

TRANSITION MEMORANDUM

Transition to ISO 17034:2016 General Requirements for the competence of
reference material producers

ISO 17034:2016 became publicly available on November 1, 2016, and the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) has implemented a three-year transition period from the date of publication. As such, all APLAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) signatories (which includes BLQS) must have all of their Reference Material Producers (RMPs) accredited to ISO 17034:2016 no later than November 1, 2019.

For BLQS to successfully assess and provide accreditation to each of its accredited and enrolled RMPs within our two-year assessment cycle, the following represents BLQS's transition plan from ISO Guide 34:2009 to ISO 17034:2016.

- New Applicants – All applications received after September 1, 2017 or applicants who have not undergone an assessment by this date will be assessed to ISO 17034.
- Currently Accredited Reference Material Producers - All RMPs with an expiration date after November 1, 2017 will be assessed to ISO 17034 during their next full on-site assessment. RMPs with an expiration date prior to this date may choose to be assessed to either version of the standard.

Note: Any RMP not assessed to ISO 17034 by March 1, 2019 will be required to undergo an on-site assessment no later than May 1, 2019 to verify implementation. Please note, if reaccreditation to ISO 17034 is not complete by October 31, 2019, no extensions to the ISO Guide 34 accreditation will be granted. Any RMP that is not conforming to ISO 17034:2016 by the end of the transition period will no longer be accredited.

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