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1. INTRODUCTION

This publication lists the main accreditation criteria applied by the NAB-MALTA during its assessments.

All applicant and accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies are to ensure that they have the latest revisions of the listed publications. This information is available either on-line from the website of the NAB-MALTA or by directly contacting the NAB-MALTA.

Standards and interpretative documents are frequently updated. In case of a change or revision of documents which determine the accreditation criteria the NAB-MALTA will establish a transition period for the Accredited Conformity Bodies to adapt to the changes.


The NAB-MALTA may find it necessary to use publications not listed in this document during the assessment to ensure a proper evaluation of the Applicant or Accredited Conformity Assessment Body.

2. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The main accreditation standards listed in this guide contain **general requirements** in the scope of technical competences, organisation and management. A Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) applying for accreditation shall demonstrate that it has a management system conforming to the relevant standard, adequate to its structure and size and the scope of activities. This shall be described in a quality manual and, if necessary, in other reference documents such as general and technical procedures and/or instructions.

Specific requirements, depending on the type of CAB, are contained in other normative documents (such as those describing test methods contained in ISO standards), in legal provisions and in other guidelines established for bodies acting in specific fields of conformity assessment.

The NAB-MALTA adopts all publications issued by the EA (European Co-operation for Accreditation). All EA publications may be downloaded from the EA website <http://www.european-accreditation.org>. Alternatively, hard copies of EA documents can also be purchased from the NAB-MALTA.

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NAB-MALTA also uses:

- ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation) publications. ILAC documents can be downloaded from the ILAC website <http://www.ilac.org>.
- IAF (International Accreditation Forum) publications. IAF documents can be downloaded from the IAF website <http://www.iaf.nu>.

3. GENERAL CRITERIA (applicable to all Conformity Assessment Bodies)

- **RAB1** – Regulations for Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies
- **RAB2** – Regulations for the Use of the Accreditation Symbol


4. LABORATORY ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

4.1 Main Accreditation Standards

- MSA EN ISO/IEC 17025** General Requirements for the compliance of testing and calibration laboratories
- MSA EN ISO 15189** Medical laboratories – Particular requirements for quality and competence

4.2 Additional Criteria and Guidance

- **ATG04** : Classification System for Testing and Calibration.
- **ATG10** : Proficiency Testing – Policy of the NAB-MALTA.
- **ATG11** : Traceability – Policy of the NAB-MALTA.
- **EA Application Documents for Laboratories Series 4.**
- **GUM** : Guide to the Uncertainty of Measurement (ISO).
- Relevant EA and ILAC publications as listed on the EA and ILAC websites.
- The appropriate standards related to the calibration/testing methodologies.
- **EA-3/04** : Use of Proficiency Testing as a Tool for Accreditation in Testing.

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5. INSPECTION BODY ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

5.1 Main Accreditation Standard

MSA EN ISO/IEC 17020 General criteria for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection.

MSA EN 45004 General criteria for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection.

5.2 Additional Criteria and Guidance

(a) **ATG05** Guide to the NAB-MALTA Assessment Procedure for Inspection Bodies

(b) **EA-ILAC-IAF A4** EA IAF/ILAC Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17020: 1998


6. CERTIFICATION BODIES (PRODUCT CERTIFICATION)

6.1 Main Accreditation Standard

MSA EN 45011 General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems

6.2 Additional Criteria and Guidance

EA-6/01 EA Guidelines on the Application of EN45011

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7. CERTIFICATION BODIES (MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS)

7.1 Main Accreditation Standard

MSA EN 45012	General requirements for bodies operating assessment and certification/registration of quality systems
ISO/IEC Guide 66	General requirements for bodies operating assessment and certification/registration of environmental management systems (EMS)

7.2 Additional Criteria and Guidance

EA-7/01	EA Guidelines on the application of EN45012
EA-7/02	EA Guidelines on the Accreditation of Certification Bodies for Environmental Management Systems – ISO/IEC Guide 66
EA-7/03	EA Guidelines for the Accreditation of Bodies operating certification/registration of Information Security Management Systems

8. CERTIFICATION BODIES (PERSONNEL)

8.1 Main Accreditation Standard

MSA EN ISO/IEC 17024 (MSA EN 45013)	General criteria for certification bodies operating certification of personnel
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8.2 Additional Criteria and Guidance

EA-8/01	Guidelines on the application of EN45013.
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9. EMAS VERIFIERS

EMAS Verifiers are accredited to the requirements of EC Council Regulation 761/2001 dated 19th March 2001 (Official Journal reference L114 of 24/04/2001).

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