

Announcement – Publication of Issue 1 of SADCAS TR 14: SADCAS Policy – ISO/IEC 17025:2017

This serves to announce the publication of **Issue 1 of SADCAS TR 14: SADCAS Policy – ISO/IEC 17025:2017**. This technical requirement document was published on 30 January 2018 and covers the transition policy for testing/calibration laboratories following the publication of ISO/IEC 17025: 2017. The transition policy takes into account **ILAC Resolution GA 20.15 ILAC Resolution GA 20.15:**

“As the revised version of ISO/IEC 17025 is scheduled for publication in 2017, the General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the AIC that a transition period of 3 years from the date of publication be adopted. At the end of the transition period, accreditation of a laboratory to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 will not be recognized under the ILAC Arrangement.”

The new international standard ISO/IEC 17025: General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories was published on 30 November 2017.

The document was prepared by the SADCAS Technical Manager in consultation with the Programme Coordinators of the testing and calibration laboratories accreditation schemes (TLAP and CLAP) and approved by the SADCAS CEO.

SADCAS is a Full member of the ILAC, arrangement member of AFRAC and is signatory to the ILAC and AFRAC MRAs for Testing and calibration (ISO/IEC 17025), medical testing (ISO 15189) and inspection bodies (ISO/IEC 17020).

The published document is available from the SADCAS website:

<http://www.sadcas.org/sites/default/files/pdf-documents/SADCAS%20TR%2014%20-%20SADCAS%20POLICY%20-%20ISO%20IEC%2017025-2017%20Transition.pdf>

