

Revision of ISO/IEC 17025

Status of review

As advised in the March 2017 update, the revision of ISO/IEC 17025 *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories* is currently at the Draft International Standard (DIS) stage.

In response to the DIS, ISO/CASCO received in excess of 1800 comments. A subgroup of Working Group 44 met in early May to consider and collate the comments received on the DIS. John Styzinski, NATA's General Manager Operations and Technical participated in this meeting.

Unfortunately, due to the sheer volume of comments, the subgroup was not able to consider and collate all comments in the time available. This will result in a busy meeting when the full complement of Working Group 44 next meets in mid July 2017 to consider the comments on the DIS.

It is now expected that the standard will proceed to a Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) – it was understood this was previously optional, however, ISO/CASCO have advised that any revised standard with a change in technical requirements must proceed to the FDIS stage.

Thus, by proceeding to a FDIS and given there is a comment and voting period for each stage, the revised Standard is not likely to be published until late 2017 or early 2018. It must, however, be stressed that the outcome of the Working Group 44 meeting in July will determine the next steps in the review.

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

What now?

NATA will continue to provide updates in NATA News and the Technical Assessor Newsletter and will provide further updates when information comes to light.

Work continues on a transition policy and the development of a gap analysis checklist between the 2005 version of the Standard and the new version.

Information sessions for Members and Technical Assessors are being planned with announcements to be made in the second half of the calendar year.

Enquiries

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