

**PROFICIENCY TESTING AND REFERENCE MATERIALS PROGRAMS
ACCREDITATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING

23 March 2023

Committee membership

With four members terms on the committee expire in 2023, the AAC reviewed the current membership of the committee and the need for additional technical expertise.

Review of Accreditation Criteria and Processes

ISO/IEC 17043 *Conformity Assessment - General requirements for proficiency testing* is to be published in May 2023. Once the revised ISO/IEC 17043 is published NATA will undertake a review of associated NATA guidance and criteria documents.

Technical Matters

Technical developments and issues discussed during the meeting included:

An update on the activities of ISO TC334 (Reference Materials) was discussed: ISO Guide 30, 31, 33 and 35 are all under review. New ISO standards have been proposed (ISO 33401 - ISO 33408)

Scopes of accreditation for Reference Material Producers

- Review Reference Materials Producer scopes of accreditation to consider:
 - the inclusion of the characterisation strategy and traceability statement in RMP capability statements in scopes of accreditation for all reported properties of interest.
 - the inclusion of measurement uncertainty to be optional (currently mandatory for all CRMs) when applicable to an industry requirement. For example, Values that support or are in support of the Key Comparison Database.