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Transitioning Standards Update



PJLA-accredited organizations should be aware of several important standard revisions currently underway. The updated versions of ISO/IEC 17020 and ISO/IEC 17024 have been published, with a three-year transition period established for accredited bodies to implement the new requirements. In addition, the revised ISO/IEC 17065 standard is expected to be released later this year. PJLA is actively monitoring these transitions and will provide guidance, timelines, and resources to help accredited organizations successfully navigate the changes. Stay tuned for additional updates as more information becomes available.

Go to page 14 to see the ISO 17024: 2026 and ISO 17020: 2026 transition timeline.



New To The Team

Osman Vural - Technical Advisor / Lead Assessor
Rhayla Huff - Scheduler

Welcome to the team! We are excited to have you join the PJLA team and look forward to the knowledge, enthusiasm, and fresh perspectives you bring. As you begin your journey with us, we are confident you will play an important role in our continued success, and we are excited to support your growth and future at the company.



Coming Soon: Annual Assessor Training & Gala

PJLA is pleased to announce our upcoming 2026 Annual Assessor Training & Holiday Gala, taking place December 17–18, 2026. This year's event will bring together assessors, technical experts, and industry leaders from across the globe for focused training, program updates, collaborative discussions, and valuable networking opportunities. Sessions will address evolving standards, accreditation expectations, assessment practices, and emerging trends affecting the conformity assessment community.

This annual gathering plays an important role in ensuring our assessment teams are equipped with the knowledge, consistency, and expertise needed to support successful assessments throughout 2027 and beyond.

Additional details, agenda information, and registration opportunities will be announced soon.

Client Spotlight

Sidra Medicine



Located in Doha, Sidra Medicine is a private, not-for-profit academic healthcare and research institution dedicated to women, children, and young people. Established by Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development, Sidra Medicine integrates exceptional patient- and family-centered care with innovative biomedical and clinical research. The organization advances precision medicine, particularly in rare and genetic diseases.

At the center of its personalized medicine mission is the Advanced Cell Therapy Core (ACTC), a GMP-compliant facility embedded within Sidra Medicine's hospital and research environment. The ACTC supports advanced therapy development across hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, regenerative medicine, gene therapy, and CAR-T technologies. As Qatar's only GMP-compliant cell processing facility of its kind, the Core plays a critical role in translating research into safe and clinically applicable therapies for patients locally and globally.

A Strong and Constructive Accreditation Experience

Sidra Medicine describes its partnership with Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation (PJLA) as professional, rigorous, and highly constructive. The accreditation process was viewed as an opportunity to further strengthen internal systems and elevate operational excellence. Through collaboration with PJLA, ACTC enhanced its quality management systems and reinforced internationally recognized best practices. The accreditation is another milestone in the organization's commitment to continuous improvement. The accreditation experience provided meaningful external validation of the team's technical expertise and quality-focused culture. It strengthened operational consistency and ensured alignment with global standards that support safe and reliable therapy development.



The Value of ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation

Achieving ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation provides independent confirmation of laboratory technical competence. It also validates the reliability and reproducibility of testing processes. For an advanced therapy facility like ACTC, this level of validation is essential.

Accreditation strengthens confidence among clinical, pharmaceutical, and industry partners. It demonstrates compliance with globally recognized standards, including alignment with GMP requirements. In advanced therapy development, patient safety and regulatory confidence are critical. International collaboration depends on trust in laboratory quality systems. ISO 17025 accreditation supports all these priorities.

Sidra Medicine views accreditation as more than a credential. It is a foundation for trust and accountability. It supports regulatory engagement, enhances international partnerships, and reinforces the organization's responsibility to ensure emerging therapies are developed and delivered with the highest levels of quality and safety.



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Advancing the Future of Precision Medicine

Sidra Medicine is distinguished by its integrated environment where clinical care, research, and advanced therapy production coexist within a leading academic medical center. The Advanced Cell Therapy Core is defined by:

- GMP-compliant product quality control and therapeutic production infrastructure embedded within a specialized hospital setting
- Integration of precision medicine into translational research programs
- Commitment to internationally recognized quality and regulatory standards
- Strategic location supporting regional and global collaboration
- A focused dedication to innovation in women's and children's health

Looking ahead, ACTC aims to further strengthen its GMP-enabled capabilities. The team continues to expand its scope across hematopoietic stem cell processing, MSC-based therapies, regenerative medicine products, gene therapy approaches, and CAR-T production. These efforts support the responsible translation of advanced therapies from concept to patient application.

Guided by innovation and compassion, Sidra Medicine strives to transform lives through exceptional care, groundbreaking research, and education. Through its accreditation journey and ongoing commitment to quality, Sidra Medicine continues to reinforce its vision of being a beacon of learning, discovery, and exceptional care, ranked among the top academic medical centers in the world.

