



National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories

(A Constituent Board of Quality Council of India)



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Extension in Validity of Accreditation

NABL Policy: It is decided to extend the validity of accreditation for a period of one year to all conformity assessment bodies (CABs) where renewal of accreditation is to take place and accreditation validity date is between 01.01.2020 and 30.06.2022 **subject to the following:**

1. Providing satisfactory documents based on NABL-218 wrt compliance to the requirements of the relevant Standard and NABL requirements.
2. The CABs are required to conduct additional internal audit to ensure compliance with the standard requirements (by increasing the existing frequency of their audit plan) and submit the document.
3. The CABs are required to provide control charts and trends for assuring the validity of results.
4. CABs are required to provide an undertaking to undergo unannounced assessment (onsite and/or remotely, depending on the situation) and actions as per NABL-216 thereof, at any point of time during the validity period.
5. Making payment of **annual accreditation fee** for the extended period.

Examples:

- Accredited CABs with date of issue 15.01.2018 and valid till 14.01.2020, then their Accreditation validity will be extended till 14.01.2021.
- Accredited CABs with date of issue 15.02.2019 and valid till 14.02.2021, then their Accreditation validity will be extended till 14.02.2022.
- Accredited CABs with date of issue 15.06.2020 and valid till 14.06.2022, then their Accreditation validity will be extended till 14.06.2023

NOTE:

1. The above will be applicable to the laboratories for which transition to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 version has been completed. For the laboratories which are accredited as per ISO/IEC 17025:2005 version, they have to undergo transition assessment (onsite and/or remotely, depending on the situation) and follow transition plan defined.
2. The above is not applicable to CABs where there will be a change in name of CAB and/or legal identity change and/or Premises change.
3. Also, **the above is not applicable to the CABs which are not registered in portal** (exemption- International accredited CABs).
4. Routine assessments will take place for any scope extension /addition.
5. Payment due to NABL can be deferred (postpone the payment) upto a period of Six (6) months. There will be no waive-off of any fee for any CABs. If payments are not made, then action as per procedure (NABL-216) will be initiated. There will be no relaxations wrt payment from 01.01.2021.

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