



UPDATE ON ACCREDITATION STANDARDS



INTRODUCTION

- A standard is a document that provides requirements, specifications, guidelines or characteristics that can be used consistently to ensure that materials, products, processes and services are fit for their purpose.
- To ensure that standards retain this lead, they are reviewed at least every five years after their publication.




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- The technical experts decide whether the standard is still valid, or whether it should be withdrawn or updated.
- In some fields, the pace of development is such that when a standard is published, the experts who developed it are already thinking about the next version!




UPDATE ON STANDARDS AND TIMETABLE





Standard	Timetable
ISO/IEC 17025	July 2017
ISO/IEC 17034	FDIS stage
ISO/IEC 17011	DIS
GlobalG.A.P IFA Version 5 Product Certification Bodies	01 July 2016
ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	15 June 2015 (2 years transition)
ISO 9001:2015	September 2015 (3 years transition)
ISO 14001:2015	September 2015 (3 years transition)
FDA GLP for Nonclinical Laboratory Studies - 21 CFR Parts 16 and 58	Comment due 22 November 2016
BTS National Standard	March 2016 – March 2017 (transition)
SANS 10378	To be reviewed in 2017




FUTURE REVIEWS



- ISO/IEC 15189
- SANS 10378


TRANSITION PROCESS



Once SANAS is notified of the publication of new / revised requirements, the responsible SANAS Accreditation Manager will ensure that SANAS has the necessary competence to implement the new / revised requirement(s).

The Accreditation Manager will:

- Conduct a gap analysis in the case of new/revised requirements;
- Draw up an implementation project plan;
- Where required, identify the project team, with the responsible Accreditation Manager managing the process and timelines for transition to the new/revised requirements;




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- Communicate the change and deadlines for implementation to the affected accredited CABs;
- Update the affected SANAS documents and checklists, where necessary, or develop new documents/ checklists;
- Train or communicate the changes to the relevant assessors as well as internal staff.
- Failure to transit will automatically lead to withdrawal