017	29 November 2020

** Laboratories already accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 will need to transition their processes to the new version within a three-year period from the publication date of the new standard.