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A2LA

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What is A2LA

- Non-profit, public service
- Non-governmental
- Membership organization
- One-stop accreditation service

A2LA Background

- Established in 1978
- Over 20 years in using ISO Guides
- 33 highly-talented staff
- Largest U.S. multi-discipline laboratory accreditation system
- Third largest system in the world

A2LA Organization

Members
Board of Directors

A2LA Programs

- Laboratory accreditation
- Inspection body accreditation
- Proficiency testing providers
- Reference materials producers
- Laboratory quality training

A2LA Funding

- Dues from members
- Fees charged to applicants
- Fees for training seminars and courses
- Grants and donations
A2LA Assessors

- Independent Peer Experts (about 110)
- Partner with ICBO ES assessors
- Each with over 10 years of experience in their technical field
- Trained to ISO 17025 & must pass exam
- Ongoing training
- Peer and laboratory reviewed

Transition to ISO/IEC 17025

- Enhanced quality management system requirements
- Strengthened staff competence requirements
- Method validation further elaborated
- Test lab procedures for calculating uncertainties now required
- Opinions and interpretations

Mutual Recognition Arrangements

- ILAC Arrangement (40 signatories)
- APLAC Multilateral Agreement (17 other signatories)
- EA MRAs for Calibration and Testing (25 other signatories)

Regional Body Memberships

- Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC)
- European cooperation for Accreditation (EA)
- Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC)
- National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA)

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