

Transition of Laboratories from ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017

Being signatory to ILAC & APLAC MRA, NABL had adopted ILAC recommendation to give accredited testing and calibration laboratories a 3-year transition period for conversion from ISO/IEC 17025:2005 to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 i.e. till 29th November 2020. However, the transition period has been extended from 30 November 2020 to 1 June 2021 by ILAC. This extension has been granted to ensure all accreditation bodies and the accredited laboratories are able to achieve the remaining transitions in a robust manner under the restrictions imposed as a result of the global coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

All laboratories accredited in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 have to undergo transition to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 by any one of the following options:

- a) Taking an assessment of one day before 21 March 2021.
- b) Laboratory may opt to convert their desktop surveillance to on-site surveillance to undergo transition to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017. Surveillance will not be conducted as per ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 any more.