

PJLA Update Notification

Update Notification # 62

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Form/Procedure/Policy: Update to PJLA Policies PL-2, PL-3 and PL-4

Attention All Applicant and Accredited Organizations:

PJLA has updated PL-2 Traceability Policy, PL-3 Measurement Uncertainty Policy and PL-4 Scope of Accreditation Policy. Please note these are mandatory policies that all conformity assessment bodies (Laboratories (Testing, Calibration, Medical Testing) Inspection Bodies, Proficiency Testing Providers and Reference Material Producers shall follow. Below is a summary of these changes and implementation dates.

PL-2 Traceability Policy Revision 1.12-Effective Immediately

- Editorial Updates
- Combined Requirements for Medical Testing Laboratories and Reference Material Producers with the Testing Laboratory requirement section
- Modified Section 2.6 regarding references to the Key Comparison Database
- Added Section 3.14 paragraph 2, bullet point 2-to include additional criteria for traceability related to reference material providers as detailed in ILAC P10.

In summary, the updates in this policy were not significant and should not highly impact CAB's when implementing. Please note that all CABs shall have available the latest revision of this policy as part of their external document control system.

PL-3 Measurement Uncertainty Policy Revision 1.12 -Effective Immediately

- Editorial Updates
- Added new section 4.2.3 to include a requirement for calibration laboratories to report measurement uncertainty in accordance with the GUM.

In summary, the updates in this policy were not significant and should not highly impact CAB's when implementing. Please note that all CABs shall have available the latest revision of this policy as part of their external document control system.

PL-4-Scope of Accreditation Policy -Effective November 1, 2023

- Editorial Updates
- Policy redesigned to now include all PJLA accreditation programs resulting in the removal of independent Work Instructions for Inspection Scopes WI-9 and Testing Scopes, including Medical WI-8.

Specific Certificate Format Changes

-Removed the requirement to include detection limits or ranges on unless necessary for specific program or regulatory purposes for Testing Scopes, including medical.
-Added a new field for Reference Material Producer Scopes to now include Approach Used to Assign Property Values as a field on the scope of accreditation.

-All Sections updated to include the requirement for the initial page of certificates to include the following:
17025 and 15189- field of test e.g., Chemical, field of calibration e.g. dimensional,
17020- Inspection with appropriate category A, B or C
17043 -Proficiency Testing Provider
17034 -Reference Material Producer

The specific activities supporting these fields or programs will be displayed on the certificate supplement only.

-Added new calibration field Ionizing Radiation and Radioactivity Optical

-Updated requirements as specified in ILAC G18 Guideline for Describing Scopes of Accreditation regarding scopes and flexible scopes have been implemented. Criteria for flexible scopes was formerly defined in WI-8 for Testing Labs. These requirements have been transitioned to this policy. A separate appendix has been created regarding defining flexible scopes, management of them and assessment expectations.

For more information on the changes of PL-4, please visit our website <https://www.pjllabs.com/training/pjll-webinars/past-webinars> to view the webinar held on June 27, 2023.

Starting November 1, 2023, scopes of accreditation will be edited during scope expansion assessments or reassessments to comply with the new requirements outlined in PL-4, with a full implementation goal of February 28, 2026.

Thank you!