

Background Memo

Document:	<i>Specific Accreditation Criteria: ISO/IEC 17025 Application Document, Infrastructure and Asset Integrity - Annex, Slip resistance of pedestrian surfaces</i>
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Key changes:	n/a — This is a new document.
Background:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Each year in Australia, thousands of injuries in workplaces and public environments are attributed to slips, trips and falls. This was recognised by the Australian government and in 2014, slip resistance provisions were introduced into the National Construction Code.▪ There are approximately 30 facilities accredited by NATA to conduct slip resistance testing and/or associated calibration services.▪ NATA-endorsed test reports for slip testing may constitute evidence in legal proceedings, so it is important that they are not prone to misinterpretation.▪ At the 57th meeting of the Physical Performance Testing Accreditation Advisory Committee, the committee reviewed all technical decisions made by NATA regarding slip testing, dating back to 2014. It was agreed there was sufficient information to warrant a new Specific Accreditation Criteria document for this industry.▪ The purpose of this new Specific Accreditation Criteria document is to ensure that our requirements are clear and unambiguous. Accredited slip testing not only underpins confidence in public safety but also facilitates trade, as the associated test standards and specifications are used by manufacturers of pedestrian surfaces.	
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