



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM INAB

INAB would like to wish all our clients, assessors and board members a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.



INAB Celebrates 35 Year Anniversary

I am pleased to share with you, that this year the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) is thirty five years old and I would like to take this opportunity to reminisce with you about how accreditation has developed both in Ireland and internationally during these past thirty five years and to consider what the future holds for accreditation.



Dr. Adrienne Duff,
INAB Manager

I joined INAB in 2002 as an assessment manager and was appointed Manager in 2008; in that time, both INAB and accreditation has changed dramatically.

I thought it best to look at a couple of areas where we have seen the most change.



Growth in Accreditation

The growth in demand for accreditation has increased steadily over the years to today where we have 230 INAB accreditations awarded. The 27 applications currently in the system demonstrates that INAB accreditation remains relevant and valuable to organisations.

In addition to the number of organisations achieving accreditation increasing, the diversity and complexity of accredited scopes is evident.

Laboratories are testing in the chemical, biological, veterinary, forensic, mechanical, construction fields; the metrological traceability underpinning all this testing is secured through the calibration laboratories for mass, volume, electrical, dimension, temperature and flow. Medical examinations are performed for diagnostic, public health and national screening purposes.

Certification bodies certify products, food and security installations against quality and safety standards.

Additionally certification bodies are issuing accredited certificate for management systems such as quality (ISO



INABs new brochure to mark our 35th

9001), environmental (ISO 14001), energy management (ISO 50001), health and safety management (ISO 45001), food safety (ISO 22001) and medical device (ISO 13485).

Accredited inspection is active in the areas of farming and food production, asbestos surveys and car testing.

Reference material producers manufacture materials traceable to international standards, while personnel certification bodies are certifying individuals for activity under the pressure equipment directive.

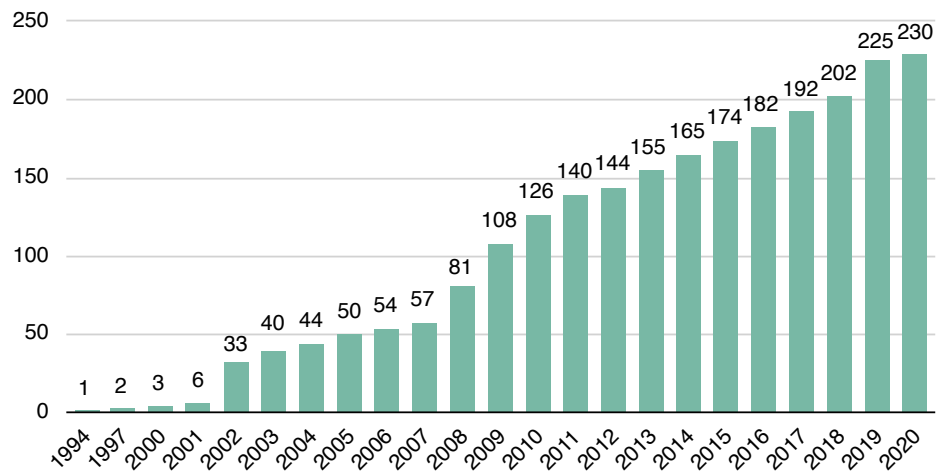
INAB is active in all the accreditation standards in table 1 with the exception of ISO 14065 and ISO 17043. However, it is intended that within the next 2 years, INAB will again offer accreditation to ISO 14065.

Growth in Accreditation (cont'd)

Within the scope of the accreditation standards, INAB is offering new areas of accredited activity in response to market demand such as audiology and autopsy services. And looking to fully implement new accreditation standards in the fields of biobank (ISO 20387) and validation/verification (ISO 17029). We must also be able to respond to changes in technology, robotics and artificial intelligence in order to anticipate and meet future market demands.

While the vast majority of INAB's activity is in accreditation, we are also the national GLP (Good Laboratory Practice) Monitoring Authority for Ireland and have two facilities in our programme undertaking pre-clinical health and safety studies.

