

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES**QUALITY MANUAL**

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1.1	Purpose:
1.1.1	This quality manual covers all aspects of ACCAB quality system to ensure that all requirements of ISO/IEC 17011:2004 are met.
1.1.2	This quality manual shall be used by the Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB) for the accreditation of third party independent CABs that undertake conformity assessment services such as assessing & certification of the management systems; testing & calibration services; assessment of personnel and inspection, as per various international standards, publicly available documents and for compliance with ACCAB standards. The ACCAB standards are the SQAM (Standardization, Quality and Accreditation & Metrology) principles and criteria followed by ACCAB.
1.1.3	This quality manual, which is the apex manual along with the applicable lower level documents, forms the basis for the participation of ACCAB in multilateral agreement with the similar accreditation bodies.
1.1.4	This quality manual shall ensure continuity and consistency of the conformity assessment processes deployed by the ACCAB accredited CABs against the relevant standards.
1.1.5	This quality manual shall ensure that ACCAB accredited CABs bodies operate in a controlled manner.
1.1.6	This quality manual endeavors to provide transparency that is required of an independent international accreditation body.
1.1.7	This quality manual ensures flexibility by focusing on outcomes rather than be prescriptive and bureaucratic.
1.1.8	This quality manual endeavors to assist applicant and accredited CABs to meet and surpass the accreditation requirements by providing guidance and notes.
1.1.9	This quality manual endeavors to bring clarity and acceptance of multiple points of views.
1.2	Scope:
1.2.1	This quality manual is useful for those who find the ACCAB accreditation services beneficial and all CABs that wish to avail ACCAB accredited conformity assessment services which is voluntary in nature and allow accredited organizations the use of ACCAB logo.
1.2.2	This quality manual shall be updated from time to time and is subject to regular supervision by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of ACCAB and is approved by the CEO on behalf of the Board of Directors (BOD).
1.3	Responsibility & Authority:
1.3.1	The TAC of ACCAB is responsible for the quality manual in ACCAB's official language – English.

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1.4 Operation:				
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1.5 Reference: The QMS incorporated the requirements of the following Documents:				
1.5.1	The following reference documents are used for the application of various accreditation schemes operated by ACCAB. In case all these referred documents only the latest edition including any amendments shall apply:			
1.5.2	ISO 9000:2005 Quality Management Systems – Fundamentals and Vocabulary.			
1.5.3	ISO/IEC 17000:2004 Conformity Assessment – Vocabulary & General Principles.			
1.5.4	VIM: 10993, International Vocabulary of Basic and General Terms in Metrology issued by BIPM, IEC, IFCC, ISO, IUPAC, IUPAP and OIML .			
1.5.5	ISO/IEC 17011:2004 Conformity assessment – General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies.			