

RECOGNITION OF INAB CERTIFICATES

The Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB), the Government appointed National Accreditation Body, under regulation (EC) No 765/2008 is responsible for assessing and accrediting the competence of organisations that carry out all types of conformity assessment activities. Confidence in the quality of goods and services is essential for international trade.



The acceptance of test results and certificates plays an important part in building and maintaining this confidence.

INAB as the national accreditation body for Ireland, ensures that the accredited organisations that carry out testing, inspection and certification can be relied upon.

Certificates issued by INAB and INAB accredited organisations are recognised across Europe and internationally through INAB's membership of the Multi-Lateral agreements (MLA) of:

- European co-operation of Accreditation (EA)
- International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC)
- International Accreditation Forum (IAF)

This international recognition of accreditation means that goods and services do not need to be re-tested, re-inspected or re-certified.

Regulation (EC) NO 765/2008

The EU Regulation provides a legal framework for the provision of accreditation services across Europe. The Regulation covers the operation of accreditation in support of voluntary conformity assessment as well as conformity assessment required by legislation. The national accreditation body appointed for Ireland is the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB). The main aims of the Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 are to reinforce the status of accreditation, improve consistency of the accreditation services offered and to ensure acceptance and equivalence of issued accredited certificates and reports.

What is the Multi-Lateral agreement (MLA)?

- The MLA is an agreement signed between the European Co-operation for Accreditation (EA) accreditation body members to recognise the equivalence, reliability and therefore acceptance of accredited certifications, inspections, calibration certificates and test reports across Europe.
- The MLA eliminates the need for suppliers of products or services to be certified in each country where they sell their products or services, and therefore provides a means for goods and services to cross boundaries in Europe and throughout the world.



- It delivers confidence in Accreditation, and provides the framework for goods and services to cross borders in Europe and throughout the world, acting as a “passport for trade”.

ACCREDITED ONCE, ACCEPTED EVERYWHERE.

The [EA MLA](#) is recognised at worldwide level through the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC) and it is through this mechanism that European Accreditation Bodies attain international recognition for their accredited CABs.

The EA MLA is maintained through a robust peer evaluation system. These on site evaluations confirm the ABs continued compliance to the internationally accepted criteria. An accreditation body is evaluated against ISO 17011, applicable EA, IAF and ILAC documents and is overseen by the EU Commission, the EA advisory board and the national authorities.

INAB has undergone several successful peer evaluations.



How to check the reliability of a certificate or report?

1. Check that there is an accreditation mark or related text on the report or certificate
2. Check that the accreditation is awarded by a National Accreditation Body (NAB) signatory to the [EA, ILAC or IAF MLA](#)
3. Check that your supplier is accredited for the competence, tests and the results you need
4. Check that the tests have been carried out against [international standards](#). Alternatively, check that the standards and methods used can be accepted in the country of destination
5. Contact your National Accreditation Body

How to recognise the INAB Accreditation Symbol?

It is a combination of INAB’s logo in association with the accreditation standard and registration number referring to the organisation’s scope. The use of the symbol is awarded to INAB accredited organisations once they complete and maintain the accreditation process successfully.



Accreditation and Impartiality

Accreditation is the formal recognition that an organisation is competent to perform specific processes, activities, or tasks (which are detailed in a scope of accreditation) in a reliable credible and accurate manner.

Impartiality is one of the foundations of accreditation, and is of highest importance in maintaining the trust that stakeholders should expect from accreditation.

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