Trends in Accredited Clients per year



Accreditation Standards

ISO 17025 testing and calibration laboratories

ISO 17065, certification bodies certifying products

ISO 17020, inspection bodies

ISO 15189, medical examinations

ISO 17021-1, certification bodies certifying management systems, EMAS verifiers

ISO 17034, reference material producers

ISO 17024, certification bodies certifying persons

ISO 14065, greenhouse gas verifiers

ISO 17043, proficiency test providers

Table 1

How INAB Accreditation Is Delivered

INAB, like many other organisations, has evolved in how we deliver the accreditation service. In 1985 and for the first years of INAB's existence, details of organisations that achieved accreditation were recorded in a ledger. Up to 2017, INAB was a heavily paper-based organisation and assessments were documented through a suite of forms. Board papers and files for decisions on accreditation were prepared in multiple packs, for review by the decision makers and electronic client records were maintained in a static database. Scopes of accreditation were manually edited in an MS Word table, which is probably fair to say, tested everyone's patience.

INAB is now virtually a paper-free organisation. Clients will be familiar with the CRM (Client Relationship Management) system, an ambitious IT project commenced in 2016. The entire assessment process is now delivered through the CRM, including: assessment scheduling, assignment of assessment teams, reporting, clearance of nonconformities, decision making, invoicing and scope edit & issue. We very much appreciated how our clients and assessors embraced this huge change, in a drive to improve overall service delivery. INAB

Accreditation Board papers are presented electronically as are all our communications. We decided some years ago to retain the lead assessor function within our staff reflecting the in-depth knowledge and experience of our assessment managers.

There are plans to embed a searchable database of accredited scopes on our website in the near future and further refine and improve the CRM functionality. The current pandemic has resulted in annual assessments, in the main performed using remote assessment techniques. While the integrity of the process was not compromised, there is no lasting substitute for onsite assessments. It is intended however that we incorporate the benefits of these new ways of working into the service delivery going forward.

The remainder of 2020 and into 2021 will see INAB develop a national accreditation strategy for Ireland. This will be the first time such a strategy has been in place and it is an opportunity to frame and direct accreditation over the next 5 years. Your input into this strategy will be important to us.

Changes In The International Framework

Accreditation bodies throughout the world are organised into regional associations depending on geographical location and worldwide associations covering laboratories and inspection bodies (International Laboratory Co-operation, ILAC) and certification/verification bodies (International Accreditation Forum, IAF).

In Europe, the European Co-operation for Accreditation (EA) is the association of accreditation bodies within the European area. EA works closely with the European Commission to ensure that accreditation is recognised as the preferred mechanism to assure competence, integrity and impartiality of conformity assessment. There are currently over 100 pieces of European legislation relying on accreditation, which has helpfully been consolidated into an EA publication [here](#).

Accreditation bodies within Europe and members of EA comply with Regulation 765/2008 which establishes a framework for accreditation within Europe. Each Member State shall have a single national accreditation body, operating on a non-competition, non-profit basis.

Within and between associations, multi-lateral agreements (MLAs, MRAs) are in place to facilitate mutual recognition of accreditation systems and acceptance of accredited certificates. This system eliminates technical barriers to trade and enables accredited certificates and test results produced in Ireland to be accepted worldwide. Thus, INAB accreditation plays a key role in guaranteeing Irish products access to both the EU and worldwide markets, visible through the accreditation symbol.



In order to maintain signatory status to the MLAs, INAB undergoes regular international peer reviews of its accreditation activities, the most recent being in 2018. An overview of INAB's signatory milestones is presented in Table 2 below. We intend to apply to extend our MLA status for certification of persons in 2021 and greenhouse gas verifiers in 2022.

