

## ***ILAC P9***

# ***Policy for Participation in Proficiency Testing Activities***

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## **ILAC P9 – Policy for PT Participation**

***The ILAC Proficiency Testing Consultative Group (PTCG) is currently in the process of reviewing the Policy document P9.***

***The reasons for the review include the removal of the concept of major sub-disciplines as this was difficult to apply consistently.***





## **ILAC P9 – Policy for PT Participation**

***Accreditation Bodies (AB) are required to have a policy in place on PT Activities.***

***The Policy implemented by the AB shall take into consideration***

- Requirements concerning minimum participation by laboratories***  
***Including***

- The requirement for a PT participation plan that is regularly reviewed.***

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**Accreditation Bodies (AB) are required to have a policy in place on PT Activities.**

**The Policy implemented by the AB shall take into consideration**

- How PT will be reviewed during the accreditation decision making process;**
- Expectations with respect to poor performance & requirements to notify the AB;**
- any effects on surveillance and reassessment intervals;**



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***Accreditation Bodies (AB) are required to have a policy in place on PT Activities.***

***The Policy implemented by the AB shall take into consideration***

- any PT requirements set by regulators, industry, professional sectors, or regional cooperation bodies.***



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**Accreditation Bodies (AB) are required to have a policy in place on PT Activities.**

**In addition**

- the AB must review the PT plans with regard to their suitability in relation to the scope of accreditation;**
- The AB shall provide information that can assist laboratories in identifying and formulating their PT plans and needs;**



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**Accreditation Bodies (AB) are required to have a policy in place on PT Activities.**

**In addition**

- it is recognized that there may be areas where PT is not available or practical, in such cases the AB and the laboratory shall agree on suitable alternative means by which competence can be established & monitored.**



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**Accreditation Bodies (AB) are required to have a policy in place on PT Activities.**

**The minimum PT participation shall be**

- evidence of participation prior to granting of accreditation where PT is available and appropriate;**
- further and on-going activity appropriate to the technical disciplines covered and consistent with the agreed PT Plan.**



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***Accreditation Bodies (AB) are required to have a policy in place on PT Activities.***

***Lastly***

- Accreditation Bodies are encouraged to support the use of PT programs meeting the essential recommendations of ISO/IEC 17043 or ILAC G13 where applicable.***



*The End*



**Thank you**

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