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**Announcement regarding Integrated Assessment of Laboratories for NABL
Accreditation and DGAQA Approval**

NABL and DGAQA have jointly initiated an Integrated Assessment Scheme for testing laboratories in the Defence Aviation sector that intend to obtain NABL accreditation as well as DGAQA approval.

The Integrated Assessment approach provides a simplified and efficient assessment mechanism by enabling the laboratory to undergo a single joint assessment conducted by NABL and DGAQA, instead of undergoing separate assessments/audits by NABL and DGAQA for obtaining their respective accreditation/approval.

In this regard, NABL has released the following documents on 11/08/2026:

- a. NABL 233 - Application form for Integrated Assessment of Laboratories in Defence Aviation Sector.
- b. NABL 234 - Procedure for Integrated Assessment of laboratories in Defence aviation sector & Additional Requirements of DGAQA.

The brief steps for implementation of the Integrated Assessment Scheme are as follows:

1. Submission of application by the laboratory:

Laboratory intending to obtain NABL accreditation as well as DGAQA recognition shall **submit the application to NABL** from 11/08/2026 onwards.

- a. Laboratory shall submit the application for NABL accreditation through NABL web portal
- b. Additionally, laboratory shall submit the application (NABL 233) for DGAQA approval (filled soft copy of the application).

Note:

The NABL web portal will also be developed to facilitate submission of the application form in accordance with **NABL 233**. Upon implementation of this facility, the laboratory can submit the complete application through the NABL web portal itself.

2. Process for receiving & processing the application:

- a. For the fresh NABL accreditation along with DGAQA approval or when the renewal of NABL accreditation is due, laboratory will submit the application for obtaining NABL accreditation as well as DGAQA approval through integrated assessment. Full assessment shall be conducted with the team comprising of NABL assessors & DGAQA officers (Associate Technical Experts).
- b. Already accredited lab (when renewal of NABL accreditation is not due) can submit the application to NABL for adding DGAQA approval. In this case, the validity of NABL accreditation & DGAQA approval will be made co-terminus with the existing validity of NABL accreditation.



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The same will be processed through document review, if there is no addition of scope/test.

- c. Upon grant or renewal of NABL accreditation and DGAQA approval, NABL shall issue the following to the laboratory:
- NABL Accreditation Certificate and Scope of Accreditation; and
 - DGAQA Recognition Certificate and Scope of approval.

The certificates and corresponding scopes shall be issued in accordance with the applicable NABL and DGAQA requirements and shall indicate the validity and the activities/parameters covered under the respective accreditation/recognition.

- d. All type of fees (like Application fee, Assessment charges, Annual accreditation fee, Mid cycle assessment fee, etc.) are same as given in NABL 100A.

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