INAB's Multi-Lateral Agreements

EA 	ILAC 	IAF 
Testing and calibration 1993 Management systems certification 1998 Certification of products 2002 Inspection 2006 Reference Material Producers 2019	Testing and calibration 2000 Inspection 2012 Reference Material Producers 2020	Management systems certification 1999, 2004 Certification of Products 2004

Table 2

INAB Organisation

INAB itself has changed since it began in 1985. It was part of Forfás, the policy and advisory agency from 1994 -2014 and prior to that, part of the enterprise agencies. In 2014, INAB became part of the Health and Safety Authority (HSA). The support of our colleagues in Forfas and the HSA enable INAB deliver the strategically important national accreditation service.

Our current dedicated staff and their details are below. Being a small organisation, it is easy to recall all past permanent staff who contributed so much to INAB over the years. In that regard, I would like to acknowledge Tom Dempsey, Frank Smith, John Hussey, Catherine McEnri, Des McAteer (RIP), Katerina McKiver, Orla Phelan, Pat O'Brien, Mary Horne, Frank Crowe, Anna Stepien, Gillian Lawless and Marie O'Mahony.

Membership of the Accreditation Board and the Appeal Board change regularly but it is important to recognise the valuable role they play in ensuring robust assessments and decisions are in place.

INAB of course could not deliver accreditation without the commitment and expertise of our external assessors.

At the moment we have 168 contracted assessors spanning a great variety of specialisms, who together with the INAB lead assessors, comprise the assessment teams that visit our organisations annually.

Equally the support provided by our colleagues in the Health and Safety Authority working with us on ICT, finance and HR functions enable us deliver a respected and valuable accreditation service.

So in conclusion, Ireland was part of the first group of countries to establish an accreditation system in Europe. The recognition of accreditation in adding value to the economy and policy has increased. INAB, although comparatively small, is active in all accreditation activity required by our clients. Much has changed since we started accreditation thirty five years ago and we look forward to continuing to grow and meet future demands.

With very best wishes,



*Dr Adrienne Duff,
INAB Manager*

Staff at INAB

Accreditation Officers



Top row, Andrew Stratford, Brid Burke, Ciaran Barker, James Stapleton, Joanne Coyle
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Celebrating 35 years of supporting Irish enterprises and National Policy

Dr. Sharon McGuinness,
CEO, Health and Safety Authority

I am delighted to have this opportunity to congratulate my colleagues in INAB for delivering on 35 years of accreditation for Ireland and Irish enterprises. Although the Health and Safety Authority have only been with INAB on part of this 35-year journey, when they transferred over from Forfás in 2014, they have become an integral and important part of the overall functions of the Authority. Back in 1985, it was probably not envisaged how important or widespread accreditation would become in providing third-party independent assurance that enterprises, services and products are being delivered in line with standards and regulations.

From those early days of laboratory accreditation, INAB has now expanded its service offering to facilitate trade and enterprise in food and agriculture business, in service delivery and in free movement of goods across the EU. It also supports policy delivery in Ireland in areas as diverse as drink and drugs testing; medical examinations, DNA analysis, product testing and the national car testing programme. INAB continues to grow and expand its service offering to meet the needs and demands of clients and the regulatory landscape with services for audiology, GPDR certification, cybersecurity certification, biobanks amongst several new schemes that will come on line in 2020 and 2021.

Over the past number of years, INAB has been a very important party in the Government's Getting Ireland Brexit programme. As Irish businesses have adapted to the realities of Brexit, INAB has actively worked with them to offer new accreditation services and support the move of Notified Bodies into Ireland. Furthermore, as we anticipate the new trading relationship with the UK, which will be in place from 1 January 2021, INAB will be there to continue to support and advice clients and enterprises.

The Authority will continue to support INAB as it expands and responds to the needs of Irish enterprises and Government policy. We are looking forward to preparing INAB meet the challenges of the next 35 years starting with the development of a national accreditation strategy this year. This, we believe, will give INAB and Ireland a strong basis for guaranteeing not just strong enterprises and national policies but also a strong, agile and resilient Irish National Accreditation Board too.

I would like to conclude by thanking Dr. Adrienne Duff and all her colleagues for being strong and vocal champions for INAB and accreditation. I would also like to thank all the members of the INAB Board, in particular its Chair, Dr. Ita Kinahan for their commitment and support.

