



## ACCREDITATION OF AUTOPSY SERVICES TO ISO 17020

INAB is currently developing a scheme for autopsy services to meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17020. This is a voluntary scheme where organisations may apply to become accredited to ISO 17020 for the provision of autopsy services. It offers potential clients a means to have their service assessed and accredited by an independent third party, the national accreditation board.

### BACKGROUND

INAB accredits Inspection Bodies to the standard ISO/IEC 17020:2012 *“Conformity assessment – requirements for the various types of bodies performing inspection”*. This standard details the requirements for the competence of inspection bodies and for the impartiality and consistency of their inspection activities. Autopsy services are an accredited activity in a number of European countries in both hospital and forensic settings.

As accreditation is offered using ISO17020, it ensures the service can be recognised internationally under the multilateral agreement between accreditation bodies, operating worldwide.

INAB currently accredits public and private medical testing laboratories according to ISO 15189 and accreditation of post mortem services according to ISO 17020 could be an extension of the quality management system into this area.



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ACCREDITING YOUR AUTOPSY SERVICE?

Accreditation to ISO 17020 is an independent, technical and quality system assessment, designed to help organisations ensure that users receive consistently high quality services, and inspections and that these are delivered by competent staff.

## WHAT BENEFIT WILL ACCREDITATION PROVIDE?

INAB accreditation ensures that staff who carry out services are competent and the equipment and facilities used are fit for purpose. Accreditation provides the user confidence that the service is quality led and is capable of developing and maintaining a high calibre death investigation service for the communities and jurisdictions in which they operate.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

This scheme is open to all hospital and standalone mortuary services.

## WHEN IS THE SCHEME AVAILABLE?

The scheme is available for applications, please contact [inab@inab.ie](mailto:inab@inab.ie) to register and make an application through the CRM system.



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