

World Accreditation Day 2018



Accreditation - Delivering a Safer World

9 June 2018 marks World Accreditation Day as a global initiative, jointly established by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), to raise awareness of the importance of accreditation.

This year's theme focuses on **how accreditation delivers a safer world**.

The expectation of safe workplaces, safe products, safe transport, safe food, in fact all aspects of our lives is universally shared. Statistics however show that the expectation is not being matched by the reality. Closing this gap is a vital consideration for government, regulators and businesses, aiming to keep people safer in their work, their domestic life, their journeys and all other parts of their lives.

As in previous years, the day will be celebrated across the world with the hosting of major national events, seminars, and press and media coverage, to provide the opportunity to explore how accreditation can help deliver a safer world and to support businesses, government and regulators to find standards, conformity assessment and accreditation tools to support them in this goal.

World Accreditation Day provides an excellent opportunity for the accreditation community to extend its influence and demonstrate how accreditation can be applied to a wide variety of assessment, approval or evaluation tasks that can be used by business, government and regulators to help deliver a safer world.



INAB Under the Microscope

On 24-28th September, a 10 person team of EA (European Co-operation for Accreditation) peer evaluators will perform a week long audit of the Irish National Accreditation Board and its accreditation activities.



Peer Evaluation 2018

This EA team of peer evaluators will scrutinize INAB accreditation and activities specifically laboratory and calibration testing, inspection, management systems, product certification and reference materials.

The EA team will typically witness at least one assessment off site per standard. Time will also be spent at INAB offices evaluating files, procedures, policy and records against internationally agreed standard for accreditation bodies, ISO/IEC 17011.

Why is INAB subject to this review?

INAB is signatory to the EA Multilateral agreement (MLA). As a signatory we are subject to participate in these reviews of our activities to show our compliance with the standard and the specific requirements of Regulation (EC) no 765/2008.

It is essential that we have a successful outcome, so we can remain within the [EA MLA](#), and by extension the MLA's of IAF and ILAC.

Our last peer evaluation took place in 2014 – with a successful result.

INAB would like to thank assessors and CABs for their support for the visits scheduled for peer review in September.

Accreditations Awarded in 2018



004RM	Waters Technologies Ireland Ltd, Wexford Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford. Reference Materials Producers
371T	Waters Technologies Ireland Ltd, Wexford Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford. Chemical Testing

Log onto www.inab.ie and refer to the Directory of Accredited Bodies for full scope.



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INAB CLIENT SURVEY How did we do in 2017?



Orla Ivers – Project Executive

On 7th March 2018, INAB circulated our online survey to all our applicant and accredited clients to ascertain their experience of service with INAB in 2017.

Feedback is very important to us and particularly for 2017 as we introduced new systems and changes to how we work.

We appreciate your time and effort in responding before the survey closes on 9th April 2018.

INAB to Hold Calibration Forum In Dublin Castle JUNE 2018

INAB and the National Metrology Laboratory are holding a calibration forum for all INAB clients on the 18th June 2018. The forum offers clients an opportunity to discuss questions they may have in this area. The main topics to be covered during the day are as follows:

- Introduction to Calibration
- Interpreting Calibration certificates
- Calibration using reference materials
- Introduction to Measurement Uncertainty
- Example of approaches used in determining measurement uncertainty for qualitative and quantitative testing.

The venue for the forum is Dublin Castle and the day will run from 8.30am to 4pm as it promises to be a full agenda. Clients have been sent a save the date, and are asked to confirm their attendance with jane.glass@inab.ie by 22nd May 2018. Note that one representative is welcome per registration number.



Changes for the Medical Advisory Committee



The Medical Advisory Committee has undergone changes recently following consultation with its members.

The newly named Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee (MSAC) structure includes representation from professional bodies from all six pathology disciplines. It also includes a Medical Scientist representative and a Medical representative for each of the pathology disciplines. The members are responsible for communication to and from each of the professional bodies that they represent.

This new structure and membership was approved by the INAB board in December 2017. The last MSAC meeting took place on the 20th March 2018 and the following are the members of the MSAC committee in 2018:

- Mr. John O'Loughlin (Chair of the committee)
- Dr Michael McDermott (Vice Chair)
- Dr Joan Fitzgerald
- Mr. Peter O'Leary
- Dr Niamh O'Sullivan
- Dr Gerard Boran
- Mr. Dave Keane
- Ms. Naomi Cronin
- Prof. Eleanor Wallace
- Ms. Hilda Guerin
- Ms. Lisa Rose
- Vacancy – (Consultant Immunologist)
- Prof. Ulrich Sachs (INAB assessor)
- Mr. Chris Sharpe (INAB assessor)
- INAB staff members.

NEW REVISION OF ISO17025

The new revision of ISO17025:2017 was published in November 2017. All laboratories must be accredited to the new revision of the standard by November 2020 and the INAB transition plan to ensure this will be published and available to all CABs in April 2018.