I am very much looking forward to continuing to work with staff and the Accreditation Board to build on INAB's 35-year reputation for strong and independent service delivery.

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INAB - Enhancing Ireland's reputation as a world class location to do business

Mr. Martin Shanahan,
CEO IDA Ireland

I wish to warmly congratulate the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) on their upcoming 35th anniversary and want to express my sincere gratitude, on behalf of IDA Ireland for the invaluable services INAB provide in support of maintaining and enhancing Ireland's reputation as a world class location to do business.

INAB is a key member of Team Ireland, given its role as the sole national body with responsibility for accreditation, in accordance with the International Organisation for Standardisation ISO 17000 series of standards. Consumers, businesses, regulators and multinational organisations alike need to have trust and confidence in the goods and services they buy in or from Ireland.

From a multinational perspective this applies to the quality and capacity of the supply chain in Ireland when it comes to sourcing goods and services but also applies to the quality management processes undertaken to manufacture and provide finished products and services for export markets. INAB's role in this context;

providing accreditation services to the regulatory and certification stakeholders in Ireland is of critical importance. Furthermore, INAB's direct engagement with IDA clients, particularly firms undertaking laboratory-based testing and calibration of products in the engineering & medical technologies sectors, is a key component of the value proposition for those sectors.

Given the global challenges Ireland currently faces and will continue to face for the foreseeable future, INAB's ongoing dedication to their role, as internationally recognised members of ILAC, IAF and the EA, will continue to enhance Ireland's competitive position as a location of choice for foreign direct investment (FDI).

I have first-hand experience of the dedication and expertise of the INAB team from my time as CEO of Forfás under whose auspices INAB operated from 1994 to 2014. I wish Dr Adrienne Duff and all the team at INAB every success for the next 35 years! You certainly have a key strategic role to play.



INAB PROUD HISTORY OF ASSURING COMPETENCE

Mr. Tom Dempsey, previous Manager of INAB took time to highlight his memories, challenges and involvement with INAB that spanned over 25 years.

INAB celebrates its 35th Anniversary with a proud history of assuring the competence of organisations undertaking conformity assessment in Certification, Inspection, Testing and Calibration via its various internationally recognised accreditation programmes. I have been involved with INAB for more than 25 of these 35 years as an accreditation officer, INAB manager, Board member and Chair of the Appeals Committee. I have very pleasant memories of the challenges and highlights that we experienced during these years.

In the 1980s market demand for an internationally recognised accreditation system led the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) to produce relevant guides and standards which provided a basis for the establishment of national accreditation bodies within Europe and globally. During this time INAB received significant support and cooperation from other national accreditation bodies and was deeply involved in the formation of the European umbrella body, the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA) as a member of its executive committee. INAB through its executive functions in EA was also significantly involved in establishing the global infrastructure for accreditation through ILAC and IAF.

These developments provided the European Commission with a framework upon which it could rely for its market surveillance functions. This led to the publication of Regulation 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance. Regulation 765/2008 sets out the legal basis for the structure and operation of accreditation in Europe. INAB was fortunate to be closely involved over several years at European Commission and Council working group in drafting this Regulation.

Regulation 765/2008 together with the Board of INAB, comprising representatives from industry, state bodies, consumers and regulators are the critical elements that enable INAB to achieve its objectives and targets. INAB has been very fortunate with the support and calibre that its Board members have provided over the past 35 years.

During these past 35 years amazing changes have occurred in how INAB delivers its services and meets its commitments. I understand that information technology and software development means that paper based on site witnessed assessments that were the norm during my time at INAB have been replaced to a significant degree with offsite computer based witnessed assessments in the management of accreditation programmes today. The effective management of accreditation would have been virtually impossible during the current pandemic without such changes. What has not changed however is the variety of exciting challenges encountered by INAB and the enthusiasm and commitment of the staff in dealing with these. I would like to extend to everyone involved my sincere best wishes on INAB's 35th anniversary and into the future. I hope that you will, like me, have very pleasant memories of your time with INAB.