Client Spotlight

Are you accredited by PJLA? We would love to feature your organization in an upcoming Client Spotlight! This is a great opportunity to showcase your achievements, highlight your expertise, and share your success story with our network. If you are interested in being featured, please reach out to your Project Manager or contact marketing@pji.com for more information.

Trade Shows

PJLA at WCE-2026

Dr. George Anastasopoulos took the stage at Churchill College, University of Cambridge, as part of the World Congress on Education, where he tackled a question close to PJLA's mission: what really separates completing a course from demonstrating true competence? His talk resonated with the audience, and he was honored with recognition for his contribution to the congress — a well-deserved distinction. Congratulations, George, on a fantastic showing, and thank you for representing PJLA so proudly on the world stage!

Environmental Measurement Symposium (EMS) 2026

Another great year at the Environmental Measurement Symposium in Houston, TX! From insightful sessions covering the Year in Review and forward plans for standard development, to great conversations at the PJLA booth, it was a fantastic few days connecting with the environmental testing community. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to talk accreditation. We're already looking forward to next year!



Training Course



ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Overview Course

This ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Overview Course will be taught as a LIVE virtual course by Sabina Stankevicius, PJLA Technical Program Manager – Testing.

Course Date(s):

- **November 17-18, 2026** (10:00am – 3:00pm ET)

Cost: \$500.00

The Course Includes:

- A full overview of the standard requirements
- Simple & user-friendly implementation techniques
- Case studies & exercises focusing on common laboratory findings and troublesome areas

Certificates will be provided to all attendees at the end of the course!

www.pjllabs.com/training/17025-overview-course

Webinars

Impartiality Risks: One of the Most Commonly Missed Accreditation Requirements!



Live Webinar

October 20, 2026, 10:00 AM ET

Impartiality is one of the most misunderstood and often overlooked accreditation requirements. Join Dr. George Anastasopoulos, Technical and International Business Development Manager at PJLA, for a practical one-hour session on identifying and controlling impartiality risks in labs, inspection agencies, and certification bodies. You'll learn how to answer the three key questions every CAB should have covered: What could threaten our objectivity? How significant is the risk? What are we doing about it? Plus, practical controls from independent review to conflict-of-interest safeguards because impartiality is proven through action, not just policy.

Free Workshops

Have you missed PJLA's free workshops? We are excited to announce that a new educational offering is coming soon, this time as a FREE self-paced training series designed to fit your schedule.

Based on the success of our previous live virtual workshops, the upcoming self-paced courses will continue to focus on practical ISO/IEC 17025 topics and laboratory best practices. Past sessions covered key subjects such as calibration intervals, quality control and monitoring, method validation and verification, proficiency testing, and data integrity management.

The new format will allow professionals to access valuable training content anytime, anywhere, while still gaining actionable insights to support compliance and continual improvement.

Stay tuned for more details coming soon from Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA), go to www.pjlabs.com





Update Notifications

Update #100

Date: August 1, 2026

Subject: Update 100 – Revision to the
LF-81a PJLA Proficiency Testing
Alternative Approval Request Form



Update #99

Date: August 1, 2026

Subject: Update 99 – TNI NEFAP-
FSMO V1-2024 Transition Requirements

Update #98

Date: August 1, 2026

Subject: Update 98 – PJLA Transition
Policy- ISO/IEC 17020: 2026 Inspection
Body



Update #97

Date: August 1, 2026

Subject: Update 97 – PJLA Transition
Policy- ISO/IEC 17024:2026 Personnel
Certification Bodies

Go to [www.pjlabslabs.com/resources/
pjla-updates](http://www.pjlabslabs.com/resources/pjla-updates) to stay up-to-date!

Stay Current With PJLA

Did you know PJLA offers a centralized online hub to help you stay informed and fully supported throughout your accreditation journey? Our Resources section is regularly updated with essential tools, documents, and notifications designed for both clients and assessment staff.

Here's what you'll find:

PJLA Documents - Access downloadable checklists, policies, procedures, and work instructions to support your accreditation process.

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.

Helpful Calculators - Download and utilize our technical calculators, including:
Relative Uncertainty Equation Calculators (Weight/Force & Dimensional)
Scale Best Measurement Capability Calculator

Normalized Error Analysis of PT Results

We encourage all accredited and applicant organizations to regularly visit the PJLA Resources page to ensure you're always up to date. Explore now: www.pjlab.com/resources.

