

## Announcement of Bureau of Laboratory Accreditation,

### Department of Science Service

**Subject: Proficiency testing provider accreditation according to ISO/IEC 17043: 2023**

ISO/IEC 17043:2023 Conformity assessment – General requirements for proficiency testing has now been published in 8 May 2023. The International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) has agreed that there shall be a three-year transition period from the date of publication, by the end of this period accredited the proficiency testing providers must have been assessed and accredited to ISO/IEC 17043:2023.

**The period of proficiency testing providers accreditation is corresponding to ISO/IEC 17043: 2023 as below:**

**1. Applicant proficiency testing provider**

1.1 From 1 November 2023 to 7 May 2024, Either ISO/IEC 17043: 2010 or ISO/IEC 17043: 2023 to apply for BLA-DSS accreditation.

1.2 From 8 May 2024 onwards, only ISO/IEC 17043: 2023 to apply for BLA-DSS accreditation.

**2. Accredited proficiency testing provider**

2.1 Since 1 November 2023 onwards, BLA-DSS will conduct the assessment in accordance with ISO/IEC 17043: 2023.

2.2 Since 8 May 2026 onwards, the quality system of accredited proficiency testing provider shall be implemented and granted in accordance with ISO/IEC 17043: 2023. The BLA-DSS will issue a certificate according to ISO/IEC 17043: 2023. Otherwise, the accredited proficiency testing provider shall be suspended certification.

<b>BLA-DSS Transition timeline for ISO/IEC 17043: 2023</b>	
Offering assessments against ISO/IEC 17043: 2023	1 November 2023
Proficiency testing providers have the option of assessment against either ISO/IEC 17043: 2010 or ISO/IEC 17043: 2023	1 November 2023 to 7 May 2024
All assessments to be only conducted against ISO/IEC 17043: 2023	8 May 2026

\*\* Proficiency testing providers already accredited to ISO/IEC 17043: 2010 will need to transition their processes to the new version within a three-year period from the publication date of the new standard.