INAB SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Information

Coronavirus
COVID-19



INAB continues to operate as normal, while following Government advice and guidelines. During the pandemic there has been information and guidance published by INAB regarding the maintenance of accreditation. Below is the latest on our approach to assessments.

INABs Approach to Remote and On-Site Assessment's

BLENDED APPROACH Remote and on-site assessment

A blended approach which combines both remote and on-site assessment is being undertaken for:

- Extension to scope assessments
- Re-instatement assessments and
- Initial assessments (new applicants).

Applications and supporting evidence (validation/ verification reports, training, audits) should be submitted through the INAB Portal as normal.

Remote assessment

Assessments are completed through a combination of the following:

- Review of requested documentation are uploaded to INAB Portal prior to assessment (list of specific records will be provided by assessors)
- Video call on the day of assessment
- Viewing of CAB records using live screen share
- Witnessing of CAB activities (either through recorded video uploaded prior to assessment or live video link on the day)
- Reports and nonconformities are uploaded and cleared through INAB portal as normal

On-site assessment

- A follow-up on-site visit is required for all initial assessments, and for certain types of extension to scope and re-instatement assessments. The majority of the assessment will be performed remotely. However some types of application cannot be effectively assessed remotely.
- The on-site assessment will take place after the remote portion of the assessment.
- It will be limited to 2-3 hours and maximum two assessors (lead assessor and/or technical assessor)
- Both the host CAB and INAB assessors will be expected to comply with HSE and Irish government guidelines at all times

Each application is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. For certain applications, remote assessment with video recording of the CAB activity will be sufficient. Please contact your INAB Assessment Manager for further information and to discuss your assessment plan.

Remote Assessment - Surveillance and Re-assessment

Surveillance and re-assessment visits have continued as scheduled since March 2020. These visit types **will be conducted remotely** until at least the end of 2020.

See INAB publication [NF23](#) for guidance.

INAB SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Information (cont'd)



NOTIFICATION ON ACCREDITATION FOR SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) TESTING

- Since September 2020 INAB has completed a number of extension to scope assessments of medical laboratories performing SARS-CoV-2 testing.
- A blended approach which combines both remote and on-site assessment is being taken.
- On-site assessment is required for all laboratories (unless testing is already covered by their existing flexible scope).
- A short on-site assessment (1-2 hours) by the technical assessor is arranged after the remote portion of the assessment
- See [NF27](#) for guidance

INAB PUBLICATIONS AND SUPPORTS

- [NF23](#) - INAB Guide to approach to remote assessments
- [NF27](#) - INAB notification on Accreditation for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Testing.
- [FAQ](#) - INAB FAQs during SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

All SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) related information is available from the yellow banner on our homepage www.inab.ie

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES: SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

- Accreditation bodies around the world continue to respond to the global pandemic and support national authorities in their response. The International Laboratory Co-operation (ILAC) has issued promotional material on accreditation to ISO 15189 for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). The material may be accessed [here](#)
- Similarly the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) is continually updating their information on SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and the impact on accredited certification, with their FAQ document available [here](#). The importance of this FAQ document is evident in the resolutions taken at the IAF General Assembly available [here](#) (resolution 16).



DR ADRIENNE DUFF, INAB, ELECTED AS MEMBER OF THE EA EXECUTIVE BOARD

On November 25th, at the EA General Assembly, members of the next EA Executive Board were elected.

Dr Duff, will begin her 2 year mandate as a member of the new Executive Board starting 1st January 2021.

The current EA Executive structure is valid until end of 2020. Further detail will be available on the EA website in the new year.

TRANSITION to 17025:2017 ALMOST COMPLETE

INAB are happy to announce that 116 of our accredited testing and calibration laboratories have transitioned to ISO17025:2017 with some in the process of assessment and decision – leaving only 2 yet to transition. The original deadline for the transition to the new revision has been extended due to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and is now 1st June 2021.

Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee

Please see [here](#) for the membership of this committee. We welcome new members of the committee –

Dr. Maire Lavelle – representing the Faculty of Pathology.

Mr. Sean Naughton – INAB technical assessor and Biobanking technical expert.

Mr. Gary Norman – representing HSE Clinical Audiology services.

Our March 2020 meeting was cancelled due to the onset of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic; however, we met remotely in November 2020.

New or Changed Technical Policies

PS31 – Point of care testing (POCT)

A reminder that [PS 31](#) will be applicable for all applicant and accredited POCT laboratories, accredited to ISO15189, from January 1st 2021. As a reminder, this policy will require the laboratory to send details of the equipment and locations for all POCT testing, listed in the in the applied or accredited scope, to INAB as part of the PS10 documentation. There will be a greater focus on these systems during the 2021 assessments. Additional assessment time may be added to your visit if needed. Your INAB assessment manager will provide you with more details.

PS 34

[PS 34](#) is a new policy issued in July 2020 and is effective since then. The policy describes the formatting of scopes of ISO17025 testing laboratories. The main aim of this document is to harmonise the layout and information available on the publicly available scope document for each laboratory. It will help the end user in reviewing and choosing their test laboratory and provides a greater transparency to other users, INAB assessment teams, regulatory authorities and other stakeholders. The policy was applicable from July 2020 and it is planned that it will include scope formats for ISO15189 laboratories, early in 2021.



EA Laboratory Committee

The European Co-operation for Accreditation Laboratory Committee met virtually in September 2020. While not as effective as face to face meetings it provided an opportunity to get an update on active technical areas and the development of new schemes within the accreditation body community. Some highlights:

A new guidance document EA 4/20 ('Guidance for the assessment of Point of care testing') is due to be issued in 2021. INAB [PS 31](#) is based on this document.

EA-4/02-Expression of uncertainty in calibration is currently under revision. We will continue to communicate any changes, however it is not likely to be updated until mid-2021.

Many EA member accreditation bodies are seeing a lot of interest in the new Biobanking accreditation standard (ISO 20387). A new working group has been set up to discuss implementation of ISO 20387 and Brid Burke will represent INAB on this group.

NEWS ON LABORATORY ACCREDITATION (cont'd)

BRID BURKE – SCHEME MANAGER

NEW FOR 2020/2021

Accreditation of Biobanking according to ISO 20387

INAB is preparing to have this accreditation scheme available to potential applicants in 2021. This scheme is under development now within EA and ILAC also. We welcome expressions of interest in this scheme at this stage. Please contact brid.burke@inab.ie

Accreditation of Audiology services according to ISO15189

INAB has received no applicants for this accreditation scheme to date, however the scheme remains open for any interested parties. Again, please contact brid.burke@inab.ie if interested to make an application through the CRM system.

NEWS ON CERTIFICATION ACCREDITATION

JAMES STAPLETON – SCHEME MANAGER

EA Certification Committee

The 40th meeting of the European Co-operation for Accreditation Certification Committee was held remotely on the 29th and 30th September 2020.

The committee agenda follow the usual format with a significant amount of time devoted to considering questions submitted by members. A list of frequently asked questions and the responses given can be found under the heading Information Centre on the EA website.

There was an exchange of information concerning the current situation with SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and accreditation bodies have been using a variety of assessment techniques over the last 6 months to maintain accreditation programmes. There has been interest in some countries about developing schemes for safe return to work in the current environment with a view to seeking accreditation for this activity.

The next meeting in March 2021 will be held remotely.

NEWS ON INSPECTION ACCREDITATION

SINEAD GUCKIAN – SCHEME MANAGER

EA Inspection Committee

The 40th meeting of the European Co-operation for Accreditation Inspection Committee was conducted remotely in October. Items discussed included the application ISO/IEC 17020 in the field of Crime Scene investigation (CSI). AFORE (Accreditation of Forensic Laboratories in Europe) are currently conducting a survey of EA member and results are expected in March 2021. An update on the revision of EA-5/02: EA Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17020 in Periodic Inspection of the Roadworthiness of Motor Vehicles and their Trailers was presented. The document was endorsed by the committee and will now be sent for comment within EA. Also discussed was the use of remote assessment by inspection bodies as a response to the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Pandemic. It is recognised that new technologies can offer opportunities for how services are delivered and a blended approach of remote and onsite witnessing may offer opportunities for the future.

