

ACCREDITATION - GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Standards Malaysia (JSM) was established on 28 August 1996, governed by the Standards of Malaysia Act 1996 (Act 549), under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (MOSTE). Since 19th October 2018, JSM has been placed under the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI). JSM operates as the National Standards and Accreditation Body in the country.

As stipulated in the Act 549, the primary task of JSM with respect to accreditation is to be responsible for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies (CABs). The Accreditation Division of JSM carries out this specific task. Its accreditation system operates in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011.

CAB, as defined by the *ISO/IEC 17011: Conformity assessment – Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies*, is a body that performs conformity assessment services and that can be the object to or of accreditation, such as laboratories, certification bodies, inspection bodies, test facilities and proficiency testing providers.

Currently there are six (6) accreditation schemes available:

- i. *Skim Akreditasi Makmal Malaysia* (SAMM);
- ii. Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (ACB);
- iii. Malaysia Inspection Bodies Accreditation Scheme (MIBAS);
- iv. Malaysia Proficiency Testing Provider Accreditation Scheme (MyPTP);
- v. Scheme for the Accreditation of Validation and Verification Bodies (MyV&V); and
- vi. Primary Healthcare Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (PHLAS)

and one (1) compliance programme, Good Laboratory Practice Compliance Programme (GLP CP).

JSM performs its function as a Government Agency and therefore the Government of Malaysia has adequate arrangements and resources to cover its accreditation operations and related activities.

JSM human resource consists of full time and contract officers and supporting staff to carry out its day-to-day operation.

The assessments on a CAB are carried out by competent and qualified Lead Assessors, Assessors and Technical Experts.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

JSM's policies, procedures, administration and implementation are established in order not to discriminate, inhibit or impede in any way against any CABs, who wish to seek accreditation with JSM. No application for accreditation shall be rejected without valid reasons being given. Access to the scheme does not depend upon the size of the applicant CABs or membership of any association or group, nor shall JSM accreditation be conditional upon the number of CABs already accredited by JSM.

ACCREDITATION FEES

Fee schedules for the various schemes are as per the Standards of Malaysia (Fee) Regulations 2018, which is made publicly available on its website. Other than the approved and published fees, there are no other undue financial conditions imposed.

IMPARTIALITY

JSM ensures that its personnel whether external or internal are impartial and without any conflict of interest with regards to the activity it is assigned. JSM personnel are also required to sign an undertaking declaring no conflict of interest and to undertake any activity assigned impartially.

ACCREDITATION SYMBOL



The use of JSM accreditation symbol is governed by Accreditation Policy 1 (AP 1) - Policy on the Use of Accreditation Symbol and Reference to Accreditation

RELATED BODIES

JSM works hand-in-hand with other government agencies. Some of our assessors are drawn from these government agencies for their technical expertise. JSM also accredits conformity assessment bodies managed and owned by these government agencies.

As a government department, JSM accords normal cooperation, as expected from any government agency, providing assistance, input, comments and feedback during meetings, discussions and dialogues on matters relating to

accreditation and conformity assessment to the related bodies. We do not provide consultancy to any government or private conformity assessment bodies.

These related bodies, with respect to JSM, have:

- different top management;
- different personnel performing the accreditation decision-making processes;
- no possibility to influence the outcome of an assessment for accreditation; and
- distinctly different names, logos and symbols.

Therefore, there is no conflict of interest and the activities of these related bodies do not affect the confidentiality, objectivity and impartiality of JSM's accreditations.

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI)

1. Malaysia Investment Development Authority (MIDA)
2. Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE)
3. Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)
4. Malaysia Industrial Development Finance (MIDF)
5. Malaysia Automotive Robotics and IoT Institute (MARii)
6. Malaysia Steel Institute (MSI)
7. SIRIM Berhad
8. EXIM Bank
9. Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM)
10. InvestKL
11. Halal Development Corporation (HDC)
12. Majlis Rekabentuk Malaysia (MRM)
13. Majlis Pengukuran Kebangsaan (MPK)
14. National Aerospace Industry Corporation (NAICO)
15. Collaborative in Research, Engineering, Science and Technology (CREST)

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