

INAB Impartiality Policy

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The Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) as part of the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) is the national accreditation body for Ireland, appointed by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

INAB operates in compliance with ISO 17011 and Regulation 765/2008 and provides accreditation to international harmonised standards¹.

As the national accreditation body for Ireland (NAB) appointed under Regulation 765/2008, the INAB Board and Management are committed to and responsible for, the performance of all accreditation activities in an impartial, transparent and objective manner.

Accreditation is a public authority activity and INAB does not engage in any activity that might compromise its impartiality in the performance of the national accreditation function.

INAB is part of the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and is structured in a way to safeguard impartiality. INAB as part of Government has no share ownership, commercial or other interest in any conformity assessment body (CAB) and provides accreditation on a not-for-profit basis. INAB does not provide any conformity assessment activities itself which might be the subject of accreditation. INAB does not provide consultancy services

All INAB accreditation programmes are administered in a non-discriminatory manner and are open to all applicants that meet the applicable criteria.

All personnel involved directly in the accreditation process (staff, contracted assessors/experts, decision makers, advisory committee members, appeal committee) are required to be free from any undue pressures including commercial or financial pressures that may impact on their ability to act impartially and objectively. All personnel are required to declare conflicts of interest.

The INAB Board, advisory committee(s) and other stakeholder engagement processes provide opportunities for input into safeguarding impartiality.

INAB evaluates potential threats to impartiality annually through its audit programme, analysis of its relationship with other parts of Government and risk management processes.



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¹ ISO 17011:2017 (Clause 4) *Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies*
Regulation 765/2008 (Recital 15 and Article 8) *Setting out the requirements for accreditation*