

## Background Memo

<b>Document:</b>	<i>Specific Accreditation Criteria: ISO/IEC 17025 Application Document, Materials - Annex, Metallographic testing</i>
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<b>Key changes:</b>	Please refer to the amendment table on the last page of the draft.
<b>Background:</b>	
<p>This is a draft revision of the NATA document <i>Specific Accreditation Criteria: ISO/IEC 17025 Application Document, Materials - Annex, Metallographic testing</i>. The current edition is dated July 2018.</p> <p>This document interprets the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 for accredited facilities conducting metallographic testing (metallography).</p> <p>Some requirements in the July 2018 version of the document have been removed as they have been superseded by existing NATA Accreditation Criteria publications. Some existing requirements have been editorially revised for clarity.</p> <p>New technical requirements have been introduced which formalise existing NATA policies and practices.</p>	
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