



ACCREDITATION OF BIOBANKS TO ISO 20387

BACKGROUND

The ISO 20387:2018 standard *“Biotechnology – General requirements for biobanking”* specifies general requirements for the competence, impartiality and consistent operation of biobanks, including quality control requirements to ensure biological material and data collections are produced and maintained appropriately.

This standard is applicable to all organisations performing biobanking, including biobanking of biological material from multicellular organisms (for example

human, animal, fungus and plant) and microorganisms for research and development. It does not apply to biological material intended for food/feed production, laboratories undertaking analysis for food/feed production, and/or therapeutic use.

Relevant EU/Irish legislation will also be applicable for any biobanks applying for accreditation.

IINAB has just begun to offer accreditation in this area and began the scheme for applicants on 1 April 2021.



WHY SHOULD YOU ACCREDIT YOUR BIOBANK?

Accreditation is the internationally recognised system that is used to develop and sustain high standards of performance. The process of accreditation is an independent third party attestation that confirms the compliance of the organisation to recognised standards and ensures specific professional competence of the accredited entity.

Accrediting your Biobank also ensures the quality of the service is recognised nationally and internationally.

WHO CAN APPLY?

This scheme is open to all Biobanking organisations that are in a position to comply with the requirements of ISO 20387:2018 standard and applicable legislation in Ireland. The Biobanking legal entity shall be established in Ireland.

HOW TO APPLY?

Full details on the accreditation process is [here](#)

WHEN IS THE SCHEME AVAILABLE?

The scheme will be available from 1st April 2021.



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