INAB were also represented at the recent ILAC inspection body meeting in October which was held remotely. The main topic discussed was the new revision of ILAC P15. This document is now published and is available on the ILAC website.

Revision and Implementation of ILAC P15:05/2020

Application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies has been published and is available from <https://ilac.org/publications-and-resources/ilac-policy-series/>

This revision of ILAC P15 includes updates as a result of the outcome of the ILAC Inspection Committee workshops, ISO CASCO clarification requests and the experience gained in the application of the previous version of ILAC P15 and ISO/IEC 17020:2012.

The main changes include the removal of examples and the addition of annexes. Guidance is presented on the use of new technologies such as drones, cameras and artificial intelligence. The new revision also takes into account the new versions of ILAC G24, G27 and P8 and consensus from ILAC IC workshops.

The implementation date for ILAC P15:05/2020 is 18 months from the date of publication which is November 2021.

As ILAC P15 is a mandatory document all INAB accredited inspections bodies shall be expected to be in full compliance by the implementation date. INAB will communicate further on this in due course.

Expressions of Interest: INAB Technical Experts/ Technical Assessors

The Irish National Accreditation Board welcomes expressions of interest from experts seeking to provide contracted professional technical services to INAB in support of its accreditation programmes. Expertise demand will vary from time to time.

INAB has an immediate need for and welcomes contact from potential assessors or technical experts in the following sectors:

Calibration laboratory accreditation

- Temperature, pressure, force, mass, volume, torque and density.

Test laboratory accreditation

- Construction materials testing
- Chemical testing (drugs/drug residue analysis, food (including GMOs), gas emissions)
- Biological/veterinary testing (food and water microbiology)

Medical test laboratory accreditation

Medically qualified experts in:

- Microbiology/virology/serology
- Blood transfusion science
- Haematology
- Audiology

Certification

- Sustainable farming
- Aquaculture (finfish and molluscs)
- GDPR

The full range and scope of INAB activities is documented on the website www.inab.ie

Candidates should have a third level qualification and more than 5 years' experience working in the applicable sector. Formal assessor training and previous experience working with an accreditation body would be a distinct advantage, but there may be vacancies for technical experts who may not have training in the relevant accreditation standard. If interested, please complete the IP25EX form (available for download on <https://www.inab.ie/About-Us/Assessor-Information/>) and return to the email address provided on the form.

A formal qualification procedure is in place and all applicants will be evaluated against documented criteria and current demand.



INAB Accreditations Awarded In 2020

Currently INAB have 4 new accreditations awarded in 2020. Click [here](#) for further information. To see the full directory of accredited bodies click [here](#).

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Staff Update

INAB Welcome new accreditation officers



Jen Quinn

Assessment Manager
Joined INAB in November 2020

Jen will manage and oversee the accreditation activities for a number of conformity assessment bodies (CABs) from the public and private sector operating in the following areas: management system certification, product certification, bodies performing inspection.

Jen holds a BSc in environmental geochemistry, a MSc in environmental engineering and a diploma in project management. Jen brings experience and knowledge from a background as lead auditor in quality, H&S, environment and energy systems.



Aoife Connell

Assessment Manager
Joined INAB in November 2020

Aoife will manage a portfolio of clients mainly for ISO 15189 (Medical Testing) and ISO 17025 (Calibration and Testing Laboratories).

Aoife holds a B.Sc in Biology and Masters in Biomedical Science.

Aoife joins INAB from the clinical research sector and brings experience from a monitoring and regulatory compliance background.

We would also like to wish our colleague Paul Pearson all the best as he took up his new position with the Health and Safety Authority in August 2020.



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