

TRANSITION MEMORANDUM

Transition to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 General Requirements for the competence of testing laboratories

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 became publicly available on November 30, 2017, and the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) has implemented a three-year transition period from the date of publication. As such, all APLAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) signatories (which includes BLQS) must have all of their Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 no later than November 29, 2020.

For BLQS to successfully assess and provide accreditation to each of its accredited and enrolled CABs within our two-year assessment cycle, the following represents BLQS's transition plan from ISO/IEC 17025:2005 to ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

- New Applicants - All applications received after July 1, 2018 or applicants who have not undergone an assessment by this date will be assessed to ISO/IEC 17025:2017.
- Currently Accredited CABs - All CABs with an expiration date after July 1, 2018 will be assessed to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 during their next full on-site assessment. The laboratories with an expiration date prior to this date may choose to be assessed to either version of the standard. Any accredited CABs not assessed to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 by November 29, 2019 will be required to undergo an on-site assessment prior to May 1, 2020 to verify implementation. Laboratories not accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 after the end of the transition period will be suspended until they achieve accreditation to the new standard.

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Time line of BLQS for transition period of ISO 17025:2017