Transitions to ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015

Work is continuing for certification bodies in transitioning their clients to ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015. The transition to the 2015 version of the standards is to be achieved by mid-September 2018.

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has asked its members to gather information from accredited certification bodies regarding how many certificates have been transitioned.

Transition rates so far are relatively low worldwide and raising the transition rate over the next vital seven months will be challenge for all parties involved.

INAB supports our accredited certification bodies in achieving the transition deadlines and urges certification body clients to co-operate fully in this regard.

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TRANSITION TO ISO 45001

The development of standards for OHSMS (Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems) began in the early 1990s, with the eventual publication of BS 8800 in 1996. The OHSAS Project Group was formed in the late 1990s and published OHSAS 18001 in 1999. A revision of OHSAS 18001 was published in 2007. While the OHSAS Project Group has full ownership of the copyright in OHSAS 18001, it has entered into royalty free licensing and copyright agreements with many national standardisation bodies. This has facilitated the adoption and use of OHSAS 18001 at the national level, and promoted its implementation by organisations. In turn, this has led to a global improvement in OH&S culture. The most recent OHSAS Standards and Certificates survey (for 2011 data) demonstrated that 127 countries are now using OHSMS standards, mainly based on the adoption or adaptation of OHSAS 18001, and indicated that there is a need for an international standard in this field.

A new work item proposal was presented to ISO in March 2013, which led to the project to develop ISO 45001 Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use. ISO 45001:2018 has been published on 12th March 2018 and there is a three year period set for migration of organisations from OHSAS 18001 to ISO 45001.

Alarm Installers Compliance With Clause 15

Currently alarm installers are audited for compliance with SR40 and technical standards EN 50131-1 and EN 50131-7.

Shortly after the introduction of licensing, an exemption in relation to certification under clause 15 of EN 50131-1 was permitted. The Private Security Authority (PSA) in conjunction with INAB have determined that this exclusion is no longer required. As a result all components will now be required to comply with Clause 15.

From 1st June 2018 INAB requires that certification bodies conducting audits shall ensure that intruder alarm installers are complying fully with all aspects of EN 50131-1 and EN 50131-7.



First Tank Testing Accreditation in Cork

Fitzgerald Commercials Inspection Division is based in Midleton, Co Cork and is the first company in Ireland with INAB accreditation under registration No 9014 as a type C Inspection body for the periodic inspection and intermediate inspection of class 3 tankers.

In January 2017, S.I. 5 of 2017 was signed into law. This S.I. amends Regulation 52(2) of the European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) Regulations 2011 to 2017, removing the option to treat ADR tank-vehicles as “national transport only” from 1 July 2017.

This means that all ADR tank-vehicles registered from that date shall be subject to ADR and tank inspection, testing and certification must be carried out by an accredited inspection body approved by a national competent authority.

No Changes to Inspection Standard

The International Organization for Standardization have decided that the inspection standard ISO/IEC 17020:2012 is to remain the same for the next 5 years. This specifies requirements for the competence of bodies performing inspection and for the impartiality and consistency of their inspection activities.

Data Protection Regulation Comes into Force May 2018

Frank Crowe, INAB Officer

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25 May 2018 and will replace the existing data protection laws in all EU member states. The GDPR is designed to harmonise data privacy laws across Europe, to protect and empower all EU citizens’ data privacy and to reshape the way organisations across the region approach data privacy. Although many of the provisions of the GDPR are broadly similar to those contained in the existing data protection framework, there are a number of new and more onerous requirements contained in the regulation. In early 2017 INAB commenced a project to examine its existing data processing, reviewing its data protection policies, procedures and controls to identify any gaps that need to be addressed. This project is continuing and will ensure that INAB is compliant when the GDPR comes into effect.



Updated Guidance on Changing Ownership or Legal Entity

Over recent years INAB has seen an increasing number of accredited bodies changing ownership or legal entity.

What do you do if you are changing legal entity/ownership?

You need to complete Section A: Change in Legal Entity/Ownership in the **AF-1-F Change of Information form** which is available in the documents and forms section on www.inab.ie

Where the legal entity changes, this will result in resignation of the existing INAB registration number and award of a new registration number. Therefore we require no less than 3 months notification of this change so we can close out all events, nc’s or actions against your existing registration number.

The CAB will then apply as the new CAB name through the INAB CRM. This guidance will be included in the **R1 Regulations** from June 2018.

The first point of contact for any discussions should be your INAB Officer.

Assessor Opportunities

Apply to Work as an Independent Assessor for INAB

If you have the relevant technical expertise and attributes and are committed to quality and improvement then we would like to hear from you.

Complete the 2 page [IP25 form](#) to express your interest.
For full details on applying – log onto the contact us section on www.inab.ie.

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FAREWELL

INAB would like to wish **Frank Crowe**, our colleague and friend all the best as he moves on to pastures new. He will take up a new role in risk management with Irish Life. Frank worked with INAB since 2006. We would like to thank him for all the work and commitment to INAB and Accreditation.



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