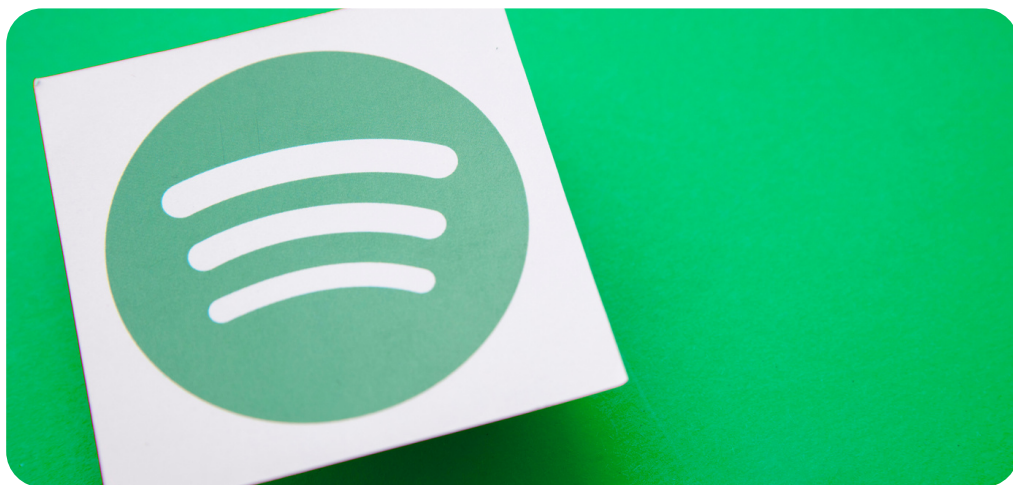
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Client Reviews

“...We would like to extend our special thanks to Mr. Alessandro Annino for his valuable support during both the pre-assessment and final assessment stages. His professional approach, technical expertise, and cooperative nature made the entire process smooth and constructive. It was truly a pleasure working with him throughout this journey.

We would also like to convey our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. George for his timely support and efforts in expediting the accreditation process whenever required. His responsiveness and commitment were greatly appreciated by our team....”

Dr. Kiran Phatangare



ISO/IEC 17020:2026 TRANSITION TIMELINE



ACTIONS FOR CABs

For ALL Applicants & Accredited CABs

- Understand new requirements
- Identify gaps

For ACCREDITED CABs Transitioning

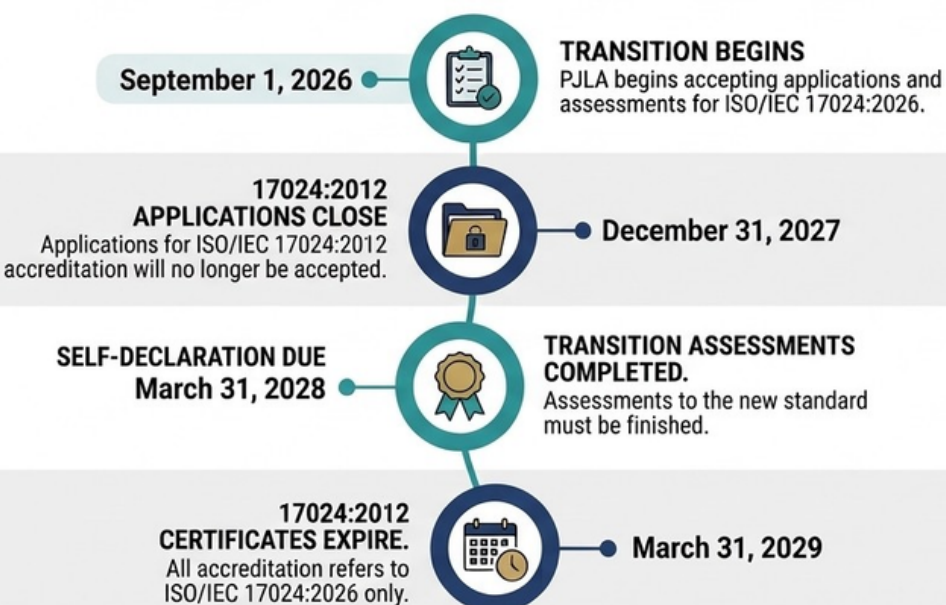
UPDATE Management System & Documentation

ENSURE Personnel Competence

REQUEST Transition Assessment (Combined with routine preferred)



ISO/IEC 17024:2026 TRANSITION TIMELINE



ACTIONS FOR CABs

For ALL Applicants & Accredited CABs

- Understand new requirements
- Identify gaps
- Perform gap analysis
- Review PJLA transition policy

For ACCREDITED CABs Transitioning

UPDATE Management System, procedures & documentation

ENSURE Personnel Training & Competence

REQUEST Transition Assessment (Combined with routine preferred)

CLOSE Nonconformities

- **SUBMIT** Annex A Self-Declaration (by March 31, 2028)

Accreditation Standards We Offer

Achieve credibility, compliance, and confidence with our internationally recognized accreditation programs. Our experienced team makes the accreditation process clear, efficient, and transparent from start to finish.

- ISO/IEC 17025 – Testing & Calibration Laboratories
- ISO/IEC 17020 – Inspection Bodies
- ISO/IEC 17065 – Product, Process & Service Certification
- ISO/IEC 17043 – Proficiency Testing Providers
- ISO 17034 – Reference Material Producers
- ISO 15189 – Medical Laboratories
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