



**ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES**

**CAB Accreditation Policy Document**

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<b>1.1</b>	<b>Purpose:</b>
1.1.1	ACCAB ensures that its accreditation services are accessible nationally and internationally to all the applicants whose requests for accreditation fall within the activities and the limitations as defined within ACCAB's policy and the rules.
1.1.2	ACCAB ensures that access to ACCAB's accreditation services are not conditional upon the location, the size of the applicant Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) or membership of any association or group nor shall accreditation be conditional upon the CAB is already accredited in a particular region.
1.1.3	ACCAB firmly believes that the allocation of territories that restricts market competition could be an anti-competitive activity and not permitted under the Competition Act of India and the Sherman Antitrust Act of the USA.
1.1.4	ACCAB has this policy on cross frontier accreditation in accordance with the WTO/TBT objectives of facilitating international trade by removing technical barriers to trade through cooperation between ACCAB and other accreditation bodies.
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Scope:</b>
1.2.1	This policy is applicable to ACCAB Accreditation Services for International Applicants and Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies.
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Definitions:</b>
1.3.1	Nil
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Details:</b>
<b>1.4.1</b>	<b>General:</b>
1.4.1.1	ACCAB shall accept, review and process any inquiries for ACCAB accreditation services, regardless of the location of the applicant in line with ACCAB's policy to observe the free-market principles and to extent necessary courtesy to potential clients anywhere in the world.
1.4.1.2	ACCAB ensures that while proceeding with the applications from foreign applicants for ACCAB accreditation services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Asking whether foreign applicants are aware of their local accreditation body (AB);</li> <li>b) Informing them about mutual recognition of the local AB in the applicant's economy, and equivalence of such accreditations;</li> <li>c) Informing them that accreditation by a local AB may be more economical, and where applicable, the local AB may be more understanding of local conditions.</li> </ul>
1.4.1.3	ACCAB ensures that appropriate assessors are used, taking into account factors such as language, local laws and regulations, culture, etc., as well as technical competence requirements.
1.4.1.4	ACCAB may consult the domestic accreditation body and take into consideration any relevant

	accreditation requirements that the domestic accreditation body has set to suit the local conditions.	
1.4.1.5	ACCAB may include personnel from the domestic accreditation body on the assessment team or an observer to observe the assessment, subject to acceptance by the applicant.	
1.4.1.6	ACCAB intends to sign a bilateral recognition arrangement with any national or international accreditation body who meets the requirements of ISO 17011 in accordance with the WTO/TBT objectives of facilitating international trade by removing technical barriers to trade.	
<b>1.5</b>	<b>References:</b>	
<b>1.5.1</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Document Number</b>
1.5.1.1	Cross-Frontier Accreditation Principles for Cooperation	ILAC-G21:09/2012