



# ACCREDITATION WITH THE IRISH NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BOARD (INAB)

INAB is the National Accreditation Board for Ireland established in 1985. Accreditation is based on demonstrating conformity with specified requirements for competence, independence and impartiality and is a key component in the Irish quality infrastructure.

The Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) provides accreditation to the following international standards

- 1 ISO 17025: Accreditation of testing and calibration laboratories
- 2 ISO 15189: Accreditation of medical testing laboratories
- 3 ISO 17020: Accreditation of inspection bodies
- 4 ISO 17021-1: Accreditation of certification bodies certifying management systems, including EMAS verifiers
- 5 ISO 17065: Accreditation of certification bodies certifying products

- 6 ISO 17024: Accreditation of certification bodies certifying persons
- 7 ISO 14065: Accreditation of verifiers for the greenhouse gas emission (GHG) trading scheme
- 8 ISO 17034: Accreditation of reference material producers
- 9 ISO 20387: Accreditation for biobanking
- 10 ISO 17029: Accreditation of validation and verification bodies



### **NEW TO ACCREDITATION?**

Accreditation is the 3rd party confirmation of competence and conformity provided by the national accreditation board for Ireland.

**Trade** is of significant importance to Ireland, with European and international export markets for Irish goods and services vital for the Irish economy.

INAB is part of the European and international network of accreditation bodies with accreditation playing a pivotal role in securing access of Irish products and services to these markets.

INAB accreditation ensures that certificates and test results are accepted worldwide.

Accreditation eliminates the need for multiple assessments when goods cross frontiers, giving Irish industry the best competitive advantage possible in what is an ever-expanding and aggressive marketplace.

Accreditation is the preferred mechanism for ensuring public confidence in the reliability of activities that impact on health, welfare, security and the environment. Accreditation is used, therefore, to identify bodies competent for the implementation of government policies and regulations.

Accreditation provides **consumer** confidence through ensuring consistently high standards in the quality and safety of products or services purchased.

Accreditation is an essential tool for decision making and risk management in **industry**. Organisations can save time and money by selecting an accredited (and therefore competent) supplier. Accurate measurements and tests carried out in compliance with best practices limit product failure, control manufacturing costs and foster innovation.

If your organisation is interested in gaining accreditation please contact us and we can discuss in detail.

## **EXISTING INAB CLIENT?**

If you're an existing INAB client, have you considered extending your scope of accreditation for:

- New business opportunities
- Expansion into new markets
- Perform testing, calibrations or inspections currently subcontracted/outsourced

INAB has introduced new schemes for accreditation in recent years including audiology, data protection and testing for COVID-19. We announce new schemes routinely so please continue to check our website <a href="here">here</a> for updates.

INAB can also provide accreditation of proficiency test providers to ISO 17043; to date we have had no demand in Ireland but we are open to receiving applications.

Existing clients can request to have their profile added to our client brochure – please contact us to progress this.

## **IRISH CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT**

If you run an organisation that relies on conformity assessment (testing, calibration, certification, inspection, verification), consider using an Irish based accredited body.

A full list of INAB accredited clients is available here.

Accredited client profiles and their services are available in our brochure **INAB Clients** – **Setting the Standard**.



#### **CONTACT US**

You can contact us through any means below and we will discuss in detail your requirements and the accreditation process

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