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ISO/IEC 17043:2023 TRANSITION **DEADLINE APPROACHING**

Proficiency testing providers (PTPs) are reminded that the transition from ISO/IEC 17043:2010 to ISO/IEC 17043:2023 is underway. All PTPs must complete the transition by May 31, 2026 to maintain accreditation.

KEY DATES:

- May 31, 2023: Standard published; transition period begins
- January 1, 2025: All new applications must reference ISO/IEC 17043:2023
- January 31, 2026: Recommended date to complete transition assessments
- May 31, 2026: Final deadline; accreditation to the 2010 version expires

Transition assessments may occur during routine visits or as separate evaluations. PTPs are encouraged to start preparations early to ensure a smooth transition.

FOR QUESTIONS OR SUPPORT, CONTACT PJLA.



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Tracy Szerszen's Visit to PJLA Support Staff in India

This past July, Tracy Szerszen had the pleasure of visiting PJLA's dedicated support staff in India. The visit provided an excellent opportunity to connect in person with the talented team members who play such a vital role in PJLA's operations worldwide.

Special recognition goes to Balraj and Sakina, who are instrumental in the review of our assessment materials, ensuring accuracy, consistency, and quality across every project. Although not pictured, Pooja also deserves acknowledgment for her outstanding work in certificate development, a critical function that supports our global clients and partners. Tracy expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome and meaningful conversations during her time there.

At PJLA, our success is built on the dedication of our people, and we are proud to recognize the invaluable contributions of our India team.





Two Free Workshops Left in 2025!

A big thank you to everyone who has participated in PJLA's Free Workshops this year! Your engagement and enthusiasm have made these events a great success.

These workshops fill FAST! Sign up now for our last two workshops scheduled for 2025 and continue learning from our Technical Program Manager, Matthew Sica.

Equipment Calibration and Maintenance for Reliable Results (Clauses 6.4 and 6.5) – REGISTER NOW! - Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 1:00pm-3:00pm ET

Metrological Traceability and Certified Reference Materials (Clause 6.6) – REGISTER NOW! - Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – 1:00pm-3:00pm ET

FIND PJLA AT THE WEAT LABORATORY WORKSHOP 2025

PJLA is proud to be participating in the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) Laboratory Workshop, taking place October 7, 2025. This year's theme, "Creating Public Trust through Collaboration, Innovation, and Data Quality," highlights the vital role laboratories play in safeguarding environmental and public health.

Join PJLA as we connect with laboratory professionals, share accreditation expertise, and support the advancement of high-quality, reliable laboratory practices.

More information: https://www.weat.org/even ts/laboratory-workshop



New Date for October ISO/IEC 17025 Training to Be Announced

PJLA would like to inform participants and interested attendees that the October ISO/IEC 17025 Overview Training session **will be rescheduled**. A new date will be announced soon!

This training provides an in-depth overview of ISO/IEC 17025 requirements, offering valuable guidance for laboratories seeking accreditation or maintaining compliance with the standard. Participants will gain practical knowledge on implementation, quality management, and technical competence—key elements for ensuring reliable and trusted laboratory results.

We appreciate your understanding as we finalize the updated schedule and encourage you to stay tuned for the new date. Please check PJLA's website and future communications for the official announcement.

For questions or to register your interest, contact PJLA at pjlabs@pjlabs.com or call (248) 519-2603.



FINAL REMINDER: TRANSITION TO EPA NLLAP LQSR 4.0

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released LQSR 4.0, the updated Laboratory Quality Standards for Recognition under the National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP). All NLLAP-recognized laboratories must transition to LQSR 4.0 by December 22, 2025.

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Key points:

- PJLA will assess labs against LQSR 4.0 after the deadline, regardless of where a lab is in its accreditation cycle.
- The LF-56 working checklist is available on PJLA's website, but labs must follow the full LQSR 4.0 standard for compliance.
- Labs must also incorporate ASTM E1583-21a into their management systems, covering lead testing in paint, dust, air, and soil.

PJLA encourages all affected labs to begin reviewing LQSR 4.0 now and conduct internal assessments to ensure a smooth transition. Ensure all relevant personnel are informed and involved in the process.

