

Revision of ISO/IEC 17025

Status of review

Working Group 44 convened in mid July 2017 to consider the comments received on the Draft International Standard (DIS) of ISO/IEC 17025.

As advised in a previous update, ISO/CASCO received in excess of 1800 comments on the DIS. Given the comments resulted in minor technical changes to the DIS, the standard has progressed to the next stage of the review process, that being a Final Draft International Standard (FDIS).

There is currently an eight week voting period for ISO members on the FDIS. Voting will close on 9 October 2017. No further changes will be allowed to the draft standard, other than editorial amendments. The standard will be approved and move to the publication stage if a two thirds majority of voting members are in favour and not more than one quarter of the total number of votes cast are negative.

NATA expects a positive vote to the FDIS and thus, the standard will progress, following the voting period, to the publication stage towards the end of 2017.

Further information on the standards review process may be found at:

http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards_development/resources-for-technical-work/support-for-developing-standards.htm

ISO/IEC 17025 Member and Technical Assessor Forums

NATA is currently working on a transition policy and gap analysis between the 2005 version of ISO/IEC 17025 and a revised version. These documents will form the basis of a series of face-to-face meetings for Members and Technical Assessors which are tentatively planned to be held during February and/or March 2018.

Given a large number of facilities are accredited by NATA to ISO/IEC 17025, NATA wishes to gauge Member and Technical Assessor interest in attending an information session either face-to-face or via webinar. This will assist in securing appropriate venues for these meetings.

Face-to-face information sessions are planned, subject to the number of interested participants, to be held in the capital cities of each State and Territory. Webinars will be held in conjunction with some of these sessions. The exception may be Tasmania where NATA may look at the greatest concentration of interested participants and hold a face-to-face meeting in

either Hobart or Launceston. This will be determined based on the response from Members and Technical Assessors in this State.

To assist with planning these events, Members and Technical Assessors are kindly requested to complete a short 1- 2 minute survey. A link to the survey will be emailed to relevant Members and Technical Assessors by the end of August or early September.

Details of the information sessions will be released once suitable venues have been secured and following a response to the survey as mentioned above.

Further updates

Further updates will continue to be released as preparation for a revised standard continues.

Enquiries

Enquiries on the revision of ISO/IEC 17025 can be directed to your Client Coordinator in the first instance.

Enquiries regarding the Members and Technical Assessor meetings may be directed to your relevant State Manager.