

**POLICY
ON DAK ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES AND CRITERIA**

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1. SCOPE

This document describes the policy of DAK regarding its accreditation activities and criteria. It also describes the way their changes shall be made and communicated. The annex to the document lists the standard(s), the mandatory and guidance documents of DAK, EA, ILAC and IAF, [and the technical fields for those four accreditation schemes](#) DAK is currently accrediting for.

2. REFERENCES

- a) Law No. 05/L-117 on Accreditation;
- b) ISO/IEC 17011:2017 Conformity assessment – Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies;
- c) [Mandatory and guidance documents of EA, ILAC and IAF.](#)

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

This policy is mandatory for DAK internal and external personnel involved in accreditation (such as DAK internal staff, PC, AC, assessors and experts, TC) and for DAK clients (accredited bodies and applicants for accreditation).

4. GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

4.1 Glossary

For the purpose of this Policy, the terms and definitions given in the standard ISO/IEC 17011:2017 apply.

4.2 Abbreviations

AC	Accreditation Council
CAB	Conformity Assessment Body
DAK	Kosovo General Accreditation Directorate
EA	European Co-operation for Accreditation
IAF	International Accreditation Forum
ILAC	International Laboratory Accreditation Council
PC	Professional Council
TC	Technical Committee

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE POLICY

5.1 DAK Accreditation Activities and Criteria

According to Article 7 of Law No. 05/L-117, DAK is authorized to accredit:

- a) testing and calibration laboratories,
- b) medical laboratories,
- c) inspection bodies;
- d) product certification bodies;
- e) management systems (quality, environment, etc.) certification bodies;
- f) personnel certification bodies;
- g) other conformity assessment bodies.

In accordance with Law No. 05/L-117, accreditation criteria are based on the relevant European harmonized standards and international standards, as well as documents issued by European and international accreditation organizations.

Currently, DAK offers accreditation in the following accreditation schemes against the respective accreditation scheme standards:

- a) [testing laboratories ISO/IEC 17025:2017](#),
- b) [calibration laboratories ISO/IEC 17025:2017](#),
- c) [inspection bodies ISO/IEC 17020:2012](#),
- d) [medical laboratories – ISO 15189:2022, excluding point-of-care testing in healthcare facilities](#),
- e) [certification bodies certifying products, processes, and services according to ISO/IEC 17065:2012](#).

The accreditation criteria, including the applicable accreditation scheme standards, the mandatory and guidance documents issued by DAK, EA and/or ILAC, and technical fields, are listed in Table 1 and Table 2 of PO-03-Annex 1 and are publicly available on the DAK website.

DAK does not provide accreditation under a flexible scope.

5.2 Expansion of DAK Accreditation Activities

DAK may expand its activities to the accreditation of new accreditation schemes (e.g. management system certification bodies, personnel certification bodies, proficiency testing providers, reference material producers, or other conformity assessment bodies) or to accreditation for a new conformity assessment scheme under an existing accreditation scheme, if there is a need expressed by the market, a request of the competent authorities, or if national legislation imposes accreditation. DAK expands its activities only if an accreditation standard is in force at European or international level. Such expansion is carried out in accordance with DAK's policy for the development of new accreditation schemes (DAK-PO-08).

5.3 Changes to Accreditation Criteria

When an accreditation scheme standard is revised and published, DAK prepares, in line with EA/ILAC/IAF policies, a transition plan for the CABs. DAK informs in writing each accredited and

applicant CAB of the transition plan and makes it publicly available on its website. DAK organizes training, within the transition period, for the DAK personnel involved in accreditation regarding the changes. In addition, DAK may organize general training for CABs to provide information on the changes.

When EA and/or ILAC/IAF publish a new or revised mandatory document, DAK makes it publicly available on its website and informs the relevant CABs in writing of the implementation date of the document, in line with the transition period stated in the document. DAK organizes training, within the transition period, for the DAK personnel involved in accreditation regarding the new or revised mandatory document.

6. ANNEXES

PO-03-Annex 1 Accreditation Criteria and technical fields

7. RECORDS

Not applicable

8. HISTORY

Date of Edition	Prepared by	Description of Applied Changes
02.12.2015	Ibush Luzha	New document
11.03.2016	Ibush Luzha	Chapter 3.1 was modified in order to include mandatory DAK documents in accreditation criteria. Changes are presented in blue text.
15.11.2019	Valmira Sejdiu	Full revision in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011:2017 and DAK-PM-01
19.05.2021	Valmira Sejdiu	Revision in accordance with DAK-PM-01
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