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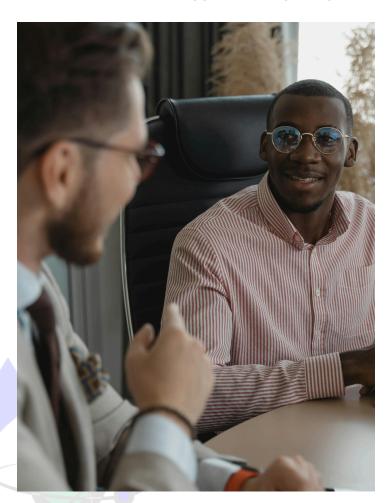
PJLA is pleased to announce that our Annual Assessor Conclave will take place on Thursday, December 11th, and Friday, December 12th, 2025, in Troy, Michigan.

This yearly event brings together PJLA assessors for two days of collaboration, training, and updates on accreditation practices. It is an important opportunity to align program developments, share experiences, and strengthen our assessor community.

If you are a PJLA assessor and have not yet received your RSVP, please reach out via <u>pjlabs@pjlabs.com</u> to ensure you are included.

We look forward to seeing you in December!





Join Our Team!

Join Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc.'s team of professionals who provide the best accreditation experience possible!

We are currently seeking experienced assessors for ISO/IEC 17025 Calibration and Mechanical Testing Assessors and Product Certification Body Assessors to join our assessment staff. For immediate consideration, email us at pjlabs@pjlabs.com of click here to apply on our website.



Webinars

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – 10:00am ET

<u>Accredited and Adaptive: Unlocking the Power of Flexible Scopes</u>

Presented By:

Dr. George Anastasopoulos Technical and International Business Development Manager of PJLA

Access Full Details and Sign Up Here!

For our full schedule and to register for upcoming webinars visit our website at https://www.pjlabs.com/training/pjla-webinars.

Testimonial: "I have been attending these webinars offered for various sections of new ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards. I enjoy the presentations, and the contents have been very useful and applicable for me who work in the Quality Assurance Section of our laboratory. I have direct involvement with our laboratory Quality System (QS) including creating and updating our Quality Manual, performing internal audits, and providing QS training as examples of some of the related tasks. I also would like to take this opportunity and thank PJLA for the great job they do in creating and presenting these webinars. The availability of the webinars for future access are a very useful resource to use for future reference, refresher to learn more about each topic, etc."

Fathieh Shafiee, Program and Policy Analyst Advanced
 Quality Assurance Section, Bureau of Laboratory
 Services/Division of Management Services, Wisconsin
 Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Update Notifications

Update #93

Date: August 29, 2025

Subject: Update 93 – PJLA SOP-1 Accreditation Procedure-General-Rev

1.16

Update #91

Date: August 7, 2025

Subject: Update 91 – PJLA Accreditation Policy SOP-1 Product Certification

Accreditation Procedure Rev 1.1

Update #90

Date: July 10, 2025

Subject: Update 90 – PJLA Accreditation Policy for Gas Standards & ISO 17034

Transitions

Update #89

Date: July 10, 2025

Subject: Update 89 – Update to Calibration Scope of Accreditation Format

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Update #88

Date: July 3, 2025

Subject: Update 88 - Update to PJLA

Policy PL-3 Measurement Uncertainty

Update #87

Date: June 24, 2025

Subject: Update 87 - AOAC 2024

Transition Requirements



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PJLA AT ARABLAB LIVE 2025

We were delighted that Dr. George Anastasopoulos, PJLA's Technical & International Business Development Manager, took part in ARABLAB LIVE 2025, hosted 23–25 September 2025 at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

Our team welcomed visitors at the R&D Arena, where we discussed accreditation services, laboratory quality, and international recognition.

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On September 24, Dr. Anastasopoulos delivered his presentation on STAGE 2: ARABCHEM, titled:

"Regulatory Summit: Laboratory Risk Management, from the ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Point of View."

PJLA was grateful for the opportunity to connect with industry professionals and share expertise at this premier global event for laboratory and analytical technology.

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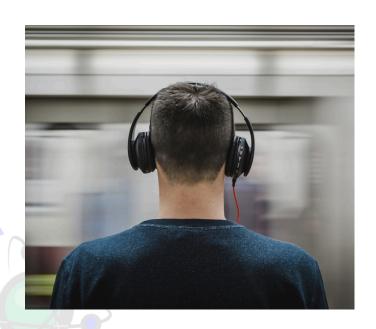
PJLA Update Notifications - Stay informed with real-time updates on PJLA documents, policy changes, and accreditation criteria. This section is essential for keeping your operations aligned with PJLA's latest requirements.

Technical Resources - Browse technical documents published by PJLA, along with trusted materials from organizations like ILAC and NIST.

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- Relative Uncertainty Equation Calculators (Weight/Force & Dimensional)
- Scale Best Measurement Capability Calculator
- Normalized Error Analysis of PT Results

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