

PJLA Update Notification

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Attention All Applicant and Accredited Organizations:

Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA) has updated its **SOP-01 Accreditation Procedure** to further clarify requirements for Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs). These updates provide greater transparency, consistency, and alignment with international standards and regulatory expectations.

Key Updates:

- **Accreditation Process** – Clearer guidance on application requirements, assessment planning, scope determinations, and post-assessment responsibilities.
- **Assessment Methods** – Expanded explanation of on-site, virtual, and hybrid assessments, with defined considerations for risk, technology use, and information security.
- **Multisite and Mobile Facilities** – Detailed conditions for organizations seeking accreditation across multiple or mobile locations, including oversight, internal audits, and management reviews.
- **Scope Management** – Requirements for scope expansions, voluntary removals, and changes are now streamlined, with emphasis on proper timing and supporting documentation.
- **Maintaining Accreditation** – Reinforced expectations for surveillance, reassessment cycles, and extraordinary assessments when changes or risks are identified.
- **CAB Obligations** – Strengthened notification requirements for changes in ownership, management, premises, personnel, or resources that may impact accreditation.
- **Confidentiality, Impartiality, and Complaints** – Reaffirmed policies on protection of information, objectivity, and avenues for disputes, appeals, or complaints.
- **Program Requirements** – Appendix A now provides updated cross-references to PJLA policies (PL-1 through PL-4) and applicable ILAC/ISO guidance documents for each accreditation standard (ISO/IEC 17025, 17020, 17034, 17043, and 15189). Please refer to SOP-1 for all future guidance related to these accreditation programs. PJLA will no longer maintain separate Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the following standards:

- ISO/IEC 17025
- ISO/IEC 17020
- ISO/IEC 17034
- ISO/IEC 17043
- ISO 15189

Action Required:

CABs and assessors are responsible for reviewing the updated SOP-01 and ensuring continued conformance with all requirements. Updated documentation is available on the PJLA website at www.pjllabs.com.